

25th JUNE 2023: TWELVETH SUNDAY (A)

Mass Book page 91: 1st Reading: Jeremiah 20: 10-13 2nd Reading: Romans 5: 12-15 Gospel: Matthew 10: 26-33

11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 794
Gloria: 489

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 820
Communion: 892

Offertory: 881
Post-Communion: 964

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: 883



Do not be afraid

We have no need to be afraid since God is always at our side supporting and strengthening us in times of weakness and temptation. The evil effects of sin are swallowed up in the victory of Christ. He gives life to our souls and with him we have no cause for fear.

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the abolition of torture

We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 24 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Thanksgiving and Wellbeing for Jonathon Leslie
Sun 25 09.30 11.00	✠ TWELVETH SUNDAY (A) Intention of Annika and family Birthday Thanksgiving for Judith Abeydeera
Mon 26 09.00	Michael Simpson RIP Rosary
Tue 27 09.00	Aoifainne Lee RIP Rosary
Wed 28 09.00	Saint Irenaeus Rev Fr J.B. Jerome RIP Rosary
Thu 29 09.00	✠ SAINTS † PETER AND † PAUL (Holyday of Obligation) Birthday thanksgiving for Mary M ^c Donagh Rosary
Fri 30 09.00	Mary Ann Gilligan RIP Exposition
Sat 01 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Bridie, Joe, Patrica, & Steven Murray RIP
Sun 02 09.30 11.00	✠ THIRTEENTH SUNDAY (A) Christine & Carl Burrow RIP Wellbeing for Severinus Vincent and family

PLEASE NOTE

With effect from Monday 26th June, and until further notice, our weekday Masses will begin at 9am.

Sharing the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah's outcry 'terror from every side' is now turned against him in derision and mockery. People who once were his friends have now turned against him, hoping to see his downfall so they can take their revenge on him. Jeremiah keeps his faith in God, confident God will vindicate him. He sees his vindication as involving the downfall of his enemies and prays for vengeance. Jeremiah was a man of his time and must be judged accordingly. Nevertheless, Christians have always seen him as a figure of Christ. And Christians who suffer in bringing Christ's message to the world are meant to draw inspiration from him.

Second Reading: Paul draws a contrast between Christ and Adam. Sin came into the world through Adam; abundant grace came through Jesus Christ. Paul says, the gift far outweighed the fall.

Gospel: Anticipating the kind of persecution and possible martyrdom that will greet the apostles in the future, Jesus urges them to have complete trust in the Father, who knows every detail of their lives. The exposure to death must not frighten them. If the Father watches over the life and death of even his smallest and least valuable creatures, how much more will he watch over his children in all their trials. As long as we are faithful to our mission, we have nothing to fear, not even

death itself. Faithful disciples will be vindicated by the Father in heaven.

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.

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.

Vocations day with the Norbertines in Peckham Saturday 15th July

The Norbertine community in Peckham is holding a Vocations Day for young men to visit their priory and discover more about the life of a Norbertine canon. The "Come and See Day" will take place on Saturday 15th July from 10am-4pm. If you are thinking about a vocation and are curious about the Norbertine Order and religious life please contact them to book a place: community@norbertines.org.uk

The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC)

We are recruiting a part-time Executive Assistant (21 hours p.w) whose role is to work with the Executive Director (Internal Operations) ensuring the smooth and successful operation of SPUC's governance, administration, and finance departments. Duties include:

- ◆ Taking minutes and maintaining accurate files,
- ◆ Drafting correspondence,
- ◆ Maintaining the diary of Executive Director and coordinating meetings,
- ◆ General administrative support.

For more details & application form, contact jobs@spuc.org.uk or 0207 091 7091 before 15th July 2023.

Forthcoming Events

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

Day of Celebration at Aylesford – 2nd July 2023

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

Dignitas Personae et Amor Dei – 4th-6th 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>

The Commission for Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark – Autumn Assembly – Saturday 23rd September 2023.

The Right to Stay: Free to Choose: addressing the motivations that affect decisions taken to leave one's native land. More info: justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

Peter's Pence

Next weekend our second collection is for Peter's Pence. By reason of the bond of unity and charity, the bishops of the Church, with their people, join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and charity and its service of the Universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor parishes, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war and natural disasters. Concrete aid is thus made available to bishops or dioceses in need, to Catholic education, assistance, to refugees, and immigrants, etc.

Coffee Morning

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

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £173, Not Gift Aided: £460

Mass Count: Sat (53), Sun 09.30 (97), 11.00 (180)

Second Collection

Last week: Day for Life (£275)

This week: None

Next Week: Peter's Pence (Non Gift Aid)

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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