

## 21<sup>st</sup> MAY 2023: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1: 12-14  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Peter 4: 13-16

Gospel: John 17: 1-11

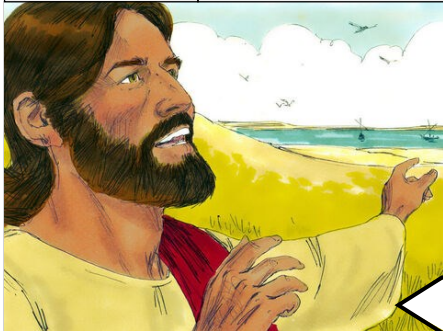
Hymns for  
11 am Mass

Entrance: 292  
Gloria: 489

Gospel Acclamation: 710  
Communion: 968

Offertory: 694  
Post-Communion: 766

Eucharistic Prayer: 490  
Recessional: Hymn Sheet



### Christ our model of prayer and suffering

Prayer is the birthright of every Christian. It is natural to us as the air we breathe. The early Christians were people of deep prayer and suffered for their faith. Prayer and suffering are two sides of the same coin by which Christ gives glory to God in us.

Father, glorify your Son.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For church movements and groups

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

#### Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 20 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Emmanuel & Ilda Cassar RIP
Sun 21 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b> Birthday Thanksgiving for Rosemonde Assemien Sacred Heart
Mon 22 09.30	Mass Rosary <b>12:00</b> Funeral Mass of William Lally RIP
Tue 23 09.30	Mass Rosary
Wed 24 09.30	Mass Rosary
Thu 25 09.30	Saint Bede the Venerable Mass Rosary
Fri 26 09.30	Saint Philip Neri Antonia Urbani RIP Exposition
Sat 27 09.30 18:30	Saint Augustine of Canterbury Birthday Thanksgiving for Sir Charles Chilaka First Mass of Sunday People of the Parish
Sun 28 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY (A)</b> Andrew Watts RIP Satasha Lewis 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: **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.

#### First Holy Communion Programme 2022-23

We meet in the parish house on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm for the Parent's Meeting, followed by Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm for the Service of Reconciliation and Confessions.

#### Confirmation Programme 2022-23

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

## CAFOD

### Following the footsteps of the Saints Called to action by our faith- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June

You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help.

The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as [Live Simply](#), Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources.

The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Sarah or Celeste [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk) for booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events> or Eventbrite [here](#).

### Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 3pm, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary this year, please let your parish know as soon as possible, and no later than the end of July, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. You can also get in touch with us at [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk). As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

Marriage and Family Life South East  
RC Archdiocese of Southwark

### Forthcoming Events

Please see the posters on the church noticeboard for further details of the following events:

#### Day of Celebration at Aylesford - 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

A day exploring creative prayer for those with disabilities and special needs: <https://rcaos.org.uk/Celebration23>

#### Dignitas Personae et Amor Dei - 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> July 2023

A 3-day conference on the *Dignity of the Human Person* through the writings of Edith Stein, Martyr and Saint: <https://rcaos.org.uk/EdithStein23>

### World Communications Day

This Sunday we celebrate World Communications Day. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond

appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live." The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalatial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'. Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010. You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website: [www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day)

### Job Opportunity – Personal Assistant

An 18-30 year old female personal assistant is needed for our mild special needs & mildly autistic daughter (a friendly young adult) in a family home in Catford.

Fridays and some other weekdays 11am-5pm (flexible days /hours to be agreed).

Rate of pay £12.90 /hour.

Ability to engage and support, mainly desktop activities.

Will need a DBS (or to apply for one).

We would love to hear from you. Phone Jytte Mon-Sat 12 noon to evening on 07944 711 594

Last Week

*Offertory:* Gift Aided: £186, Not Gift Aided: £234

*Mass Count:* Sat (45), Sun 09.30 (91), 11.00 (84)

Second Collection

*Last week:* None

*This week:* World Communications Day (Non Gift Aid)

*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'

Contact

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