

26th MARCH 2023: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

Mass Book Page 170	1st Reading: Ezekiel 37: 12-14 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 8-11	Gospel: John 11: 1-45	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: Hymn Sheet Communion: 625	Gospel Acclamation: 200 Post-Communion: 433	Offertory: 609 & 244b Recessional: 877



Christ our resurrection and our life

When we are dead through sin, Christ brings us his Spirit so that we may truly live the new life of grace. We are brothers and sisters of Christ through God's Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.

I am the resurrection and the life.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 25	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> 18:30 Nora Joyce RIP
Sun 26	✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (A) 09.30 Therese Farina RIP 11.00 Birthday blessings for Esther Bell
Mon 27	09.30 Tim & Rose Murray RIP Rosary
Tue 28	09.30 In Honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Rosary
Wed 29	09.30 Anton Manoharan & Family Rosary
Thu 30	09.30 Tom Dwyer RIP Rosary
Fri 31	09.30 Constance Racis RIP Exposition Stations of the Cross
Sat 01	09.30 People of the Parish 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Wellbeing of Dawn and Jacinta Egan
Sun 02	✠ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A) 09.30 Deceased members of the Lloyd family 11.00 Nkechi Maduaka's Birthday Intention

Prayer Requests

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. Please send an email to: regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk.

Pray for our dead.

Anniversaries for March: **Benjamin Ntiamoah**
 Recently passed: **Kathleen Hodge and Elizabeth Seymour**. May they rest in peace.

Sick and Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take Holy Communion to them.

Sharing the Word

First Reading

The three readings are concerned with resurrection to newness of life. In the first reading, Ezekiel describes the Babylonian exile of the Israelites and their promised restoration to their homeland in terms of death and resurrection. They are like a mass of dry bones strewn about a valley; but they will soon be reassembled and re-clothed with flesh and sinews. When the Spirit of Yahweh enters them, they will live again and inhabit their land once more.

Second Reading

Paul talks about Christian hope. The God who raised Jesus from the dead will raise us also because the same

Spirit dwells in us. The present indwelling of the Spirit is an anticipation of the complete renewal of life that will come at the general resurrection.

Gospel

The story of Lazarus is meant to elicit faith in Jesus. Jesus came to offer us the life that cannot be touched by death, the kind of life that only God possesses, and that Jesus as the Son of God makes possible for those who believe in him. This is why Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will never die."

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 18th-25th August.

A message from Bishop Paul. After the restrictions of the past few years, I'm delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us. For details, please see <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca>

Easter Flowers

It is customary in this parish to make donations for the flowers and decorations for the Church at Easter in memory of the 'faithful departed'. The 09.30am Mass on Sunday 7th May is dedicated to them. Please mark your envelope "Easter Flowers", and write the name (s) of those being remembered in block capitals. Please post your envelope at the parish house.

First Holy Communion Programme 2022-23

We meet in the hall on Sun 23rd April at 10am for, Chapter 11: To love and to serve.

Confirmation Programme 2022-23

We meet in the parish house on Sat 20th May at 5pm for, Session Eleven: Confirmation.

Join CAFOD on the Lenten Journey 2023

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>.

Catholic Union Survey

An inquiry has been launched by the UK Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights into human rights at work and we need your help to respond. We would be grateful if you could spare a few moments of your time to complete our survey on religion in the workplace. https://catholicunion.org.uk/2023/03/catholic-union-launches-religion-in-the-workplace-survey/?mc_cid=03976f0be3&mc_eid=c4a36288e2

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning in the parish house will be after 9.30am Mass on 2nd April. Do come for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat.

Gift Aid Envelopes

For those who are on the paper gift aid scheme, and receive a box of envelopes each year, these will be available for collection after each Mass this weekend and next.

Coloma Convent Girls' School

We are recruiting for a lay chaplain. Please visit: <https://www.coloma.croydon.sch.uk> for details.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £159, Not Gift Aided: £316

Mass Count: Sat (56), Sun 09.30 (99), 11.00 (127)

Second Collection

Last week: POOR PARISHES £330

This week: NONE

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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