

24th SEPTEMBER 2023: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (A)

Mass book page: 131 1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9 2nd Reading: Philippians 1: 20-24, 27 Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 807
Gloria: 489

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 820
Communion: 211

Offertory: 735
Post-Communion: 881

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: 847



God's ways are not our ways

We judge by human standards. If we want our judgements to be the right ones, then we are to pray for guidance so that we may always judge generously. God rewards everyone individually, according to God's judgement, not ours. We are called to see people through God's eyes.

Why be so envious because I am generous.

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 23 18:30	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)
Mon 25 09.30	Joseph Horgan RIP Rosary
Tue 26 09.30	Thanksgiving - Vivica Laleenthiran Rosary
Wed 27 09.30	Saint Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving - Ramesh Aloysious Rosary
Thu 28 09.30	Thanksgiving - Mathura & family, Vimalaraj & family Rosary
Fri 29 09.30	Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Birthday Intention - Obinna Maduaka Exposition
Sat 30 09.30 18:30	Saint Jerome People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Wellbeing & Birthday Thanksgiving - Susan Feore
Sun 01 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (A) Wellbeing - Sylvia Lakey Birthday Blessings - Genevieve Abeydeera

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

In this passage the prophet insists that evildoers must abandon their evil ways, and seek the Lord with humility. If they do, then God, who is rich in forgiveness, will take pity on them. God's ways are as high above our ways as the heavens are above the earth.

Second Reading

Paul wrote these lines from prison where he faced an uncertain future. Here he speaks of death. For him death is the way of achieving complete union with Christ, something he longs for. But he is more than happy to continue living, as it would mean carrying on his work on behalf of the Philippians.

Gospel

The Pharisees were critical of Jesus because of the way he befriended sinners and outcasts. With this parable Jesus tells them that he is imitating God, who is generous to, and full of compassion for, the poor and the outcast. The owner of the vineyard is God. The Pharisees were meant to see themselves in the workers who came in early. The latecomers were sinners and

outcasts. Just as the owner of the vineyard was generous towards the latecomers, so God is generous towards sinners with his forgiveness and mercy. God's gracious giving is not determined by what is earned.

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

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

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

Today'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.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning in the parish house will be after 9.30am Mass on 1st October. Do come for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £132, Not Gift Aided: £305

Mass Count: Sat (44), Sun 09.30 (99), 11.00 (81)

Second Collection

Last week: **Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (£217)**

This week: **For those of our community in need (Gift Aid)**

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

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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