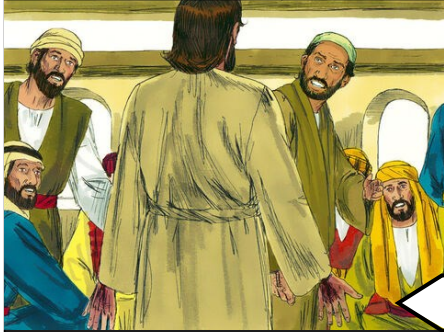


16th APRIL 2023: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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Hymns for 11 am Mass	Entrance: 902 Communion: 283	Gospel Acclamation: 268 Post-Communion: 631	Offertory: 762 Recessional: 768



We do not see, yet we believe!

God our Father has created a new human family through raising Jesus Christ from the dead. It is our belief in the resurrection of Christ that becomes the source of Christ's life within us. Our faith overcomes our doubts and we acknowledge the power of the risen Christ.

Eight days later, Jesus came.

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 15 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Paul McCarthy RIP
Sun 16 09.30 11.00	✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Fr Gunesseelan RIP Elizabeth Florence RIP
Mon 17 09.30	Rita Fernando RIP Rosary
Tue 18 09.30	John Roche RIP Rosary
Wed 19 09.30	Gino Grossi RIP Rosary
Thu 20 09.30	Elizabeth Seymour RIP Rosary
Fri 21 09.30	Saint Anselm Peter Reardon RIP & the intentions of his family
Sat 22 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Denny Donnelly RIP
Sun 23 09.30 11.00	✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Journey of mercy for the Assemien family Birthday Thanksgiving for Christian Beugre

Thank You

Easter was wonderful. And so, I would like to thank you all for your presence at all the Easter services. Thank you for the cards and the gifts you gave me over Easter. And above all thank you for the very generous Easter offering.

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.

Pray for our dead.

Recently passed: **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.

Sharing the Word

First Reading

This is the first of three summaries in Acts that describe the life and activities of the early Christian community. Here Luke describes the final result of Peter's preaching at Pentecost.

All those who received the word committed themselves to a new way of living centred on the teaching of the apostles, fellowship, the breaking of bread and prayer. The church is a worshipping community. But its worship is related to loving service towards one another.

Second Reading

Peter's aim is to encourage Christians and help them to hold on to the basic tenets of their faith in times of trial.

Gospel

The risen Jesus appears to his apostles, shows them his wounds and bestows peace on them. He then gives them their mission. The mission is the same mission Jesus received from the Father.

The disciples should seek reconciliation of people with the Father through forgiveness of sins. To carry out their mission, he gives them the gift of the Spirit and the power to forgive sin. And doubting Thomas gives he highest profession of faith in all the Gospels; "My Lord and my God."

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 27th May at 5pm for, Session Eleven: Confirmation.

St. George's Cathedral Collection

Our second collection next week will be for St. George's Cathedral, Southwark, which is the mother church of our diocese.

This collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.

Gift Aiders: for those contributing towards the second collection please use either your paper envelope or an envelope from the back of the church. Please provide your gift aid number on the envelope.

If you need to know your gift aid number please either email us or telephone the parish house.

Thank you.

Last Week

Offertory: Easter Collection

Mass Count: Sat (193), Sun 09.30 (156), 11.00 (184)

Second Collection

Last week: NONE

This week: NONE

Next Week: St George's Cathedral (Gift Aid-Local)

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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