

NEWS LETTER

9th February 2020

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Mass Book Page

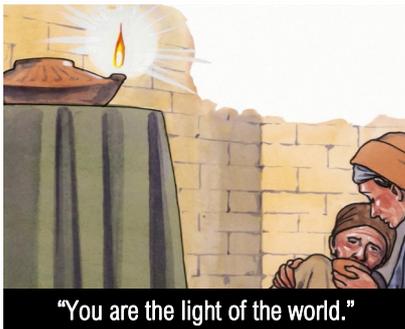
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1st Reading Isaiah 58:7-10**2nd Reading** I Corinthians 2:1-5**Gospel** Matthew 5:13-16**SUNDAY 9.30^{AM} MASS**

873	Entrance	484
480	Kyrie	487
489	Gloria	806
605	Offertory	365
482	Sanctus	

PLEASE JOIN IN WITH THE SINGING

Memorial Acclamation	794	Entrance
Lamb of God	608	Offertory
Communion	631	Communion
Recessional	772	Post Communion
	854	Recessional

SUNDAY 11^{AM} MASS**SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth, and gives us the example to follow in his own life and death. We are also called to be, through our good works, a light shining in the darkness so that others may be guided on their journey to God.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Universal: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 8 th	First Mass of Sunday
18:30	For those preparing for their First Holy Communion & Confirmation and their families
Sun 9 th	Fifth Sunday (A) - Racial Justice Day
09.30	Bridget Kelly RIP
11.00	Rose Duah RIP
Mon 10 th	S ^t . Scholastica
09.10	<i>Divine Office</i>
09.30	Mary O'Driscoll's Intention
	<i>Rosary</i>
Tue 11 th	Pilgrimage to the Holy Land
09.10	<i>Divine Office</i>
09.30	Intention of the Reardon & O'Driscoll families
	<i>Rosary</i>
Wed 12 th	
09.10	<i>Divine Office</i>
09.30	Judd Graham RIP
	<i>Rosary</i>
Thu 13 th	
09.10	<i>Divine Office</i>
09.30	John & Francis Hunt RIP
	<i>Rosary</i>
Fri 14 th	S ^s . Cyril & Methodius
09.10	<i>Divine Office</i>
09.30	Intention of the McWeeny & Murray families
	<i>Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction</i>
Sat 15 th	Day for Victims of Trafficking
09.00	<i>Exposition & Divine Office</i>
09.30	People of the Parish
	First Mass of Sunday
18:30	Mama Kwetha Lucy RIP
Sun 16 th	Sixth Sunday (A)
09.30	Karen More McLaren RIP
11.00	Golden Jubilee of S^r. Assumption

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

On Monday 10th February we will celebrate the feast of S^t. Scholastica. Scholastica was born in 480 in Nursia, Umbria, of wealthy parents and with a twin brother, S^t. Benedict. She was dedicated to God from a young age. Scholastica established a hermitage about five miles from Monte Casino and this was the first Benedictine convent. She evidently loved meeting with her brother so they could talk and share spiritual insights, though it usually occurred only once a year. As neither was allowed to enter the other's monastery, they would meet in a house in Monte Casino. After supper one evening their day of prayer and mutual comfort of heavenly talk was nearing an end, Scholastica begged her brother to stay the night so they could continue their discussion. He refused, as he would never spend a night away from his monastery. She began to weep, and laying her head upon her hands prayed. In the next moments a fierce thunderstorm arose preventing him from leaving, and S^t. Benedict asked her in shock what she had done. She replied, "I asked a favour of you and you refused it. I asked it of God and He has granted it." This was their last meeting.

Scholastica understood the importance of a retreat. Sometimes when life seems particularly overwhelming, it is good to try to get away for day or two. Even if you can only go to a local chapel, or spend prayerful time with a friend, these quiet hours offered to God will bring us peace. May our schedules never be so hectic that we cannot find room for God.

