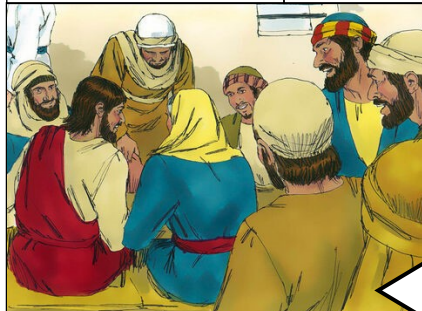


**27<sup>th</sup> February 2022: EIGHTH SUNDAY (C)**

Mass Book Page <b>144</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading:</b> Ecclesiasticus 27: 4-7 <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:</b> 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58	<b>Gospel:</b> Luke 6: 39-45
Hymns for 11 am Mass	<b>Entrance:</b> 717 <b>Offertory:</b> 609	<b>Communion:</b> 475 <b>Post-Communion:</b> 84
		<b>Recessional:</b> 713



**WORDS FLOW FROM WHAT IS IN THE HEART**

If we are filled with the love of God, then we will judge mercifully. Too often we are negative in our criticism of the petty faults of others, forgetting that we too are imperfect. We can turn to Christ in our weakness, knowing that in the Lord we can never labour in vain.

A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For a Christian response to bioethical challenges**

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 26 18:30	<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>
Mon 28 09.30	<b>Chichi Maduaka Birthday Intentions</b> <b>Rosary</b>
Tue 01 09.30 10.00	<i>Saint David</i> <b>Thanksgiving Mass for Pierre-Marie's Birthday</b> <b>Funeral Mass of Terence Norman Tolan</b>
<b>THE SEASON OF LENT</b>	
Wed 02 09.30	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Anthonia Adesite Birthday Intention</b> <b>Rosary</b> <b>20:00 Evening Mass</b>
Thu 03 09:30	<b>Aunty Rita's Birthday Intention</b> <b>Rosary</b> <b>Coffee Morning in the Parish House</b>
Fri 04 09.30	<b>For the Intention of Nadia</b> <b>Exposition</b>
Sat 05 09.30 18:30	<b>People of the Parish</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>For the Intention of Nadia</b>
Sun 06 09.30 11.00	✘ <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)</b> <b>Josie Byrne RIP</b> <b>Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy, Sacred Heart of Jesus &amp; Our Lady of Lourdes for Prayers Answered.</b>

**SHARING THE WORD**

**First Reading:** (Ecc 27:4-7). Just as an orchard is judged by the quality of its fruit, so a person's talk shows what kind of person he is. This links up with what Jesus says in the Gospel, 'A tree is known by its fruit... the words of the mouth flow out of what fills the heart.'

**Second Reading:** (1 Cor 15:54-58) This is the climax of Paul's teaching on the resurrection of the dead. Paul celebrates Christ's victory over death. Death has lost its sting and cannot destroy us. It is sin that gives death its sting, because sin can cause eternal death. But Christ has defeated the power of sin, and so has taken the sting out of death.

**Gospel:** (Lk 6:39-45). Jesus talks about love of one's brothers and sisters in the community. We cannot guide others unless we know the way ourselves. Any criticism of others must be preceded by self-criticism. People are judged by their deeds. Just as we judge a tree by its fruit, so we judge a person by his actions. It is not only our deeds that show what kind of a person we are, but also our words. Our words reveal what is in our hearts – goodness or badness.

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND - SECOND COLLECTION**

**Psalm 71.**

**"Do not reject me in my old age,  
nor desert me when my strength is failing."**

The second collection this week is in support of the Clergy Support Fund for the Archdiocese of Southwark. This important fund provides care and support for priests in their retirement and old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His people. In 2021, the

Clergy Support provided care to 71 retired priests, at a cost of £1.25 million. With the number of priest over the age of 65 steadily increasing, so too will the financial obligation to the Archdiocese. Whilst priests can retire from active parish ministry when they reach the age of 75, many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. Your donations to this worthy fund ensure a dignified retirement for all of our priests. I kindly ask that you pray for our sick and elderly priests, and consider making a donation to this worthy fund. Thank you for your generosity of heart.

### PEW KNEELER REFURBISHMENT

A big thank you to all those who have contributed toward the pew kneeler refurbishment fund. We are now in the position to commission the work. Before work commences, I would like to ask the opinion of the parish as to the choice of colour.

At the back of the church I have placed, on the blue noticeboard, a colour swatch from Hayes & Finch, who will be undertaking this project for us.

Please send you choice of colour to [sydenham@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sydenham@rcaos.org.uk) and I will take a general consensus.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

A new Rota is now available in the church porch for those who have not received one via email.

### 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?

### 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)

"For all going through difficult pregnancies, we pray for an overwhelming sense of hope and joy to fill their lives, and for increased support to be given by their family, friends, and local communities. 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 £166 • Not Gift Aided £270

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION** None

**Mass Count** Sat 18:30 (41) • Sun 09.30 (87), 11.00 (109)

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

**NEXT WEEK** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection: **Poor Parishes**

#### 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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