

NEWS LETTER

15th December 2019
Third Sunday of Advent (A)

Mass Book Page

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1st Reading Isaiah 35:1-6, 10
2nd Reading James 5:7-10
Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

PLEASE JOIN IN WITH THE SINGING, HYMN NUMBERS:

Sunday 9.30^{am} Mass

475 Entrance
p210 Lamb of God

p202 Kyrie
88 [v1-3] Communion

600 Offertory
801 [v2] Post Communion

p207 Sanctus
102 Recessional

Sunday 11^{am} Mass

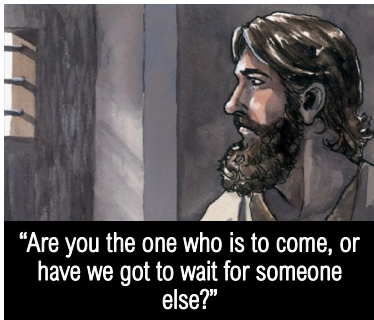
101 Entrance
487 Lamb of God

72 [3a] Gospel Acclamation
623 Communion

475 Offertory
88 Post Communion

482 Sanctus
112 Recessional

483 Memorial Acclamation



REJOICE, THE LORD IS COMING SOON!

God sends his own Son to save us. Joy and gladness are ours, and the time for sorrow and lamenting is over. Christ is standing at the gates and we know he is the one for whom we have been waiting. Do not lose heart. Take courage! Your God is coming!

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Universal: That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS AND FEAST DAYS

Sat 14 th	6.30 ^{pm} †	Niamh Costello	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 15 th	9.30 ^{am} †	Thanksgiving for the wellbeing of Priscilla Rosemonde & Pierre-Marie	Third Sunday of Advent (A)
	11.00 ^{am} †	Rachael Matthews RIP	Gaudete Sunday
	4.00 ^{pm}	+ Christingle Service	
Mon 16 th	8.25 ^{am}	Divine Office	
	8.45 ^{am} †	Fr. Joachim RIP	
		<i>Rosary</i>	
Tue 17 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	Josephine Ihonor RIP	
		<i>Rosary</i>	
Wed 18 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	Wellbeing of Margaret Pearce	
		<i>Rosary</i>	
Thu 19 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	Intention of Mary Hackett	
		<i>Rosary</i>	
	7.30 ^{pm}	Penitential Service of Reconciliation	
Fri 20 th	9.10 ^{am}	<i>Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	Intention of Mrs Keane	
		<i>Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction</i>	
Sat 21 st	9.00 ^{am}	<i>Exposition & Divine Office</i>	
	9.30 ^{am} †	Wellbeing of Sr. Mary Hickey	
	6.30 ^{pm} †	Jewel Cole RIP	First Mass of Sunday
Sun 22 nd	9.30 ^{am} †	Thanksgiving for the wellbeing of Marie-France	Fourth Sunday of Advent (A)
	11.00 ^{am} †	Christine & Carl Burrows RIP	Day of prayer for Expectant Mothers

Please note the parish secretary will be away from:

Midday on 24th December 2019, and will return 9am on Monday 13th January 2020.

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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

£376 Not Gift Aided
£273 Gift Aided

£381 Standing Order Gift Aided
£324 Parish Development Fund

THIS WEEK: Parish Development Fund
NEXT WEEK: KSC Charities

DONATIONS

GIFT AID	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.	CHEQUE	Place your cheque, made payable to: RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM in an envelope stating the purpose of your donation and post in at the parish house, or place in the Offertory Collection.
STANDING ORDER (Preferred Method)	Ask your bank to make a standing order to: RCAS ST PHILIP NERI SYDENHAM Sort Code: 60-21-12 A/c No: 37298445	CASH	Offertory Collection at Mass.

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THE COLLECTION AT THE CHRISTMAS 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.

An envelope will be attached to next week's newsletter for donations, and if you wish to donate via cheque please make them payable to "RCAS St Philip Neri, Sydenham".

If you are on the GIFT AID scheme please use your Gift Aid Christmas Offering envelope. Do not use the envelopes attached to the newsletter, as we will not be able to Gift Aid your donation.

Thank you

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH

It is the custom of this parish to donate money for the flowers and decorations of the Church at Christmas in memory of the 'faithful departed'. The Mass on Sunday 26th January at 9.30am will be offered for them. Please mark your envelope 'Christmas Flowers' - writing name(s) in block capitals - and pop it in through the presbytery letterbox.

Thank you.

2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Sat 11th Jan 2020 at 5^{pm} in the Presbytery: Session Six: Baptism.

2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Sun 12th Jan 2020 at 10^{am} in the Presbytery: Chapter 5: Glory to God in the highest.

LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We will meet on Wednesday 18th in the parish hall. Mass is at 8^{pm}, with Fr. Tomasz as celebrant, followed by an Agape supper. All are welcome.

We meet next on Wednesday 8th January 2020.

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCH

We will be decorating the Church on **Monday 23rd December** starting at 7^{pm}. Anyone from the parish is welcome to join us.

ALTAR SERVERS - 26TH DECEMBER MASS, 11^{AM}

A reminder to all altar servers & their families, that we celebrate being part of the Guild of S^t. Stephen by attending Mass on S^t. Stephen's feast day. Thank you.

TASK FORCE

A big Thank You to: Joe Kyne, Phil Cavanagh, Martin Bonehill, and John Kennedy, for their help last weekend in replacing the bulbs in our Chandelier, and other Church lighting units.

CHURCH CALENDAR

A calendar of Church events is now available, for all your devices (Desktop, Tablet & Mobile) by clicking on the subscribe button at:

<http://www.olpsn.church/calendar>

SYDENHAM CATHOLIC CLUB

We are delighted to confirm that the Kilkennys, Ireland's exciting young folk and ballad group, will be playing in the club on Saturday 8th February 2020 from 9.30-11.30^{pm}. Tickets £20 (Please note this is a ticket only event). Tickets are now on sale in the club, don't miss out on this great night!

PARISH NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

MONDAY 31ST DECEMBER - 8.30^{PM} TO 1^{AM}

This is a ticket entry only party, open to all parishioners. Admission is free, but please bring your own food & drink. Music will be provided. One ticket needed per person, adult or child. Contact Paula on 0776 153 0739 for info and tickets.