

Our Lady &amp; St. Philip Neri Church, Sydenham

# NEWSLETTER

Fifth Sunday of Easter • Year B

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**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Acts 9:26-31**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 John 3:18-24  
**Gospel** John 15:1-8

## Jesus is the true vine.

**W**e are called to share the life of God through grace. It is like the sap in the branches that comes to them from the vine.

If we really love God, then we will allow Christ to come into our lives and to remain in us. If we keep the commandment of love, God will live in us, and we will live in God.

### Mass Times, Intentions and Feast Days

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|----------------------|---------|---|---|
| Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> | 6.30pm  | Maureen Commins                                     | First Mass of Sunday                            |
| Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Zola & Anglo's 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary | <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)</b>               |
|                      | 11.00am | Stanley Fellows RIP                                 |   |
| Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30am  | Canon Nigel Larn RIP                                |   |
| Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>  | 9.30am  | Regina Lobo RIP                                     |   |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 9.30am  | Catherine McWalter                                  | Saint Athanasius                                |
| Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 9.30am  | Holy Souls  | Saints Philip & James                           |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am  | In Honour of the Sacred Heart                       | The English Martyrs                             |
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30pm  | People of the Parish                                |   |
|                      | 6.30pm  | Teresa Dean RIP                                     |   |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>  | 9.30am  | Holy Souls  | <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)</b><br>Saint John |
|                      | 11.00am | Willie Lally RIP                                    |   |

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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>  |
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| £389 not Gift Aided<br>£258 Gift Aided<br>£300 Standing Order Gift Aided<br>£226 <b>Ecclesiastical Education</b> | <b>St. George's Cathedral</b><br>This collection helps meet the cost of the upkeep of St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, the mother Church of our diocese. | <b>St. John's Seminary</b><br>The Seminary helps with the formation of priests and urgently needs refurbishment. This collection will help upgrade bedrooms which |

### Good Bye Party for Fr Luke.

Over the next fortnight the ladies of the Women's Group will have a board outside Church after each of the Masses, where you can select which food item you would like to contribute toward the party.

Also, if you have missed our collection for Fr Luke and would like to show your appreciation for all that he did for us, collection envelopes will be available from the back of Church - please post in at the presbytery.

### First Holy Communion Classes

29<sup>th</sup> Apr 8: Fruit of the Vine  
6<sup>th</sup> May No Classes

### Eucharistic Ministers, Readers & Welcomers

The new Rota is in the church porch for those who have not received one via email.

### Garden Fête 2018 - Sat 14<sup>th</sup> July

**VOLUNTEERS** - whether you're one of our dependable regulars, or you're new and would like to join in and help out with all the various activities we need to make the Garden Fête a success, please contact Steve.

**BUSINESSES** - If you own a business that you would like to promote in our Garden Fête Programme please contact Steve. A5 sized adverts are £10, and A6 sized adverts are £5.

**ESTATE AGENT BOARDS** - If you would like to help us raise money, and advertise the Garden Fête by having an estate agent board outside your property, please contact Steve.

**BUNTING** - Please join in our Garden Fête Festivities by making bunting. Triangles need to be 8 inches wide, by 11 inches long Anyone who can donate material which is 1 foot square, please drop it into the presbytery.

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### Data Protection

As you may all be aware there is some new data protection legislation coming into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018, which is going to impact on all of us. One of the responsibilities we will now have to undertake is to know who has access to the vast amount of personal information we hold in the parish. I know that a great number of you currently volunteer for the parish or may have done so in the past and may have some personal information at your home in a file and/or on a PC or laptop.

Please could you let either Fr Regis or Steve Pearce the parish secretary know if this applies to you so that I can let you know what actions you will need to take going forward. The Archbishop is encouraging all of us to help implement these changes and I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**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.