

29th MAY 2022: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

Mass Book Page 281	1 st Reading: Acts 7: 55-60 2 nd Reading: Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20	Gospel: John 17: 20-26		
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: Communion:	Gloria: Post-Communion:	Gospel Acclamation: Recessional:	Offertory:



Come, Lord Jesus!

Jesus Christ is ascended into heaven. We await his second coming and, like Stephen, in faith we see him standing at the right hand of God, where he is constantly praying for us. We join him in our prayers that soon we may be with him.

May they be completely one.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For families

We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days		Sharing the Word
Sat 28 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Danusia Grzesiak RIP	<p>First Reading: (Acts 7: 55-60)</p> <p>This describes the death of Stephen. There is a striking similarity between Stephen's death and the death of Jesus as given in the gospel of St Luke.</p> <p>Jesus was tried before the Sanhedrin and made a decisive statement about the Son of Man at the right hand of God. He was led out of the city to be killed, forgave his killers, and commended his soul to the Father.</p> <p>Stephen was brought before the council and taken out of the city to be stoned. He forgave his killers and as he died he committed his spirit not to the Father, but to Jesus. Luke's intention is clear; the death of the martyr mirrors the death of Jesus.</p> <p>Second Reading: (Rev 22:12-14,16-17.20)</p> <p>This presents the closing words of the book of Revelation. The final coming of the Lord is imminent. The Spirit helps the church to respond with eager joy to the Lord's announcement of his coming.</p> <p>Gospel: (John 17: 20-26)</p> <p>This is a continuation of the prayer Jesus made at the last supper. Jesus prays for himself and then he prays for his disciples. And finally he prays for the community of the future who will believe through their preaching. He prays that his disciples may be so united that they share in the unity of the Trinity. He wants them to be with him in glory. Meanwhile he will remain with them in love.</p>
Sun 29 09.30 11.00	✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C) Bridget Kelly RIP Satasha Lewis RIP	
Mon 30 09.30	Patrick Glynn RIP Rosary 13.45 † Funeral Mass of Albert Donnelly	
Tue 31 09.30	<i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Jim Gallagher RIP Rosary	
Wed 01 09.30	<i>St Justin</i> Intention of Tadeusz & Zofia Filipouricz Rosary	
Thu 02 11.00	<i>Queen's Platinum Jubilee: 4-Day Bank Holiday</i> Patrick O'Driscoll RIP Rosary	
Fri 03 11.00	<i>Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions</i> Intention of Teresa Strolla Exposition	
Sat 04 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Nora Audley RIP	
Sun 05 09.30 11.00	✠ PENTECOST SUNDAY Charlie Holdaway RIP Mary Wilde and Robert Wilde RIP	

With God on our side, who can be against us

Great news for our parish community.

The planning application for our school has finally been approved. The building works at the school will now be completed. We thank all the parents who have waited patiently for this day to come.

Racial Justice

The Diocesan Commission for Racial Justice is inviting all the members of our parish community to participate in a survey the Commission is undertaking. There is a questionnaire which can be accessed through the link given below.

The link for the questionnaire will continue to be active until Tuesday 14th June 2022. <https://forms.gle/TMuBGmSjiJt4VKu69>

Face Masks & Hand Sanitation

Having taken a more cautious approach to COVID, we are now happy to relax the need for hands to be sanitised upon entry and exit from the church and for masks to be worn during Mass. However, you may continue to do so at your own discretion.

Fix the Food System – CAFOD Summer Campaign

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone. From all this food produced, a third is wasted. St John Paul II called this 'the paradox of abundance.' Clearly the currently global food system is not working. But as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet."

Let's respond to his call! CAFOD's new campaign is called Fix the Food System. See www.cafod.org.uk/food for more information, including an invitation for parish groups to learn about the impact of our food with our Fix the Food System: a 7-station journey resource.

Archdiocese of Southwark 2022 Spring Assembly

This is organised by the Justice & Peace Commission on Saturday 25th June 2022 at St Paul Catholic Church, Dover, Kent CT16 1RU. Preceded by Mass at 10.00am at St Edmunds, Dover CT16 1BB. Registration 10.40am. Programme 11am to 4pm. Entitled: Caught in the Act: Tackling the injustice of the Nationality and Borders Act: removal to Rwanda and difficulties for Ukrainians in the UK. Everyone welcome. Entrance is free. Lunch provided. Donations suggested. Email: piccontact@rcaos.org.uk or just turn up.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, July 9th at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/ 10th/ 25th/ 40th/ 50th/ 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, please apply as soon as possible, and no later than May 31. Get in touch with us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop. Spaces are limited. As the title of your email, please write your parish location: Sydenham, and give us the following details: your names in the format John & Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating. We look forward to seeing you in July!

Marriage and Family Life South East

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £180, Not Gift Aided: £305

Mass Count: Sat (57), Sun 09.30 (90), 11.00 (140)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: World Communications Day

Next Week: None

Donate

Gift Aid: Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

Card: Card Machine in Church Foyer or www.olspn.church

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