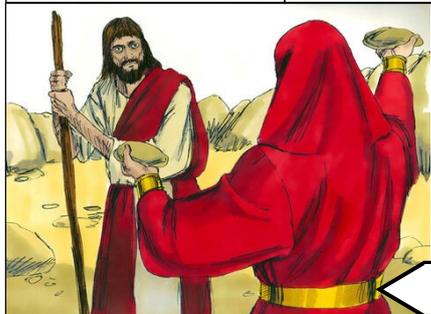


6th March 2022: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Mass Book Page 153	1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 2nd Reading: Romans 10: 8-13	Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 206 Offertory: 603	Communion: 952 Post-Communion: 842	Recessional: 31



THE LORD HEARS OUR VOICE

In the midst of all our troubles the Lord hears us and will lead us into a promised land of peace if only we are prepared to follow him. There is no temptation that cannot be overcome if we are open to the Spirit who tells us that Jesus is Lord, raised from the dead by God. Through the risen Jesus, God is always with us, just as in the Old Testament the Lord rescued the Jews from slavery in Egypt.

Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there.

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 05 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> For the Intention of Nadia
Sun 06 09.30 11.00	✘ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C) Josie Byrne RIP Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy, Sacred Heart of Jesus & Our Lady of Lourdes for Prayers Answered.
Mon 07 09.30	For the intention of Nadia Rosary
Tue 08 09.30	Josephine Anthony RIP Rosary
Wed 09 09.30	For the intention of Nadia Rosary
Thu 10 09:30	For the intention of Nadia Rosary Coffee Morning in the Parish House
Fri 11 09.30 19:00	John & Francis Hunt RIP Exposition Stations of the Cross
Sat 12 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Alan Mode RIP
Sun 13 09.30 11.00	✘ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C) Thanksgiving Mass for Priscilla's Birthday Doffou Nobert Ede RIP

SHARING THE WORD

First Reading: (Deut. 26:4-10) This describes the ceremony of the offering to God of the first fruits of the harvest. With this the people thanked God for the blessings of the harvest, and also for what the Lord had done for them in the past, especially in the Exodus. The Creed which the offerer recited is a summary of Israel's history from its humble origins to the possession of the land promised to Abraham.

Second Reading: (Rom. 10:8-13) This passage gives a summary of what we believe. Jesus is Lord; he died for our sins, and was raised up for our justification. Anyone who can say that and live by it will be saved.

Gospel Reading: (Lk 4:1-13) Luke gives here an account of the temptations of Jesus. The temptations end in Jerusalem. Jesus repels the tempter by quoting from the book of Deuteronomy, which stresses God's will for Israel. The devil wanted to undermine Jesus in his faithfulness to the Father, and in his faithfulness to the mission he had received from the Father. Jesus is obedient to his Father's will and he will not use his power or authority for any reason other than that for which he has been sent.

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR LENT

Pope Francis based his Message for Lent 2022 on a passage from St Paul's letter to the Galatians. **"Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all (Gal. 6: 9.10).** Beginning with the image of the sowing and reaping, the Holy Father points out that 'Lent invites us to conversion, to a change of mind-set so that life's truth

and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.' God, he explains, is the first to sow, sowing "abundant seeds of goodness in our human family". During the period of Lent, "we are called to respond to God's gift" by listening to His Word, so that it might "bear fruit in our lives." In this way, we become "God's co-workers", which is a grace of sharing in God's own "bountiful goodness."

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This Family Fast Day, we remember there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. You can donate in church using the CAFOD envelope or by visiting the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/lent



BRIDGET EILEEN SCULLY RIP

Known as Eileen, who sadly passed away on 28th February 2022, aged 95, at the Sloane Nursing home, where she had lived for the last 5 and half years. Before that Eileen lived in Newlands Park Road, Sydenham. Eileen regularly attended Mass at our Church before this time.

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) 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>

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

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

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>

EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY

TRUSTING THE ORDINARY IS SACRED

CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY NETWORK RETREAT

10.30 AM – 4 PM ON 26 MARCH 2022

This one-day 2022 Conference in Liverpool is intended to help participants explore where to find God in the ordinariness of life. There will be times of input with music and film, times of shared silence and times of sharing with others. **Speaker:** Chris Thomas **Conference Fees:** £30 / CSN members £25. To book contact Margaret Palladino catholicspiritualitynetwork@gmail.com for more details please see our poster.

CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT

Please note that as part of a diocesan initiative, our bank account has been renamed to **RCAS SYDENHAM** with effect from 1st March 2022.

Consequently, please make any cheques to the church payable to RCAS SYDENHAM.

Thank you.

LAST WEEK

Offertory Gift Aided £179 • Not Gift Aided £343

2nd COLLECTION Sick & Retired Priest's Fund £482

Mass Count Sat 18:30 (32) • Sun 09.30 (81), 11.00 (127)

THIS WEEK 2nd Collection: **Poor Parishes**

NEXT WEEK 2nd Collection: **CAFOD**

DONATING

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 Payment Machine in Church Foyer or www.olspn.church

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