

12th FEBRUARY 2023: SIXTH SUNDAY (A)

Mass Book Page 136	1 st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15: 15-20 2 nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 6-10	Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 872 Communion: 78 vs 1, 3, 5	Gospel Acclamation: 820 Post-Communion: 908	Offertory: 874 & 813 Recessional: 883



The Law of God is for human fulfilment and happiness

God's ways are other than ours. When we try to penetrate deeper into the meaning of the Law we realise that it is only God's Spirit that can help us to plumb the depths of God's commandments. Jesus is the fulfilment of the Law. If we follow him, we will keep God's word.

You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors; but I say this to you.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days	Prayer Requests
Sat 11 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> John Egan RIP	If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter, it will run for a month per request. Send an email to Fr Regis or send a message on the parish mobile: 07857801938.
Sun 12 09.30 11.00 ✠ SIXTH SUNDAY (A) Mrs Kozakiewicz RIP Thanksgiving for Jade's job	
Mon 13 09.30 John & Francis Hunt RIP Rosary	<h3>Sharing the Word</h3> <p>First Reading Sirach presents obedience to God's law as the road that leads to life, and rejection of that law as the path to death. The choice is set before man: he can opt for life or death. The good news for us is that the grace of God, generously poured out in Christ will transform this stark and forbidding morality.</p> <p>Second Reading Christians have a wisdom unknown to others. True wisdom comes from God, and reveals the wonderful things God has prepared for those who love him.</p> <p>Gospel Has Jesus come to destroy the Law? Jesus does not dispense with the Law but asks for a deeper observance of it. Every small part of it remains, but only as radically interpreted by Jesus. For the Pharisees the letter of the Law was everything. Jesus proposes new standards of goodness for his disciples. It is not enough for them to become better Pharisees. Jesus' intention is to bring his disciples beyond legalism and a literal interpretation of the law (the problem with the scribes and Pharisees) and into the spirit of the law.</p>
Tue 14 09.30 <i>Saints Cyril and Methodius</i> Doffou Nobert Ede RIP Rosary	
Wed 15 09.30 Katharine Fairchild RIP Rosary	
Thu 16 09.30 Wellbeing for Beatrice, Jimmy & family Rosary	
Fri 17 09.30 Intention of Roger & Sheila Watson Exposition	
Sat 18 09.30 18:30 People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Marie Boni RIP	
Sun 19 09.30 11.00 ✠ SEVENTH SUNDAY (A) Emmanuel Cassar RIP Father Bernard Solanus RIP	

Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

On 6th February, two earthquakes – registering 7.8 and 7.5 magnitude – hit Syria and Turkey in the space of just 12 hours. Currently, there are an estimated 21,000+ people dead along with widespread devastation. Emergency support is required, and our second collection this week will go toward helping those in need.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022-23

We meet in the hall on Sun 19th Feb at 10am for, Chapter 8: Fruit of the vine.

Confirmation Programme 2022-23

We meet in the parish house on Sat 25th Feb at 5pm for, Session Eight: Confirmation.

Growing in Faith Together

Sycamore is an online course exploring our Catholic faith and suitable for individuals and couples alike. It runs throughout Lent, with weekly one-hour sessions on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm starting on February 28th. For more details or to register, visit <https://rcaos.org.uk/news-events/events/growing-in-faith-supporting-engaged-and-married-couples/>

Celebrate Parenting for Faith

A new online course for those with babies and toddlers, 5 weeks from February 23 – March 23. 8pm, 45 mins. <https://www.celebratetrust.org/>

The Maypole Project

We are committed to providing the best support to families who have a child or young person with complex medical needs. We have several exciting new roles! This is your chance to make a difference to the lives of children and families at The Maypole Project. Visit: <https://www.themaypoleproject.co.uk/work-with-us/current-vacancies/>

Join CAFOD on the Lenten Journey 2023

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching and CAFOD invites you to join them as we seek to make space and time to draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer this Lent. Each day in their emails they will share a reflection on one of the readings of the day, stories of our global family, a prayer and a suggested action you might like to take as we prepare for Easter. Join us on this journey by signing up for the daily emails: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>.

Our Newsletter

Our weekly newsletter will be printed on plain paper, as the cost of coloured papers has risen sharply.

Radio Maria

Tired of listening to The Archers or endless updates on energy prices on your journey home? Bored of having incessantly samey music on in the background whilst you cook? Finding it difficult to pray? What we listen to casually can easily wear us down and depress our spirit. However, it might just be able to uplift us too, thanks to Radio Maria, a Catholic radio station that has recently set up a new studio in London. The 24hr broadcast includes talk shows about life as a Catholic, daily catecheses, live prayer, a truly delightful and eclectic selection of music – and much much more!

Whether you find encouragement praying with others on-air or tuning into a conversation between the faithful and interesting guests who can bring you new insights and help you feel less alone in your faith, Radio Maria is an invaluable Christian voice wherever you may be.

What's more, you can get involved! It is a thoroughly local radio station, relying on volunteers and often bringing the broadcast to parish churches. Mining the rich trove of wisdom of our Christian heritage, Radio Maria knits England's faithful together in a shared love of God and neighbour. What's not to love?

Available on DAB+ radio in Greater London (Radio Maria England), the Radio Maria Play app for smartphones and tablets, the live-player on www.radiomariaengland.uk and the Amazon Alexa device. Podcasts are available through Anchor, Spotify, Google and other podcast providers. Get in touch on info@radiomariaengland.uk or 0300 302 1251.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £222, Not Gift Aided: £351

Mass Count: Sat (60), Sun 09.30 (101), 11.00 (123)

Second Collection

Last week: RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY (£323)

This week: SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

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

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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