

## 04<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022: TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY (C)

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Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 910 Post-Communion: 965	Offertory: 600 Recessional: 877	Communion: 871



### The cost of following Christ

God has created us free. Nothing must come between us and God. Yet we are often distracted by worldly things and possessions. Jesus teaches us that we will need commitment and dedication if we are to follow him. In this we will discover the true freedom for which God made us.

None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

#### Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 03	First Mass of Sunday
18:30	Those in Need
Sun 04	✠ <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (C)</b>
09.30	Mary Creedon RIP
11.00	Wellbeing for Nicola De Masi
Mon 05	
09.30	Mary Murray RIP Rosary
Tue 06	
09.30	Patrick O'Driscoll RIP Rosary
Wed 07	
09.30	Wellbeing for Bridie Horgan Rosary
Thu 08	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09.30	Daniel & Ellen Sullivan RIP Rosary
Fri 09	
09.30	Wellbeing for Esther Bell & Family Exposition
Sat 10	
09.30	People of the Parish
18:30	(First Mass of Sunday) Wellbeing for Jessie
Sun 11	✠ <b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (C)</b>
09.30	Chidubem Emerenini & Family Thanksgiving
11.00	Theresa RIP

#### Sharing the Word

##### First Reading

This is the conclusion of Solomon's prayer for wisdom. Indeed no one can arrive at God's counsels without wisdom. God, the creator of the universe, is all-wise. In contrast, faces with the mysteries of the universe, the meaning of history, and the mind of the Creator, human beings are ignorant. However, God does not leave us in our ignorance, but bestows the gift of wisdom on all who humbly seek it.

##### Second Reading

Philemon was a Colossian who had been converted by Paul himself. His slave Onesimus had run away and had somehow reached Paul in prison. Paul wants to send him back to his master and provides a covering letter. He urges Philemon to take Onesimus back, not as a slave, but as a brother, since he is now a Christian like himself. Here we see the fundamental attitude of the early church to slavery. Because their existence was such a tenuous one, it was not possible for them to tackle the issue of slavery head on. The best thing they could do was to insist that slaves should be treated well and not as chattels. In time the leaven of the gospel would lead to the abolition of slavery.

##### Gospel

Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. He knew that suffering, rejection and death awaited him at the end of that journey. He spoke about the cost of discipleship. The disciples must be ready if need be to sacrifice the

dearest things in life. Discipleship is a serious calling. It could mean persecution and even death.

### Formation Day for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Lectors.

All the Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist and Readers are invited to the formation day. The theme of the formation day is: **Understanding and celebrating the Eucharist: Post Pandemic**. The date for the parishes in our pastoral area is Saturday 15 October at Thomas Grant School, Streatham. All those who would like to attend this workshop should register with Fr Regis.

### Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

The next Rota is available now in the porch for those who have not received one via email.

### Saint Bernadette: Relic Tour 2022

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage from Lourdes to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This special once in a lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near to their home. It will provide people across our community of faith with a valuable opportunity for prayer and healing. People are therefore encouraged to register their attendance as soon as they can. To register visit [stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/](http://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour/).

### Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies

The CCRS is an internationally recognised qualification providing an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. Beginning 13 Sept it enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. Presenting the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner both captivating, inspiring, and applicable, the CCRS supports the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants are equipped to make an informed and practical contribution to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Visit: [aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs)

### Step Into the Gap programme for 18-30 year olds

CAFOD, in partnership with their UK placements, offers the exciting opportunity to spend a fully funded year volunteering in a retreat centre or school chaplaincy, where you will work alongside the Catholic community and others to bring about a more just world. It's a great chance to develop a range of skills and gain work experience within the context of your faith. Please

contact Arianne at [youngleadership@cafod.org.uk](mailto:youngleadership@cafod.org.uk) or visit [cafod.org.uk/Education/For-young-people/CAFOD-Gap-year](http://cafod.org.uk/Education/For-young-people/CAFOD-Gap-year).

### LEPRA

We are looking for people to cheer on our 12 amazing and courageous participants in this year's London Marathon on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. They are taking on all the training that goes with this, as well as raising a minimum of £1,750 each. Now the marathon is back in person, rather than virtually, we would love to have as many people as possible supporting on the day to cheer on our runners around 9am-1pm. It is a really lovely day out with an amazing atmosphere and the chance to thank our amazing team by cheering and motivating them as they come past Mile 11 (near to Rotherhithe Station). If anyone would like to support us it would be greatly appreciated, and they are welcome to bring friends and family along too!

### Parishwide Health & Wellbeing Support (PHAWS) project Christian Registered Nurse & Guest Volunteers for Wellbeing Wednesday

PHAWS facilitates Wellbeing Wednesday at Our Lady of Lourdes (LOL) church hall (SE12 0AE) 10:30-12:30 on 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month (returning 7<sup>th</sup> Sept). If you're interested in joining our project focusing on providing Christian faith, health, healing and wellbeing, to all regardless of belief, contact [phaws4u@gmail.com](mailto:phaws4u@gmail.com) or Ali Ryan RGN 07986117082. A free 1hr online talk about Parish Nurse Services is also available on 30<sup>th</sup> August at 10am, 1pm or 7pm.

Last Week

**Offertory:** Gift Aided: £146, Not Gift Aided: £258

**Mass Count:** Sat (34), Sun 09.30 (75), 11.00 (59)

Second Collection

**Last week: None**

**This week: None**

**Next Week: Education Sunday**

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](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order:** Email Treasurer for details.

**Cheque:** Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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