

2nd JULY 2023: THIRTEENTH SUNDAY (A)

Mass Book page **96**: 1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16 2nd Reading: Romans 6: 3-4, 8-11 Gospel: Matthew 10: 37-42

11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 865
Gloria: 489

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 820
Communion: 423

Offertory: 731
Post-Communion: 432

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: 877



If we die with Christ we shall live with him

In our daily lives we are called to take up our cross and follow Christ, knowing that by joining him in his suffering we will be joining him in eternal life. We are dead to sin and alive to God. There is within us a new creation as we welcome Christ daily within us as our new life.

Anyone who does not take his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For a Eucharistic Life

We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 01	
18:30	First Mass of Sunday Bridie, Joe, Patrica, & Steven Murray RIP
Sun 02	✠ THIRTEENTH SUNDAY (A)
09.30	Christine & Carl Burrow RIP
11.00	Wellbeing for Severinus Vincent and family
Mon 03	Saint † Thomas the Apostle
09.00	Wellbeing for Ann Hanscomb Rosary
Tue 04	
09.00	Wellbeing for the Motha family Rosary
Wed 05	
09.00	Thanksgiving for Felicity & Mathew families Rosary
Thu 06	
09.00	Theophane & Marie Gaupin RIP Rosary
Fri 07	
09.00	Wellbeing for Michael, Freddie and Ayla Magar Exposition
Sat 08	
09.30	People of the Parish
18:30	First Mass of Sunday Joseph & Constance Lockhart RIP
Sun 09	✠ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY (A)
09.30	James Taylor RIP
11.00	Doreen Daly RIP

Sharing the Word

First Reading

This reading presents a beautiful act of hospitality and how God rewarded it. Apart from enhancing the reputation of the prophet Elijah, this episode encourages the virtue of hospitality, especially towards a man of God. A man of God means a bearer of God's word.

Second Reading

Baptism is a communion with the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. And so, when we receive baptism, we die to what is sinful in order to live the Christian life which comes to us from the risen saviour. The challenge is to live up to what we are.

Gospel

This is the conclusion of the instructions for Mission. Jesus instructs the disciples on the sacrifices involved and the priorities they must embrace as they seek to be his envoys to the world. Following Jesus will mean difficult choices in relation to family ties and life. They must be ready to sacrifice the dearest things in life. A challenge is also given to those who hear the message. The smallest act of hospitality to his envoys will not go unrewarded. To receive a person's envoy is to receive the person himself.

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

We are 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 from 10am-4pm. For more details contact : community@norbertines.org.uk

Forthcoming Diocesan Events

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

Our second collection this week is Peter's Pence which is 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, immigrants, etc.

Sea Sunday (Stella Maris)

Our second collection next week is for the seafarers and fishers who play a vital role in all of our lives. They often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Your support will make a big difference. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is

vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work - so we thank you for your generously.

Right To Life UK

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth

The abortion lobby is running a campaign to fully 'decriminalise' abortion, which would introduce abortion up to birth! Right To Life UK has launched an easy-to-use tool on its website which makes it simple for you to send an email to your MP asking them to oppose the introduction of abortion up to birth. Please visit www.righttolife.org.uk/noabortionuptobirth to contact your MP now. It only takes 30 seconds.

Join The Passage's Secret Garden Party! Thursday 20th July at 6pm

Held in the beautiful surroundings of the historic, College Garden, Westminster Abbey, enjoy a delicious barbecue, buffet, unlimited drinks (beer, wine, Pimm's and soft drinks), entertainment, a raffle, silent auction, and lots more.

Your ticket purchase will support our mission to help create a society where everyone has a place to call home. Visit: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/secret-garden-party/> or call 020 7592 1856.

Coffee Morning

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: £191, Not Gift Aided: £643

Mass Count: Sat (320), Sun 09.30 (116), 11.00 (102)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: Peter's Pence (Non Gift Aid)

Next Week: Sea Sunday (Gift Aid Online)

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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