

Our Lady &amp; St. Philip Neri Church

# NEWS LETTER

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www.olspn.church**8<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C

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**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Wisdom: 9:13-18  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
**Gospel** Luke 14:25-33None of you can be my disciple  
unless he gives up all his possessions.**THE COST OF FOLLOWING CHRIST**

**G**od has created us free. Nothing must come between us and God. Yet we are often distracted by worldly things and possessions. Jesus teaches us that we will need commitment and dedication if we are to follow him. In this we will discover the true freedom for which God made us.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER**

**U**niversal: That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

**MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS**

Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 <sub>pm</sub>	† <b>Our Lady's Birthday</b>	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 <sub>am</sub>	† <b>Mary Smith RIP</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b> The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	11.00 <sub>am</sub>	† <b>Celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Doreen Joseph</b>	
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.10 <sub>am</sub>	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 <sub>am</sub>	† <b>Intention of the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society</b> <i>Rosary</i>	
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.10 <sub>am</sub>	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 <sub>am</sub>	† <b>Daniel &amp; Ellen Sullivan RIP</b> <i>Rosary</i>	
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.10 <sub>am</sub>	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 <sub>am</sub>	† <b>Anuarit Mohamed RIP</b> <i>Rosary</i>	
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.10 <sub>am</sub>	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 <sub>am</sub>	† <b>Mass</b> <i>Rosary</i>	
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.10 <sub>am</sub>	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 <sub>am</sub>	† <b>Holy Souls</b> <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; Benediction</i>	St. John Chrysostom
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 <sub>am</sub>	<i>Exposition &amp; Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 <sub>am</sub>	† <b>People of the Parish</b>	<b>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</b> First Mass of Sunday
	6.30 <sub>pm</sub>	† <b>Jewel Cole RIP</b>	
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 <sub>am</sub>	† <b>Bridget Kelly RIP</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>
	11.00 <sub>am</sub>	† <b>Rafael Jimenez RIP</b>	

**FR REGIS**Fr. Regis is away from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September.**Parish Priest**Fr. Regis Rubaya  
regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk**Parish Secretary & Hall Enquiries**Steve Pearce: Mon-Fri, 9<sup>am</sup>-12<sup>noon</sup>  
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07930 889632**Parking:** Do not park in the Church grounds, this is reserved for blue badge holders, and those dropping people off.**Children:** During Mass please keep your children with you at all times, accompanying small children to the toilet.

## PRAYERS

Please Pray for the sick and the housebound, for those recently deceased and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Our "Prayers for Wellbeing", and "Prayers of Remembrance" books are at the back of the Church.

## CONFESSION

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

## COLLECTIONS - THANK YOU

### LAST WEEK

£402 Not Gift Aided  
£310 Gift Aided

£381 Standing Order Gift Aided  
£333 Parish Development Fund

**THIS WEEK:** Catholic Education Service  
**NEXT WEEK:** Home Mission Day

## DONATIONS

<b>GIFT AID</b>	UK tax payers increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. Forms are available at the back of the Church or via our website.	<b>CHEQUE</b>	Place your cheque, made payable to: <b>RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM</b> in an envelope stating the purpose of your donation and post in at the parish house, or place in the Offertory Collection.
<b>STANDING ORDER (Preferred Method)</b>	Ask your bank to make a standing order to: <b>RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM</b> Sort Code: <b>60-21-12</b> A/c No: <b>37298445</b>	<b>CASH</b>	Offertory Collection at Mass.

## NEWS

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2020

First Holy Communion and Confirmation for 2020 programmes will begin at the beginning of October. Application forms for these two programmes are available in a black folder which is on the table at the back of the Church. Completed forms should be returned to Fr. Regis not later than 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. If there are members of the parish who would like to know more about their faith, or people who have joined the parish recently and would like to receive the sacrament of baptism, they should approach Fr. Regis and we will organize the RCIA programme for them. At the same time, I am appealing for interested people to come forward to work with the youth and to accompany the children preparing for FHC and confirmation.

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE

The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England & Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

### PLEASE PRAY...

Please pray for the family of Teresa Woodley who died recently. Her husband Ian, sons, Dan, Ed and Alex, her sister Jane along with brothers Pat and Aubrey, grand-daughters Eve and Hattie and their respective families. May God comfort them in the lonely days ahead. Teresa was a remarkable young woman, who put a lot of love, living and giving into the short time she had. Her parents Betty and Aubrey Brennan and sister of Brian also deceased are all loved and missed forever. Not just today but everyday in silence we remember.

### WALK & PICNIC IN THE PARK

29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019, 2-5<sup>PM</sup>

MAYOW PARK, MAYOW ROAD, SE26 4JA

Parishioners are invited to do a sponsored walk, a circuit of a quarter of a mile, and to bring a picnic along for afterwards. Anyone unable to attend could sponsor Fr. Regis.

We need volunteers to hand out forms, taking names and possibly contributions, after weekend Masses on:

31<sup>st</sup> August / 1<sup>st</sup> September

7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> September

14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> September

21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> September

We also need volunteers to collect forms, sponsorship money and contributions, after weekend Masses on:

5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> October

12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> October

19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> October

26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> October

If you can help as a volunteer please complete the form on the blue noticeboard at the back of the Church.

Thank you

### CHOPPED WOOD

We have a large amount of chopped timber available, perfect for indoor wood burning stoves, or outdoor fire pits. You can collect this any morning Monday to Friday, just call in to the house.

### LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Will be meeting in the hall next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 8<sup>pm</sup>. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Boniface Arapa followed by healing in groups.

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please help us by turning our Concerns into Action to help the homeless, and the poor and needy. The SVP will be at the Masses on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2019.