

25th October 2020: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)



LOVE GOD AND YOUR NEIGHBOUR

We are made in the image of God who is love. We are called to love God with all our heart, soul and mind; this is to mould the pattern of our lives. Jesus says that we are to love our neighbours too, knowing that God lives in them. The quality of our love is shown by how we treat our neighbours.

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 24 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Wellbeing of Maureen Hanson
Sun 25 09.30 11.00	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i> Dennis Smith RIP Rita Fahy RIP
Mon 26 09.30	Maureen Mitchell RIP
Tue 27 09.30	Patricia Riley RIP
Wed 28 09.30	<i>Saints † Simon and † Jude</i> Josephine Galea RIP
Thu 29 09.30	Brendan & Colm Earley RIP
Fri 30 09.30	Tommy's Birthday
Sat 31 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> For the Deceased Members of the Ingram Family
Sun 01 09.30 11.00	<i>All Saints, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation (A)</i> Josephine & Albert Lowell RIP Josephine Ihonor RIP

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Today we might ask, which is the most important teaching in the catechism, or which is the most important precept of the Church. The same question may be put in another form and be whether it is more important to tend to a sick relative or attend Mass? The answer to these questions would be that the most important law is twofold: Love God and love neighbour. With these as our guiding light, all else comes into focus. All of our actions ought to flow from this twofold love. Loving God and loving neighbour go together, and they cannot be reduced one to the other or one over the other. When we live by this guiding principle, we are living the paschal mystery.

Christ showed us how to live the total Gospel, that is , how to love God and to love our neighbour as well. He didn't say they were the same things, but that we can't have one without the other. We can see then why the emphasis on love became for Christians the identifying characteristic of their religion.

"If you have no love in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble". (Bob Hope)

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM

To improve sound reception in Church we need to replace the speakers, cabling and amplifiers. This will cost £5,300, and so we are dedicating our second collection to this project with the aim of raising £2,000. Your donations as ever are gratefully received.

TAP TO DONATE

Tap to Donate has been updated to add the Second Collection as well as the Offertory. Thank you to all those who have made use of this facility. In a little over a week we have received £133 of donations, £81 of which has been gift aided making the effective total £153.25. We encourage more parishioners to do the same.

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200 CLUB

October's £75 prize winner is Nick Campbell (163) Congratulations!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Church Sound System

Next Week: Church Sound System

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEK

Gift-Aided: £190

Non Gift-Aided: £203

Tap to Donate (GA): £67

Tap to Donate (Non GA): £22

Standing Orders: £550

Missio: £218

MASS COUNT LAST WEEK

Saturday: 6:30 pm - 48 Sunday: 9.30 am - 78, 11 am - 69

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

Gift Aid Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit www.olspn.church for details.

Tap to Donate Please use the Card Payment Machine in Church Foyer or donate via our website: www.olspn.church

Standing Order 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**

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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 – Exodus 22: 20-26

The Lord said to Moses, “Tell the sons of Israel this, ‘You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

‘If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him; you must not demand interest from him.’

‘If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.’”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 17

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 1: 5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia

and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Matthew 22: 34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, “Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?” Jesus said, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.”

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.