

30th JULY 2023: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (A)

Mass book page: 108 1st Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13: 44-52

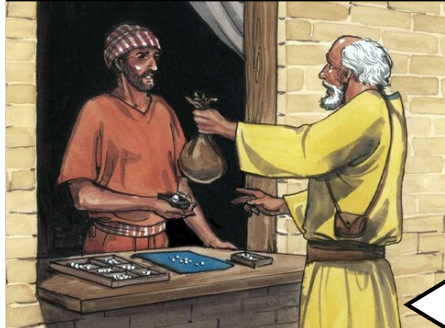
11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 970
Gloria: 489

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 820
Communion: 967

Offertory: 874
Post-Communion: 910

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: 969



Faith is a priceless treasure

God turns everything to our good. God gives us wisdom by which we can discern true values in the world around us. Our greatest gift is faith, which gives us a deeper wisdom even that the of Solomon.

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

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 29 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Mrs Susanne Rebello RIP
Sun 30 09.30 11.00	✠ SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY (A) Birthday Thanksgiving for Pauline Assemien Tom Bell RIP
Mon 31 09.30	Saint Ignatius of Loyola Birthday Intention & Wellbeing for Nicola De Masi Rosary
Tue 01 09.30	Saint Alphonsus Liguori Charles Ukwoma RIP Rosary
Wed 02 09.30	Bartley Loftus RIP Rosary
Thu 03 09.30	Domenico De Masi RIP Rosary
12:00	Funeral Mass of Elizabeth Turner RIP
Fri 04 09.30	Saint John Vianney Wellbeing for Michael, Freddie and Ayla Magar Exposition
Sat 05 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Arthur & Eileen McElroy RIP
Sun 06 09.30 11.00	✠ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD In honour of God the Father Loyola College, Ibaden, Nigeria - Old Boys Association Thanksgiving & Remembrance

Weekday Masses

With effect from Monday 31st July our weekday Masses (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) will return to their usual time of 9.30am.

Sharing the Word

First Reading

The youthful Solomon had only just been chosen to succeed David as king, and felt inadequate to the task. God told him he could have any gift he wanted. Solomon did not ask anything for himself. He asked for wisdom so he could become a wise and discerning ruler of God's people. God was pleased with his choice and promised to give him wisdom in abundance. But we know that Solomon was unable to live up to his promise and his endowment.

Second Reading

God turns everything to the spiritual advantage of those who love him. God's plan for people is that they should be conformed to the image of his Son and share his glory. We are called to cooperate with God to realize this.

Gospel

The parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price show us that the kingdom of God is of inestimable value. It is worth investing everything we have to acquire it. But we need the wisdom that comes from God to see this.

The parable of the net says the kingdom of God in its present stage contains both the good and the bad. Only at the final judgement will they be separated.

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.

Run the Royal Parks Half Marathon in aid of The Passage - Sunday 8th October 2023

This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners.

Registration fee: £20

Fundraising goal: £300

All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness so that we can end homelessness for good.

Sign up here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £164, Not Gift Aided: £292

Mass Count: Sat (37), Sun 09.30 (101), 11.00 (71)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: None

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

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