If after Church, you wait awhile, someone may greet you with a smile. But, if you quickly rise and flee, we'll all seem cold and stiff. Maybe the one beside you in the pew, is perhaps a stranger too. All here, like you, have fears and cares. All of us need each other's prayers. In fellowship we bid you meet, with us around God's mercy seat.

YOUR PRAYERS	YOUR CONFESSIONS	YOUR COLLECTIONS	
Write your prayers for loved ones in either our 'Prayers for Wellbeing' or 'Prayers of Remembrance' books located at the back of the Church.	Monday - Friday: 09.00 Saturday: 09.00 & 18:00 Sunday: 09.00 ... and by appointment.	Last week £473 Not gift aided £323 Gift aided £381 Standing Order No second collection taken	This week Racial Justice Sunday Next week Parish Development Fund
WAYS YOU CAN DONATE			MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK
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.		Sat 18:30 66 Sun 09.30 129 Sun 11.00 188
Standing Order	(Preferred Method) Ask your bank to make a standing order to: RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham . Sort Code 60-21-12 Account Number: 37298445		
Cheque	Place your cheque, 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.		
Cash	Offertory collection at Mass.		

NEWS

THE YEAR OF THE WORD - DIOCESAN CELEBRATION



On Saturday 27th June, Archbishop John Wilson invites you and our parish community to join him for a celebration at Aylesford Priory. The day will begin with Mass at 12 noon, followed by an inspiring programme, and then a BBQ and picnic. For more details see www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/2020Word.htm. If you are interested in going please visit the parish office to register. If we have sufficient numbers we will organise a coach between ourselves and St. Margaret Clitherow.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

KIRKDALE

We are organising a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal from 9th-15th October 2020 by air/coach. The pilgrimage will cover daily Masses, Rosary/Candlelight procession and lots of other Spiritual activities. It costs, £600 for a shared room, & £720 for a single room, requiring a £200 deposit (non-refundable) on or before 31st March. The last payment must be made on or before 31st August. To register contact: Christelle on 07857 369491 (call or text or marlystoko@yahoo.de) For further information and/or payment contact Juliet on 0772 939 1661.

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

"YOU ARE AT THE HEART OF THE CHURCH"

Today celebrates the contribution travelling communities make to the Church in England & Wales. It is an opportunity for all Catholics to pray for, reflect on and respond to racial justice matters within the Church and wider society. Racial Justice Sunday should encourage proactive discussions on overt and covert forms of racism experienced by fellow Catholics from the travelling communities. Your generosity, via the second collection, to help us in this work is greatly appreciated.

2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Sat 22nd Feb at 5^{pm} in the Presbytery: Session Nine: Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Sun 23rd Feb at 10^{am} in the Presbytery: Chapter 8: Fruit of the Vine.

LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We will meet on Wednesday 12th February in the parish hall. Praise & Worship is at 7.45^{pm}, with Mass at 8^{pm}.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) - BAKE OFF

We thank everyone for their support of our Bake off on **8th Dec 2019**. We raised £66.60. Thank you. Congratulations to Sami who won the junior baking competition. We invite everyone to our next Bake-off on **Sunday 23rd Feb at 12.15^{pm}**. We encourage all our children to hone their baking skills and enter our competition. We intend to make this a regular event so do come and join us in the hall after 11^{am} Mass.

BISHOP PAT LYNCH YEAR OF THE WORD

I have decided for the Year of the Word to ask Fr. Victor Darlington, a renowned scripture professor who teaches at St. John's Seminary in Womersley, to host an event at **Sacred Heart School, Camberwell** on **Saturday, 14th March**. This will start with registration at 10^{am}. In the first presentation he will speak about 'The Journey Towards Faith in the Gospel of John' reflecting especially on the Gospels for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. In the afternoon he will speak on the theme 'Called to be a community of life' drawing especially from the 7 "I am statements" in John's Gospel, which are used in the readings the Sundays and weekdays of Easter. The day concludes with Mass at 2.30^{pm}. More details on the posters around the parish. If you would like to attend, please visit the parish office to register.

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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.