

23rd JULY 2023: SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (A)

Mass Book page 105: 1st Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 26-27 Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 720
Gloria: 998

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 820
Communion: 979

Offertory: 873 & 944
Post-Communion: 846

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: 721



The Spirit is our help

We are a people full of weakness through our sin. We cannot pray for repentance unless the Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. Our God is mild in judgement, and we pray that God's mercy will be with us, so that like wheat we will be gathered into God's barn.

Let them both grow till the harvest.

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 22	
18:30	First Mass of Sunday Owen and Susan Meegan RIP
Sun 23	✠ SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (A)
09.30	Mary Clara Thuraingham RIP
11.00	Theresa Hector RIP
Mon 24	
09.00	Manoel Lourenco & his wife Lilian Lourenco RIP Rosary
Tue 25	Saint † James
09.00	Alice Murphy RIP Rosary
Wed 26	Saints Joachim and Anne
09.00	In thanksgiving for the priesthood of Fr Charles Dolman Rosary
Thu 27	
09.00	Intention of Olaide Janet Rosary
Fri 28	
09.00	Ivy Savage RIP Exposition
Sat 29	Saints Mary, Martha and Lazarus
09.30	Souls in Purgatory
18:30	First Mass of Sunday Mrs Susanne Rebello RIP
Sun 30	✠ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (A)
09.30	Birthday Thanksgiving for Pauline Assemien
11.00	Birthday Intention & Wellbeing for Nicolade Masi

Sharing the Word

First Reading

God's attitude towards his creatures is fundamentally one of care. Though God has both the knowledge and the power to root out evil people if he so desired, he is patient in the face of human wickedness and gives people the chance to repent.

This is how we should deal with one another. Mercy and leniency towards our fellows is an expression not of weakness but of strength.

Second Reading

Paul is talking about prayer. The Holy Spirit helps us to pray when we can't find the words to express what is on our minds.

Those who find prayer difficult will take courage from Paul's words.

Gospel

The parable of the wheat and the weeds originally addressed the problem of sinners in the kingdom. The Pharisees believed that the kingdom was for saints only, sinners should be weeded out. But Jesus did not agree. Up to the last judgement, the kingdom will be a mixed bag, consisting of saints and sinners.

The Church is also a mixed bag. The separation of the good from the bad, must be left to a future judgement by the Son of Man.

In the meantime, the erring are given time to mend their ways. The church must preach repentance and practice leniency.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation 2023

The photographs taken at these sacraments are now available for collection.

Please see either Fr Regis after Mass, or Steven the secretary in the parish house weekdays 9am to 12 noon.

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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Turner who died on 7th July 2023 and will be laid to rest on 3rd August 2023.

Forthcoming Diocesan Events

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

Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities Seminar - Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Sat. 28th October.

Chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast and joined by contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark. For information and registration visit: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>. or write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion. Registration is FREE.

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.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £231, Not Gift Aided: £422

Mass Count: Sat (43), Sun 09.30 (103), 11.00 (130)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: None

Next Week: None

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