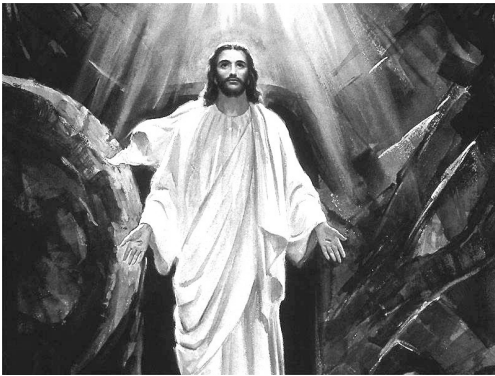


Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Church, Sydenham

NEWSLETTER

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord • Year B

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1st Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43**2nd Reading** Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel John 20:1-9

Blessed Easter

Christ our hope is risen!

Christ dies to rise again so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we die with him, we will rise with him, and be living witnesses to the power of resurrection.

Mass Times, Intentions and Feast Days

Sat	31 st	8.30pm	Gerald Hyde RIP	THE SEASON OF EASTER The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night First Mass of Sunday
Sun	1 st	9.30am	Margaret Southwell RIP	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)
		11.00am	Monica Burns RIP No Coffee Morning after Mass	
Mon	2 nd	11:00am	Holy Souls	Beginning of the Octave of Easter
Tue	3 rd	9.30am	Udo Mankiewicz RIP	
Wed	4 th	9.30am	Anthony Joyce RIP	
Thu	5 th	9.30am	Dorothy Sinclair RIP	
Fri	6 th	9.30am	Dorothy Sinclair RIP	
Sat	7 th	9.30pm	People of the Parish	
		6.30pm	Tom Bell RIP	
Sun	8 th	9.30am	Holy Souls	Second Sunday of Easter (B)
		11.00am	Thanksgiving for the Lady of Fatima and Our Lady of Medjugorje	

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Prayers

Please Pray for the sick and housebound, for those recently deceased, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Our blue book "Prayers for Wellbeing", and our black book "Prayers of Remembrance" are located at the back of the Church.

Confession

Confession times are: Monday to Friday • 9am, Saturday • 9am and 6pm, Sunday • 9am, and by appointment.

Collections

<i>Last Week</i>	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
£377 not Gift Aided £301 Gift Aided £300 Standing Order Gift Aided £329 raised for KSC Charities	No Second Collection during Easter	Parish Development Fund

Washing of the Feet

"I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you."

Washing their feet during a supper he took with them, "before the feast of Passover", Jesus showed his disciples what they must do. "I have given you a model to follow,". Now we can understand it, for we have seen how he loved his own "till the end", even dying for them, so that they might have a "share with him", in his inheritance, after he passes from this world to his Father.

"God is Love" (1 John 4:8, 16). This is not an abstract definition, but a very concrete one, because, "the way we came to know love was that he laid down his life for us (1 John 3:16), and he commands us to "love one another as I have loved you". As he has loved us, we too ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. There have always been, and will always be, some Christians for whom "to lay down one's life for one's brother means precisely this. But, every disciple of the Lord must live for others, knowing that, to guard one's life for one's sake is to lose it. To understand and accept this, we must look to Jesus' model. He goes before us to the Father, without leaving us to our own devices on the paschal road.

The Collections at the Easter Masses

Catholic Priests do not receive a salary in the way that ministers of other denominations do. The collections at the Christmas and Easter Masses are the only source of personal income for Priests. This is the system adopted in Catholic parishes in our Diocese. There are envelopes at the back of the Church. Anyone wishing to donate via cheque, please make it payable to "St Philip Neri, Sydenham".

Easter Flowers

It is customary in this parish to make donations for the flowers and decorations for the Church at Easter in memory of the 'faithful departed'. A Mass will be offered for them after Easter. Please mark your envelope "Easter Flowers", and write the name(s) of those being remembered in block capitals. Please leave at the presbytery.

Catholic Education Service

Do you support the Church's provision of high quality education for children across the country? Are you interested in supporting dioceses, teachers, schools and colleges to achieve this mission? If so, the Catholic Education Service is seeking to appoint an Assistant Director (Education) to lead our work on Religious Education, Inspections, Leadership, Governance and wider education policy. Full details on the role and how to apply can be found on the Catholic Education Service website: www.catholiceducation.org.uk

First Holy Communion Classes

1st Apr No Class
8th Apr No Class

Please do not park in the Church grounds, this is reserved for blue badge holders, or those who need to drop off those with ability considerations. Thank you.

During Mass, please keep your children with you at all times, and accompany small children to the toilet.