

# NEWS LETTER

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Year C

Mass Book Page



**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 Timothy 1:12-17  
**Gospel** Luke 15:1-32

**Hymns:** Entrance - 767      Offertory - 90      Communion - 730      Final - 388



There will be rejoicing in heaven  
over one repentant sinner.

## CHRIST WELCOMES SINNERS

**J**esus' story of the prodigal son is one of the most famous ever told. The father in the story is merciful to his wayward son because he loves him. God is our Father and forgives us because he loves us. The parable teaches us to have no fear in returning to God, no matter what we have done in the past. Our Father loves us so much that he sent Christ into this world to forgive sinners.

## 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 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	† <b>Jewel Cole RIP</b>	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	† <b>Bridget Kelly RIP</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>
	11.00am	† <b>Rafael Jimenez RIP</b>	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30am	† <b>Chief Golden Uwah RIP</b> <i>Rosary</i>	S <sup>s</sup> : † Cornelius and † Cyprian
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30am	† <b>Mrs Ferguson RIP</b> <i>Rosary</i>	
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30am	† <b>Peter Joyce RIP</b> <i>Rosary</i>	
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30am	† <b>Wellbeing of Michael Murry</b> <i>Rosary</i>	
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30am	† <b>Holy Souls</b> <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet &amp; Benediction</i>	S <sup>t</sup> Andrew Kin Tae-gõn
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	<i>Exposition &amp; Divine Office</i>	
	9.30am	† <b>People of the Parish</b>	S <sup>t</sup> † Matthew
	6.30pm	† <b>Teresa Woodley RIP</b>	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	† <b>Rev T. Sullivan RIP</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)</b>
	11.00am	† <b>Chief Golden Uwah RIP</b>	

## FR REGIS

Fr. Regis is away from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> until Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September.

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**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

£400 Not Gift Aided  
£264 Gift Aided

£381 Standing Order Gift Aided  
£313 Catholic Education Service

**THIS WEEK:** Home Mission Day

**NEXT WEEK:** Parish Development Fund

## 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> Sept 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.

### HOME MISSION DAY

This weekend's second collection provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support Home Mission, the spread of the gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation.

### HOLY CROSS - CATFORD

We are looking to recruit a Parish Secretary, who could start in October. This will initially be for a 6 month fixed term contract. The role is to provide ongoing support and administration of the parish office; take responsibility for Hartley Hall bookings; operate the Diocese's online accounting systems; liaise with volunteers and lay ministers; liaise with Holy Cross School. The ideal candidate will have a good knowledge of the Catholic Church, a good communication skills at all levels and an excellent working knowledge of main IT products (e.g. Outlook, Word, Excel, etc) are essential. Terms: 10 hours per week – actual hours/days to be mutually agreed; £10 per hour. If you would like to apply please email a copy of your CV to [antonymegalan@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:antonymegalan@rcaos.org.uk) by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

### DIOCEASAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

This is on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019, please see the letter and registration form on the blue noticeboard at the back of the Church.

### 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.

### LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Will be meeting in the hall next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 8<sup>pm</sup>. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Boniface Arapa followed by prayer and praise.

### 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.

### INTERCULTURAL MASS

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 11<sup>am</sup>, at Church of the Resurrection, Kirkdale, SE26 4QL. Chief Celebrant is Bishop Pat Lynch. Food and drink will be served after Mass. RSVP Rev Alfred on 0208 291 5766 or [sydenhamkirkdale@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sydenhamkirkdale@rcaos.org.uk).