

27th September 2020: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



CHRIST CAME TO FORGIVE SINNERS

We are all in need of God's forgiveness and it was for this reason that Christ came, humbling himself to accept death on the cross. When we renounce sin we will truly live. We are all called to put the needs of others before our own, and never to take our place in God's kingdom for granted.

A man had two sons. ... Which of the two did the father's will?

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 26 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Rita Fahy RIP
Sun 27 09.30	<i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> Maria & David Simpson's 50th Wedding Anniversary
11.00	Sean & Bernadette Lally RIP
Mon 28 09.30	Kathleen Bloomfield RIP
Tue 29 09.30	<i>Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i> Mass
Wed 30 09.30	<i>Saint Jerome</i> Judd Graham RIP

October

Thu 01 09.30	<i>Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i> Mass
Fri 02 09.30	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> Jock D'Souza RIP
Sat 03 09.30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Mass
Sun 04 09.30	<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> Wellbeing of Cathy Smullen
11.00	Rita Fahy RIP

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Offertory: **£258** (Gift-Aided), **£348** (Non Gift-Aided)
 Standing Orders: **£550**

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
CAFOD (Harvest Fast Day)

MASS COUNT LAST WEEK

Saturday 6.30 pm: **43**
 Sunday 9.30 am: **75**, 11am: **105**

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

Gift Aid	Tax payers can increase their donations by 25% at no cost to yourself. Contact the parish house for more details.
Standing Order	(Preferred Method) A/c Name: RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham Sort Code: 60-21-12 A/c No: 37298445
Cheques	Payable to: RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham
Cash	Offertory collection at Mass.

FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS: TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Jews and Christians have always recognized and revered these created spiritual beings who are neither human nor divine. Scripture depicts angels as messengers of God and manifestations of God's glory and power, but only three are named in the scriptures.

Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael have traditionally held special roles in salvation history as agents of God who minister to human beings. Raphael is the archangel responsible for healing. Archangel Michael is the protector and the leader of the army of God against the forces of evil. Gabriel was the archangel who announced to the Virgin Mary that she had been chosen to bear the Son of God. He is the angel who brings God's messages.

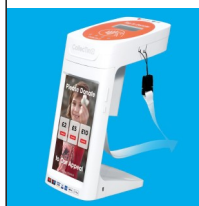
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2021

The application forms for children who will be making their First Holy Communion next year will be available next week. Because of the current emergency, the forms will be sent by email to parents who ask to receive them. The catechists together with the parents will decide on how and when the children will be prepared for First Holy Communion.

TIME FOR MASS

It has become noticeable that a number of people walk into the church when Mass has already started. This tends to disturb the flow of Mass, so please come to Mass in time. Those of us who cannot wear a face mask for health reasons should come to the church before all the others so they can occupy the front seats. It has become even more urgent for all of us to be wearing a face mask whenever we are in the church. The NHS card can be prepared at home.

COMING SOON - TAP TO DONATE



This new facility makes life easier and addresses the various issues over the use of cash. It will be possible to make donations online, and via a card reader located at the back of Church. More details to follow.

CONTACT POINTS

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

FIRST READING – Ezekiel 18: 25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, 'What the Lord does is unjust.' Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 24

R. Remember your mercy, Lord.

SECOND READING – Philippians 2: 1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition amongst you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,

death on a cross.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Matthew 21: 28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, 'My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not go,' but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, 'Certainly, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" "The first," they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.