

## 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A)

Mass Book Page <b>251</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4	Gospel: John 20: 1-9	
Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: Hymn Sheet Communion: 278	Gospel Acclamation: 268 Post-Communion: 766	Offertory: 765 & 269 v1&2 Recessional: Hymn Sheet



### Christ our hope is risen!

Christ dies to rise again so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we die with him, we will rise with him, and be living witnesses to the power of the resurrection.

He must rise from the dead.

### 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 08 <b>20:30</b>	<i>HOLY SATURDAY</i> <b>THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT</b> Wellbeing & Birthday Intention for Mary Sandanoo
Sun 09	✠ <b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>
09.30	Bishop L. R. Anthony RIP
11.00	Elizabeth Fihosy RIP
Mon 10	
09.30	Anton Roche RIP Rosary
Tue 11	
09.30	Tina Maduaka Rosary
Wed 12	
09.30	Sony Caldinez RIP Rosary
Thu 13	
09.30	Mary Judith Rathika Bernard RIP Rosary
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Funeral Mass of Elizabeth Seymour</b>
Fri 14	
09.30	Wellbeing for Michael, Freddie & Ayla Magar
<b>11:30</b>	<b>Funeral Mass of Kathleen Hodge</b>
Sat 15	
09.30	Christine Burrows RIP
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Paul McCarthy RIP
Sun 16	✠ <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
09.30	Fr Gunesseelan RIP
11.00	Elizabeth Florence RIP

*I wish you all a  
Happy Easter*

*Fr Regis*

### 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 Finbard McSweeney and Billy Lally.**  
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

### First Reading

From now until Pentecost the first reading is taken from Acts of the Apostles. Luke is concerned with showing the triumphal progress of the Gospel throughout the whole known world. The power behind this progress is the Holy Spirit. Today's reading is part of Peter's sermon in the house of the Roman centurion Cornelius. Peter gives a brief account of the ministry of Jesus and concludes with the narrative of his death and resurrection. Peter stresses that he and his companions were witnesses to all this. And now they have been sent to proclaim the risen Jesus to be judge of the living and the dead.

### Second Reading

This can be seen as a message for the newly baptised, but it applies to all the baptised. Christians die and rise with Christ at the moment of their baptism. Therefore, we must seek the things of heaven rather than the things that belong to the earth. We must live, not by the world's standards, but model ourselves on Christ.

### Gospel

The gospel is full of symbolism. The darkness of the first day of the week, evokes the darkness of Genesis 1. Suggesting that Jesus's death is the prelude to a new creation. The burial clothes, and especially their arrangement, are a sign that Jesus has not been taken anywhere. He has left the things of mortality behind him. The beloved disciple realises what has happened and he believes.

### 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.

### 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.

Last Week

*Offertory:* Gift Aided: £205, Not Gift Aided: £420

*Mass Count:* Sat (48), Sun 09.30 (143), 11.00 (129)

Second Collection

*Last week:* NONE

*This week:* **EASTER COLLECTION (Gift Aid Local)**

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

*Standing Order:* Email Treasurer for details.

*Cheque:* Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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