

1st November 2020: All Saints



YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN

The saints praise God's glory in heaven forever. In their lives on earth they lived out the Beatitudes preached by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount. We are called to model our lives on them so that where they are we may one day be. Like them, we too will see God face to face.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 31	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	For the Deceased Members of the Ingram Family
Sun 01	<i>All Saints, Solemnity, Holyday of Obligation (A)</i>
09.30	Josephine & Albert Lowell RIP
11.00	Josephine Ihonor RIP
Mon 02	<i>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</i>
09.30	Forgotten Dead of the Parish
Tue 03	
09.30	All killed in 1939 War
Wed 04	<i>Saint Charles Borromeo</i>
09.30	Holy Souls
Thu 05	
09.30	Wellbeing of Emily Beechum & Family
Fri 06	
09.30	Patrick Lynch RIP
Sat 07	<i>The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saint George</i>
09.30	People of the Parish
	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
18:30	Deceased members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society
Sun 08	<i>Remembrance Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</i>
09.30	Patrick Watts RIP
11.00	Oliver Conaty RIP

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION: FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

We remember the members of our broad faith community who have run the race, who have endured to the end and now share in the promises of heaven. We think of the well-known holy ones whose stories inspire us; we think also of the saints from our own lives, real people with faults and failings as well as plenty of love and laughter, people whose lives we recall with pain and joy.

These people have gone before us in faith and they now live forever in God's heavenly love. This is a feast of recommitment for those of us who, inspired by their lives, are encouraged to imitate these saints. Though most of us will never be officially recognized by the Church as saints, our baptismal call to this goal is no less ours. Sanctity is something each of us is called to. Holiness is something each Christian can live. It is nothing more than living the paschal mystery, a daily dying to self so that we put others before us.

CHURCH SOUND SYSTEM

I am overwhelmed with the donations received toward improving our Church's sound system. I am especially grateful to one donor who contributed the entire £1,300 we needed to finish funding the project. In lieu of this generous act, I will transfer the funds we raise into a new project to refurbish our pew kneelers.

**PRIEST TRAINING FUND DIOCESAN
 NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION**

The Priest Training Fund pays for men studying for the Priesthood and Diaconate here in Southwark. It costs £30,000 a year, for six years, to sponsor each seminarian, so your generous support in this appeal makes a real difference in our ability to fund and support men saying 'Yes' to the vocation of Priesthood. We currently have 8 men in formation for the Priesthood for Southwark. A Priest Training Fund gift aid envelope is attached.

You can also donate online: www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/donate.html (select Priest Training Fund).

Please be generous and keep our seminarians, and priests, in your prayers. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This Week: Church Sound System Next Week: Priest Training Fund

OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Gift-Aided: £155 Non Gift-Aided: £236
 Tap to Donate (GA): £92 Tap to Donate (Non GA): £12
 Standing Orders: £550

SECOND COLLECTION LAST WEEK (SOUND SYSTEM)

Gift-Aided: £108 Non Gift-Aided: £566
 Tap to Donate (GA): £82 Tap to Donate (Non GA): £132

MASS COUNT LAST WEEK

Saturday: 6:30 pm - 56 Sunday: 9.30 am - 79, 11 am - 83

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**

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

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 – Apocalypse 7: 2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty it was to devastate land and sea, "Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God." Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, "Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the grounds with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words: "Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen."

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, "Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?" I answered him, "You can tell me, my Lord." Then he said, "These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 23

R. Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

SECOND READING – 1 John 3: 1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL – Matthew 5: 1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

"How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

"Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

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.