

17th SEPTEMBER 2023: TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (A)

Mass book page: 128 1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28: 7 2nd Reading: Romans 14: 7-9 Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 475
Gloria: 489

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 820
Communion: 627

Offertory: 775
Post-Communion: 898

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: 849



Forgive from the heart

Jesus Christ is the perfect example of forgiveness. He died for us when we were still his enemies by sin. Through his death we are brought to life. Christ's life and death have an influence on us all. We are to forgive each other as Christ forgives us, since we ask God our Father to forgive our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

I do not tell you to forgive seven times, but seventy-seven times.

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 16 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Trevor Olliver RIP
Sun 17 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (A) Sheila & Patrick O'Driscoll RIP William, Annie & Liz Doran RIP
Mon 18 09.30	Wellbeing for the Murray family Rosary
Tue 19 09.30	Rev. T. Sullivan RIP Rosary
Wed 20 09.30	Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions Wellbeing for Vimalraj Rosary
Thu 21 09.30	Saint † Matthew Ignasiapillai Soosaipillai RIP Rosary
Fri 22 09.30	Chantal Paraiso RIP Exposition
Sat 23 09.30 18:30	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio] Margaret Frimpong RIP First Mass of Sunday Mrs Paulina Ashinze RIP
Sun 24 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (A) People of the Parish Wellbeing for Sr. Assumption (50 th Anniversary of profession)

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.

Sharing the Word

First Reading - It is a human reaction to hold grudges against those who have hurt us. But Sirach insists that wrath and anger are hateful things. He also admonishes us to show mercy to others, since we look to God for mercy for ourselves. If we harbour resentment and anger against those who have hurt us, how can we demand compassion from God. And if we show no pity for a fellow human being, how can we plead for pity for ourselves.

Second Reading - As Christians, our living and dying, that is our whole entire existence, must be for Christ and for one another.

Gospel - Last Sunday's Gospel talked about the duty a Christian has to correct an erring brother or sister. The focus today shifts to a brother who sins often and therefore needs forgiveness often. The position of the servant in Jesus' story is absolutely hopeless. He owes the king so much money that even if he worked forever, he would not be able to repay him. All he can do is to plead for mercy. Our situation before God is similar to that of the servant. We cannot win God's forgiveness. All we can do is plead for it. But we must be willing to extend to others the forgiveness God has extended to us. Forgiveness must be unlimited.

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

In our community there are no performers and no spectators. We pray together as a family of God's people. Our people are responding well to the invitation to take readings at the Mass. We have had a few people coming up to the sanctuary to read. And remember all you need to do is to get onto the sanctuary before Mass begins. The person who would normally take 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.

Bishop Howard Tripp RIP

Bishop Howard Tripp's first anniversary of death is on 3 October. There will be a Year's Mind Mass for him, celebrated at St George's Cathedral, the day after, on Wednesday 4 October at 12.30pm. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the main celebrant.

Bishop Howard gave 24 years of devoted episcopal service as Auxiliary Bishop in the South West Area of the Diocese, and continued his episcopal service indirectly during his 18 years of retirement. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Everyone is most welcome to attend the Mass.

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.

Local 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 27th 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 21st October at Bishop Thomas Grant School.

Other Forthcoming Events

The Commission for Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation for the Archdiocese of Southwark – Autumn Assembly – Saturday 23rd September – justiceandpeace@rcaos.org.uk

Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities Seminar – Saturday 28th October – racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk.

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday Collection (this week)

This supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

The new Rota is available in the porch for those who have not received one via email.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £179, Not Gift Aided: £243

Mass Count: Sat (44), Sun 09.30 (107), 11.00 (90)

Second Collection

Last week: Education Sunday (£306)

This week: Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (No Gift Aid)

Next Week: For those of our community in need (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.

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