

24th JULY 2022: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (C)

Mass Book Page 114	1 st Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32 2 nd Reading: Colossians 1: 12-14	Gospel: Luke 11: 1-3	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 970 Post-Communion: 968	Offertory: 971 Recessional: 713	Communion: 892



God is our Father

Jesus teaches us to call God "Father" when we pray. Through baptism we are made one with Christ; we too are children of God. We are taught to persist in our prayers, assured that God will answer us because he is our Father. Jesus tells us to ask until we receive and to seek until we find.

Ask, and it will be given to you.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the elderly

We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 23	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> 18:30 Mary Clara Thuraingham RIP
Sun 24	✠ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (C) 09.30 N'Douffou Kouadjo Michel RIP 11.00 Theresa Hector RIP
Mon 25	<i>Saint † James</i> 09.30 Alice Murphy RIP Rosary
Tue 26	<i>Saints Joachim and Anne</i> 09.30 Aoifaine Lee RIP Rosary
Wed 27	09.30 Wellbeing of Angela Linker Rosary
Thu 28	09.30 Joan Loughnane RIP Rosary
Fri 29	<i>Saints Mary, Martha and Lazarus</i> 09.30 Intention of Natalia Grabowska Exposition
Sat 30	09.30 People of the Parish 18:30 (<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>) Aoifaine Lee RIP
Sun 31	✠ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY (C) 09.30 Vallery Taylor RIP 11.00 Intention of Sylvia & George Lakey

Sharing the Word

First Reading (Genesis 18:20-32)

Abraham intercedes with God on behalf of Sodom, a city full of evil. He worried that the innocent may be punished together with the guilty and so he bargains with God. The implication given in the reading is that if there was one just person in the city, God would spare it. The story highlights the importance of the prayers of intercession and it also reveals God's mercy.

Second Reading (Colossians 2:12-14)

Through baptism we are integrated into Christ's death and resurrection. We die to the old way of life, and we rise to a new way of life.

Gospel (Luke 11:1-13)

The Lord's prayer according to Luke has five petitions. The first two petitions express the desire for the eschatological realisation of the kingdom of God. The other three are concerned with our temporal and spiritual needs, namely daily sustenance, forgiveness of our sins and victory over temptation. To illustrate the nature of prayer, Jesus tells the story of a tired and hungry traveller who shows up at an odd hour to borrow some food. And so the disciple must pray with persistence and confidence.

Children's Liturgy

We intend to restart the children's liturgy. Two members of the parish have offered to lead the children during their liturgy. But we need more people to help with this

ministry. And so if anybody is interested and willing to help our children they should let me know as soon as possible. Any volunteers will need to be DBS checked and this could be done between now and September.

SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE

The Crisis in Ukraine is continuing. We have been praying for peace in Ukraine. Now we would like to organize a collection to support the refugees from Ukraine. And so over the weekend of 30th/31st July our second collection will be for the support of the refugees from Ukraine.

First Holy Communion 2022

The photographs from the 19th and 26th of June are ready for collection. Please see Fr Regis.

Parish Secretary

The parish secretary will be away from 6th-21st August.

PASSING ON THE FAITH AS GRANDPARENTS

What practical steps can we take and what sort of conversations can we have which will help anchor our grandchildren's faith?

Four online sessions starting August 3, 7:30 – 9pm.

Email Lisette on mflse@rcaos.org.uk

GRIEF IN LOSS, HOPE IN CHRIST

This weekend is for those who are in mourning. Emotions out of control feeling at a loss, this weekend is a time for you. A space for you.

Aylesford Priory 7-9th October. For enquiries please telephone Aylesford Priory 01622 717272

Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life

Please join us on this pilgrimage at the Walsingham National Catholic Shrine, on Saturday 6th August at 12pm with Bishop Philip Egan. For more details contact 01858 571242, or visit www.walsingham.org.uk or www.prolifepilgrimage.org

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 19th and 26th August. We are sad that, like most Lourdes pilgrimages this year, we have not been able to include pilgrims who need medical support. At the same time, we are delighted to be returning to Lourdes after two years of absence. Details are available at www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association. Southwark contacts: Canon Ed Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) and Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk).

CAFOD

Did you know that CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, helps some of the poorest and most marginalised people across the world? We can reach so many people because we are a member of Caritas Internationalis, the Catholic Church network with a presence in 165 countries. Our local experts work with people over the long-term, helping them to have the right skills, tools and opportunities to live with dignity and support their families. For example, in South Sudan we are helping families learn how to farm better as the climate gets hotter, so that they can cope better in the future when things get even more difficult. Thank you for your support.

Celeste and Sarah, CAFOD Community Participation Coordinators in Southwark.

Apprenticeship at the Archdiocese of Southwark

The Archdiocese of Southwark are seeking an apprentice to work within the Fundraising & Gift Aid team in their central offices (located Lambeth North). If you, or someone you know, would like to earn a level 3 Business Administrator Standard whilst working within a hardworking and passionate team, supporting the work of the Catholic Church in South London and Kent, please find out more by visiting: <https://www.rcaos.org.uk/fundraising/apprenticeship>

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £188, Not Gift Aided: £275

Mass Count: Sat (45), Sun 09.30 (91), 11.00 (77)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: None

Next Week: Refugees of the Ukraine

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

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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