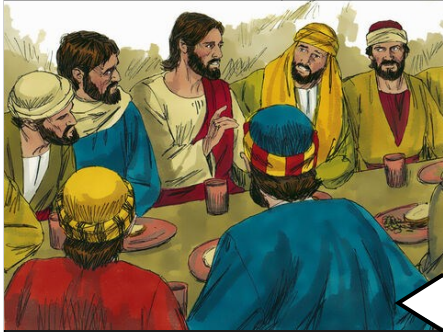


## 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2023: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

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### Jesus is king!

The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem gives way to his passion and death. Yet within a few days Jesus will rise triumphant from the dead. He is the firm ground of our hope that all suffering in this life are overcome in the power of his resurrection.

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For a culture of peace and non violence

We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

#### Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 01	18:30	First Mass of Sunday Wellbeing of Dawn and Jacinta Egan
Sun 02	09.30 11.00	✠ <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)</b> Deceased members of the Lloyd family Nkechi Maduaka's Birthday Intention
Mon 03	09.30	Joaquim Fernandes Rosary
Tue 04	09.30	Birthday Thanksgiving & family intention for Mary Chilaka Rosary
Wed 05	09:00	Euphrasia Rubaya RIP Rosary
Thu 06	09.30 20:00	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> Holy Trinity Thanksgiving Rosary Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>THE EASTER TRIDUUM</b>		
Fri 07	11.00 15:00	<b>FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)</b> Stations of the Cross People of the Parish

#### THE SEASON OF EASTER

Sat 08	20:30	HOLY SATURDAY <b>THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT</b> Wellbeing & Birthday Intention for Mary Sandanoo
Sun 09	09.30 11.00	✠ <b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b> Bishop L. R. Anthony RIP Elizabeth Fihosy RIP

#### 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](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk).

#### Pray for our dead.

Recently passed: Kathleen Hodge, Elizabeth Seymour, Michael Garley and Michael Finbard McSweeney. 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.

#### Altar Servers' Practice

There will be a practice session for Altar servers on Saturday 8th April at 10.30am in the church. The practice will last for just one hour.

#### Sharing the Word

**Gospel for procession:** Jesus enters Jerusalem, not as an all-conquering warrior on horseback, but as a humble, gentle bearer of Good News riding on donkey. He fulfils the prophecy of Zechariah (9:9). The garments provide an improvised saddle. The spreading of garments and branches on the road was a form of homage for an important person.

**The First Reading:** This contains verses from the third of the Servant Song of Second Isaiah. The servant must be a disciple, prayerfully receiving God's word, before presuming to teach others. He is persecuted for his message, but he accepts all the physical and mental abuse directed at him without retaliating. He is confident that God will vindicate him. (Remember Jesus standing alone before Caiaphas, Herod and Pilate)

**Second Reading:** Jesus took on himself our human condition. He humbled himself to the point of accepting the most shameful kind of death on the cross. God rewarded his obedience and humility by raising him up and making him Lord of heaven and earth. The self-emptying and self-abasement of Christ should serve as a model for every Christian.

**Gospel:** Jesus abandoned by his friends faces his hour alone. There is no friend or supporter by the cross and Jesus dies rejected and mocked. Jesus undergoes a Jewish trial and a Roman trial. The Jewish authorities sought to convict Jesus of planning to destroy the Temple and of blasphemy. The Roman trial centred on Jesus' claim to be the king of the Jews. Both courts did not give Jesus justice, and both maltreated him. And extraordinary events followed the death of Jesus: darkening of the sky, rending of the temple curtain, splitting of the rocks, earthquakes, lightning, the raising of the dead, and the appearance of angels. These events were expected to happen at the end of time, when God returned as Lord and Judge. And happening at the death of Jesus, these events do not indicate that the end has come, but they indicate a turning point of the ages.

### The Collections at the Easter Masses

Catholic Priests do not receive a salary in the way that ministers of other denominations do. The collections at the Christmas and Easter Masses are the only source of personal income for Priests. This is the system adopted in Catholic parishes in our Diocese. There is an envelope attached to this week's newsletter. Anyone wishing to donate via cheque, please make them payable to: **RCAS Sydenham**.

### 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> 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>

### First Holy Communion Programme 2022-23

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

### Confirmation Programme 2022-23

We meet in the parish house on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May at 5pm for, Session Eleven: Confirmation.

### Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning in the parish house is this Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup> April) after 9.30am Mass on. 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: £189, Not Gift Aided: £261

**Mass Count:** Sat (52), Sun 09.30 (94), 11.00 (95)

Second Collection

**Last week: NONE**

**This week: NONE**

**Next Week: EASTER COLLECTION**

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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