

**20<sup>th</sup> February 2022: SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)**

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Hymns for 11 am Mass	<b>Entrance:</b> 794 <b>Offertory:</b> 601	<b>Communion:</b> 898 <b>Post-Communion:</b> 924	<b>Recessional:</b> 849



**BE COMPASSIONATE AS YOUR FATHER IS COMPASSIONATE**

Our hope of salvation lies in God's mercy. Jesus teaches us to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate. If we learn to love our enemies, we will be modelling ourselves on Christ the new Adam, who will teach us how to lead the life of the Spirit.

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**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For religious sisters and consecrated women**

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 19 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Michael &amp; John Joe Calligy RIP</b>
Sun 20 09.30 11.00	✘ <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)</b> <b>Mary Kiely RIP</b> <b>Wellbeing of Iwinosa Usuanlele</b>
Mon 21 09.30	<b>Maria &amp; Charlie Hyam RIP</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Tue 22 09.30	<i>The Chair of Saint † Peter the Apostle</i> <b>Wellbeing of Geoff Brady</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Wed 23 09.30	<i>Saint Polycarp</i> <b>Francis Xavier Visayan RIP</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Thu 24 09:30	<b>Wellbeing of Elisabetta De Masi</b> <b>Rosary</b> <b>Coffee Morning in the Parish House</b>
Fri 25 09.30	<b>Wellbeing of Domeniso Khan</b> <b>Exposition</b>
Sat 26 09.30 18:30	<b>People of the Parish</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Deceased members of the Dean family</b>
Sun 27 09.30 11.00	✘ <b>EIGHTH SUNDAY (C)</b> <b>All Souls in Purgatory</b> <b>St Jude &amp; Fr Salanus thanksgiving</b>

**SHARING THE WORD**

**First Reading:** ( 1 Samuel 26:2.7-9. 12-13.22-23)

David achieved great successes on the battlefield and so became very popular with the people. Saul became jealous of him, saw him as a great threat, and sought to kill him. The reading talks about the moving story of how David had an opportunity to kill Saul, but refused to do so because in his eyes Saul, as king of Israel, was a sacred person.

**Second Reading:** (1 Corinthians 15:45-49)

Having talked about the reality of the resurrection last week, Paul talks about the manner of the resurrection and the nature of the risen body. He draws a parallel between Adam and Christ. To Adam we owe the lie of earth and to Christ we owe the life of heaven. We will be raised bodily, just as Christ was raised bodily. But the resurrection-body will be very different from the body we now know.

**Gospel:** (Luke 6:27-38)

Love within one's group or fellowship is a natural and universal human trait. What makes the disciples of Christ different from other people is the ability to love those outside their own group or fellowship, and even their enemies. The disciples must imitate the kindness and compassion of God. He asks them to be compassionate, forgiving, and generous towards one another, and assures them that whatever they give to others will be given back to them with interest.

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND—SECOND COLLECTION**

Next week we will be holding the Clergy Support Fund second collection. The Clergy Support Fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for priests in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health,

after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His People. As you leave the church today you shall be offered a Clergy Support Fund envelope. A donation to this fund will ensure a dignified retirement for all of our priests. I kindly ask you to continue praying for our sick and elderly priests, and consider making a donation to this worthy fund.

### DO YOU HAVE SKILLS TO OFFER AS A GOVERNOR OR TRUSTEE IN THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN SOUTHWARK?

The Education Commission for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark ([www.rcaoseducation.org.uk](http://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk)) is looking to build up its list of people able to offer time, expertise and commitment to support primary, secondary schools and sixth form colleges in Southwark. The Diocese needs local people from its parishes to volunteer as foundation governors in Catholic maintained schools and academies. It also needs people to become trustees/directors in their multi-academy trusts. Could you spare a few hours a month?

### AYLESFORD PRIORY: LENT TALKS

Starting 5th March 2022 with a talk by Francis Kemsley O'Carroll on the theme 'Who do you say that I am?', the Friars at Aylesford will be hosting a series of 6 talks throughout Lent. Please see poster. All are welcome and no tickets are required. The suggested donation for attendance of these talks is £15 per person. Call 01622 717272.

### LENT SCRIPTURE WORKSHOPS

The Society of St Gregory is offering the following Scripture workshops:

- Wednesday 16 February 2022 at 7.30-9pm: Scriptures for Lent (Canon Patrick Hartnett)
- Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 7.30-9pm: Scriptures for Eastertime (Mgr Kevin McGinnell)

These are online interactive sessions, with lots of practical help and tips. The cost is £10 per person, or £25 if you book for more than two workshops. Bookings and more details are available on at: <https://www.ssg.org.uk/wednesday-workshops-2022/>. On 11th May, Mgr Kevin McGinnell will lead a bonus session, 'Shadows in the Gospel', for which there's no charge.

### A RETREAT FOR LENT

Make space to develop your relationship with God this Lent. [Sign up](#) for our Diocesan 'retreat at home' called "Saving Grace". Each week you'll receive an email with links to a 25 minute video where Archbishop John will introduce the theme and reading, Chris Chapman will deliver the retreat, with others contributing. You'll also receive materials to use in your prayer and reflection. Sign up and set aside what space you can for Saving Grace! <https://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/savinggrace>

### BE READY TO HELP STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE AMENDMENT

Right To Life UK has had a challenging time, with the assisted suicide lobby attempting to hijack the Government's Health and Care Bill and force them to lay an assisted suicide bill before Parliament within a year of the Bill passing into law. As such, we are asking parishioners to sign up to our Action Alerts, to effectively participate in our efforts to stop this amendment passing, and others like it. Please visit: [www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/#action-alerts)

"We pray for our society. That as a culture we would promote the value of life, and that we would seek the protection of all humans from the point of conception to natural death. Lord hear us".

### GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST 18 -20 MARCH 2022

The Marriage and Family Life Commission offer this weekend for those who have been bereaved. It takes place away from the pressures of day-to-day life, and its aim is to help those who have suffered the loss of a loved one to begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, which is held at Aylesford Friary, places are ordinarily limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right the person enquiring. Contact Elizabeth Partridge on 01303 670880 or [mflgac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflgac@rcaos.org.uk)

### COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL

We are supporting CAFOD's 'Walk Against Hunger' this Lent and have set ourselves the ambitious target of walking 10,000 km in order to raise £1,500 towards eradicating malnutrition amongst the world poorest children. We are keen for churches in which our students worship to feel included as it is an excellent way for parish communities to show their support and care for young people in their parish trying to make a difference in our world. The link to our Just Giving page is: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/Coloma>

#### LAST WEEK

**Offertory** Gift Aided £140 • Not Gift Aided £405

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION** Racial Justice Day £188

**Mass Count** Sat 18:30 (42) • Sun 09.30 (73), 11.00 (116)

**THIS WEEK** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **None**

**NEXT WEEK** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Sick & Retired Priest's Fund**

#### DONATING

**Gift Aid** Tax payers, please sign up. We receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate. Visit [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church) for details.

**Tap to Donate** Payment Machine in Church Foyer or [www.olspn.church](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order** Please contact the parish house for details.

**Cheques** Payable to **RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham**

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