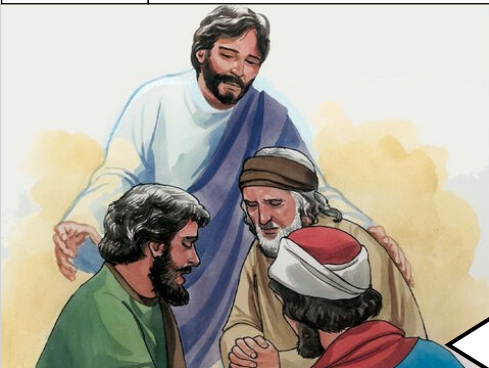


**10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)**

Mass book page: 125    1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9    2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 13: 8-10    Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

11am Mass Hymns	Entrance: 883 Gloria: 489	Gospel Accl. <sup>n</sup> : 820 Communion: 433	Offertory: 924 Post-Communion: Hymn Sheet	Euch. <sup>c</sup> Prayer: 490 Recessional: 854
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**Correct one another in charity**

We live together in society and we are called to be prepared to correct and encourage each other. No one is an island. If Christ is among us, then we will encourage and help each other. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour.

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

**The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For people living on the margins**

We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days**

Sat 09 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Pietno RIP</b>
Sun 10 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)</b> <b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Phillip &amp; Augustina Fihosy RIP</b>
Mon 11 09.30	<b>Our Lady prayer's answered.</b> Rosary
Tue 12 09.30	<b>Mass</b> Rosary
Wed 13 09.30	<i>Saint John Chrysostom</i> <b>Wellbeing for Vimalraj</b> Rosary
Thu 14 09.30	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> <b>Mass</b> Rosary
Fri 15 09.30	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> <b>Mass</b> Exposition
Sat 16 09.30 18:30	<i>Saints † Cornelius and † Cyprian</i> <b>People of the Parish</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Trevor Olliver RIP</b>
Sun 17 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (A)</b> <b>Mass</b> <b>William, Annie &amp; Liz Doran RIP</b>

**Sharing the Word**

**First Reading** — This contains a message for the prophet himself, reminding him of his pastoral responsibilities. God has posted him as a sentinel on the city wall. It is his duty to bring back others from infidelity and iniquity.

It is presumed that he speaks to those under his care with genuine humility and love for them.

**Second Reading** — Seven of the ten commandments refer to relations with our neighbour. All seven are summed up in the one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself', because if we really loved our neighbour, we would not harm him in any way.

**Gospel** — This talks about the duty a Christian has to correct an erring brother or sister. It is presumed that the fault in question is serious, but has not necessarily been committed against oneself.

Every effort must be made to bring the erring person to repentance.

**From the Archbishop — "Season of Creation"**

"The Season of creation has begun and will run to the 4<sup>th</sup> October ( the Feast of St Francis of Assisi). CCEE and CEC have produced a statement on this, which is attached to this newsletter.

The Holy Father has indicated that he will be publishing a further Encyclical at the end of the Season of Creation to support his previous teaching in Laudato Si."

## IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CAR OWNERS

This notice is for those who park their car on church grounds. Starting Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September we will be having work undertaken to the rear of the Church. Please do not park at the rear of the church on this date, and until further notice. Thank you.

### Forthcoming events

We are all invited to a service to pray for the victims of abuse. The service will be held at St George's Cathedral on 27<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm.

Formation day: **Called to Pray**: for Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at Bishop Thomas Grant School.

### First Holy Communion and Confirmation for 2024

The application forms for FHC and Confirmation are now available. Please collect the appropriate form from the folder which is on the table at the back of the church. And remember, we will not take more than 20 candidates for confirmation.

### Readers at the Weekday Masses

Mass attendance during the week is very encouraging. I am inviting all the people attending Mass to participate as Readers. If you would like to read at any Mass, you need to get onto the sanctuary before Mass begins and sit on the chair reserved for readers. The person who usually takes the reading on that particular day will know that there is a reader and so they will not come up to the lectern for the reading.

### I was hungry and you gave me food to eat.

Following the appeal I made last week for help to assist those who may not have enough food, I have received good responses from the community. The Knights have given me some vouchers to share with the hungry. Many parishioners have suggested that the parish could organise a second collection once a month so we can assist people who come to us for help. We will organize this collection as it is more convenient to do so than to collect food items.

### 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](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk).

## Forthcoming Events

**The Commission for Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark – Autumn Assembly – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September –**  
[justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk)

**Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities Seminar – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October –**  
[racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk).

## Education Sunday Collection (this week)

This is for the Catholic Education Service (CES) who act on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education in England and Wales.

## Home Mission Sunday Collection (next week)

This provides the bishops of England and Wales with resources to support the spread of the gospel in these countries. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelization.

## This week's Second Collection

Gift Aiders contributing towards the second collection this weekend, please use the envelopes at the back of the church. Please provide your gift aid number on the envelope. If you need to know your gift aid number please either email us or telephone the parish house. Thank you.

Last Week

**Offertory:** Gift Aided: £167, Not Gift Aided: £451

**Mass Count:** Sat (56), Sun 09.30 (98), 11.00 (98)

Second Collection

**Last week: None**

**This week: Education Sunday (Gift Aid-Diocese)**

**Next Week: Home Mission (No 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](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order:** Email Treasurer for details.

**Cheque:** Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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