

6th NOVEMBER 2022: THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY (C)

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| Mass Book Page 160 | 1 st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14 2 nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2: 16 - 3: 5 | Gospel: Luke 20: 27-38 | |
| Hymns for 11 am Mass | Entrance: 458 Communion: 629 | Gospel Acclamation: Hymn Sheet Post-Communion: 780 | Offertory: 721 & 784 Recessional: 854 |



God of the living

In the midst of all the troubles of this life, God is at our side constantly strengthening us through Jesus Christ. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and so are called as children of God to the hope of eternal life. Our God is not God of the dead but of the living.

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The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For children who suffer

We pray for the children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

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| Sat 05 18:30 | <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Joe, Bridie, Steven, Patricia Murray RIP |
| Sun 06 09.30 11.00 | ✠ THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY (C) Patrick Watts RIP Deceased members of Knights of St. Columba & 70 th Anniversary of KSC 472 |
| Mon 07 09.00 | <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of Saint George</i> Maria Wagui de Masi RIP Rosary |
| Tue 08 09.30 | Margaret Carl RIP Rosary |
| Wed 09 09.30 | <i>The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica</i> Forgotten Souls in Purgatory RIP Rosary |
| Thu 10 09.30 | <i>Saint Leo the Great</i> Paul Murray RIP & his bereaved family Rosary |
| Fri 11 09.30 | <i>Saint Martin of Tours</i> Holy Souls Exposition |
| Sat 12 09.30 18:30 | <i>Saint Josaphat</i> People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Wellbeing of Alex Babula |
| Sun 13 09.30 11.00 | ✠ THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (C) James & Joanna Kiernan RIP Eufrasia Rubaya and Fr Bernard Solanus RIP |

Sharing the Word

First Reading: Today's reading talks about the afterlife. It gives us the story of the martyrdom of a mother and her seven sons. This is an example of the resistance of the Jews against their Syrians conquerors. The woman and her sons drew their strength from faith in the resurrection of the just. And it is this idea that connects the reading with the Gospel.

Second Reading: The Thessalonians had experienced hostility from the beginning of their conversion. It is against this background that Paul writes this message of hope. He prays, that God who has given them such sure hope, will comfort and strengthen them so that they; may persevere in goodness. Then he asks that they pray for him so that his preaching of the Gospel may triumph despite the hostility of the evil people.

Gospel: Jesus gets drawn into an argument that went on between the Sadducees and the Pharisees regarding the resurrection. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection; the Pharisees did. Jesus used the man's insincere inquiry as an opportunity to deliver a genuine teaching. He challenges the assumption that the after-life is just a continuation of this life. It is a completely new mode of existence. He then goes on to say that God is known as God of the living. But he is also known as God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This means that the patriarchs must be still living.

Lost Ring

A ring has been found in the church. If you have lost one, please contact the parish office.

Rosary Procession through Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday 13th November

We assemble from 2.15am at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane and our procession begins at 2.30pm with a hymn, led by the Bromley Concert Band. We recite the rosary prayer as we walk, in small groups, and pause to sing hymns on the way. We arrive at the far end of the cemetery where after final prayers and hymn we disperse to our family graves inviting the accompanying clergy to visit and pray at the graves of our departed loved ones. We are asked to vacate the cemetery by 3.45pm. All are welcome.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022-23

We meet in the hall on Sun 6th Nov at 10am for, Chapter 1: In the name of the Father.

Confirmation Programme 2022-23

We meet in the parish house on Sat 5th Nov at 5pm for, Session One: Welcome & getting to know each other.

The Knights of St. Columba Council 472 (Sydenham)

We will be celebrating our 70th Anniversary this Sun 6th Nov. There will be a special Mass at 11am where new members will be welcomed into the Order, and Special Prayers offered for deceased Brothers & their families. Members from neighbouring Councils will be joining us in this celebration.

Aid to the Church in Need - (Second Collection)

Jerry Lohan will be running an Appeal, in our parish, this weekend on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need. Aid to the Church in Need supports persecuted Christians in over 140 countries around the world and is currently involved in 5,000 projects. ACN work directly with bishops, priests and religious sisters and brothers to make sure that the aid goes directly to those that it is intended for. Many of our religious partners risks their own lives every day to provide help and spiritual support to our suffering brothers and sisters. Your kind donation, of whatever you can afford, will help get aid to where it is needed most during these troubling times. If you can **Gift Aid** your donation please visit: <https://acnuk.org/get-involved/donate/>

Archbishop's Appeal Second Collection - 13th Nov

The Archbishop's Appeal seeks to invest faith, hope, love, and charity into three key areas of mission and ministry in the Archdiocese of Southwark.

Youth and Evangelisation: To strengthen the formation of young people in the faith within our schools and parishes, enhance the faith life of parishioners, support

the work of parish catechists, enhance the faith journeys of new Catholics; and for Southwark to become an evangelising and missionary Archdiocese.

Our Faith in Action: To show compassionate and active service in the world around us through love for all people: the protection of human dignity, respect for the inter-connectedness of our world and common home, hearing the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth. Supporting social outreach projects in parishes and schools.

Clergy Care and Formation: To care for sick and retired priests in their old age and ill health. Supporting the ongoing formation of our priests and deacons. Providing on-going formation of clergy in active ministry. Supporting the work of the vocations team and formation of seminarians and deacons.

Pooled together, your support can have significant impact in our faith community. A portion of the monies raised will be granted to parishes and Catholic schools to support local projects.

World Youth Day, Lisbon (31st Jul to 7th Aug 2023)

The Archdiocese of Southwark is taking a group of young people (aged 18-35) to World Youth Day in Lisbon from 31 July to 7 August 2023. Bookings are now open; the price is £1,295, which includes flights, 3* accommodation (shared room), transfers, WYD registration fee & meal vouchers. If you are between 18-35, you are welcome to book via <https://bit.ly/WYDSouthwark>. For further information, please email youth@rcaos.org.uk

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £206, Not Gift Aided: £409

Mass Count: Sat (50), Sun 09.30 (106), 11.00 (102)

Second Collection

Last week: Prisoner's Sunday (£252)

This week: Aid to the Church in Need (Gift aid via ACN)

Next Week: Archbishop's Appeal (Gift aid envelopes)

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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