

NEWS LETTER

16th February 2020
Sixth in Ordinary Time (A)

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1st Reading Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

SUNDAY 9.30^{AM} MASS

725	Entrance	484
480	Kyrie	487
489	Gloria	908
604	Offertory	652
482	Sanctus	

PLEASE JOIN IN WITH THE SINGING

Memorial Acclamation	831
Lamb of God	710
Communion	831
Recessional	218
	433

SUNDAY 11^{AM} MASS

Entrance	652	Recessional
Gospel Acclamation		
Offertory		
Communion		
Post Communion		



"You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you."

THE LAW OF GOD IS FOR HUMAN FULFILMENT AND HAPPINESS

God's ways are other than ours. When we try to penetrate deeper into the meaning of the Law we realise that it is only God's Spirit that can help us to plumb the depths of God's commandments. Jesus is the fulfilment of the Law. If we follow him, we will keep God's word.

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 15 th	First Mass of Sunday 18:30 Mama Kwetha Lucy RIP
Sun 16 th	Sixth Sunday (A) 09.30 Karen More M^cLaren RIP 11.00 Golden Jubilee of S^r. Assumption
Mon 17 th	09.10 <i>Divine Office</i> 09.30 Norah & Magdalen Murray RIP <i>Rosary</i>
Tue 18 th	Pilgrimage returns from the Holy Land 09.10 <i>Divine Office</i> 09.30 Mass <i>Rosary</i>
Wed 19 th	09.10 <i>Divine Office</i> 09.30 Mass <i>Rosary</i>
Thu 20 th	09.10 <i>Divine Office</i> 09.30 Mass <i>Rosary</i>
Fri 21 st	09.10 <i>Divine Office</i> 09.30 Mass <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction</i>
Sat 22 nd	The Chair of S ^t . † Peter the Apostle 09.00 <i>Exposition & Divine Office</i> 09.30 People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday 18:30 Anthony Greene, Andrew Greene Snr & Augstine Greene RIP
Sun 23 rd	Seventh Sunday (A) - Day for the Unemployed 09.30 Wellbeing of Celine Uwah 11.00 Thanksgiving for the ministry of F^r. Regis

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT**THE CALL TO SILENCE**

The journey towards silence of heart is itself made in silence. Here is the great mystery: silence is attained in silence and grows in silence. Silence of the heart consists of quieting little by little our miserable human sentiments so as to become capable of having the same sentiments as those of Jesus. Silence of the heart is the silence of the passions. It is necessary to die to self in order to join the Son of God in silence. Saint Paul says: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to discern the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:4-5).

In "No Greater Love", Mother Teresa wrote: "Jesus taught us how to pray, and He also told us to learn from Him to be meek and humble of heart. Neither of these can we do unless we know what silence is. Both humility and prayer grow from an ear, mind, and tongue that have lived in silence with God, for in the silence of the heart God speaks." By differentiating between exterior silence and interior silence, we see that although exterior silence promotes interior silence, silence of speech, gesture, or activity finds its full meaning in the search for God. This search is truly possible only in a silent heart.

Mother Teresa had an intimate knowledge of silence. She had had the hard experience of God's silence, like Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint John of the Cross, and Saint Therese Lisieux. She was a woman of silence because she was a woman of prayer constantly with God. She imitated Christ in his silence, humility, poverty, meekness, and charity. She loved to remain in silence for hours at a time before Jesus, present in the Eucharist.

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 £284 Not gift aided £237 Gift aided £381 Standing Order £309 Racial Justice Sunday	This week Parish Development Fund 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 93 Sun 11.00 177
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

PLANNED GIVING & STEWARDSHIP OUR PARISH, OUR NEEDS, OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Following our three week programme I am pleased to report a very encouraging response. Representatives of the Parish Council, Finance Committee and our Gift Aid Coordinator are now working to action new and existing standing orders and new gift aid forms received. Additionally, the Parish Council is managing the responses received from individuals volunteering their time to Parish activities. This whole process will take a little time to categorise and identify the most appropriate individuals to engage our volunteers, so please bear with us whilst we undertake this process. It is our intention to respond directly to all those individual parishioners who completed and submitted forms.

The programme doesn't stop here, there is always an opportunity to volunteer and donate and further information can be obtained using the email addresses in the newsletter, or by approaching Fr. Regis, members of the Parish Council and/or Finance Committee members.

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those who have responded, but also all parishioners who continue to support our Parish. Without your generosity and commitment we wouldn't be what we are today. Let us build a bright future together.

Fr. Regis

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 19th February in the parish hall. Praise & Worship is at 7.45^{pm}, Mass at 8^{pm} with Fr. Regis, followed by a talk on the Holy Land.

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.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

For the past 50 years Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been offering marriage enrichment retreats all around the world. Focused on couples who want to enrich their relationship and gain a deeper understanding of the Sacrament of Marriage, the retreat offers a unique experience, to explore your relationship at a deeper, more intimate level, regardless of how long you have been together. Thousands of couples in the UK have benefited from a Marriage Encounter weekend retreat, the next retreat is 6th-8th March in Swindon, find out more: wwme.org.uk

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Children: During Mass please keep your children with you at all times, accompanying small children to the toilet.