

15th OCTOBER 2023: TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (A)

Mass book page: 140 1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 458
Gloria: 489

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 820
Communion: 623

Offertory: 605
Post-Communion: Hymn Sheet

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: 359



The Lord has prepared a banquet

God the Father invites us all to share in the wedding feast of his Son. He knows our poverty and wants to share his riches with us. In this banquet we will be joyful and every tear will be wiped from our eyes.

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the Synod

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 14 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Deceased members of the Ingram family
Sun 15 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (A) Geordie & Kathleen Duffy RIP Wellbeing - Harry Campbell & Gerard O'Neill
Mon 16 09.30	Wellbeing - Anna Haris Rosary
Tue 17 09.30	Saint † Ignatius of Antioch Akeche Johan RIP Rosary
Wed 18 09.30	Saint Luke Intention for Mahalia Goldson for Graduation and the Future Rosary
Thu 19 09.30	Intention of the Duffy family Rosary
Fri 20 09.30	Terry Morrish & Children RIP Exposition
Sat 21 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Michael & John Joe Calligy, Moyra Wynne and Mary Leddon RIP
Sun 22 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (A) Dennis Smith RIP Chantal Paraiso RIP (20 th Anniversary)

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 - Here Isaiah uses the image of a banquet to describe the blessings God will bestow, not only on Israel, but also on all nations. He talks, not about a plain meal, but about a 'banquet of rich food and fine wines'. Thus he underlines the generosity of God. He paints a picture of a world transformed, a world in sorrow, suffering, and death will be no more.

Second Reading - While in prison, Paul thanks the Philippians for the material support they have given him and assures them that God will reward their generosity. But while he is grateful for their kindness, he says however that he could survive without it because he has learned to cope with either abundance or poverty. His real strength comes from the Lord.

Gospel - We listen to the parable of the wedding feast. The parable echoes the messianic banquet of Isaiah above. It emphasises the negative response of those who were first invited, and how the invitation was then extended to all and sundry. The parable is about God's dealings with the Jews, their disobedience to him, and the new covenant, which will include the Gentiles. In the new covenant all God's children are invited to the banquet feast of the kingdom.

RCIA Course 2023/24

Adults who regularly come to our church for Mass and who are interested in becoming a Catholic, are welcome to join the RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Anybody interested should contact Fr Regis.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation for 2024

There will be a meeting of the parents of the children for First Holy Communion on Thursday 19 October at 7.00pm in presbytery.

Signing of School Forms

Please note that I do not sign school forms on Sundays. Parents with school forms to be signed please book an appointment for a time during the week. Thank you.

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 Sat 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.

Life Charity

This weekend's second collection will go toward helping Life's services. They help more than 45,000 people each year meet pregnancy or pregnancy loss with courage and dignity so the people affected can flourish.

Their services include:

- Free emotional help, counselling, and skilled listening via phone, text, email, or in person.
- Housing and community support around the country for mums and their babies.
- Free pregnancy tests and baby supplies.
- Crafting content that educates the public about pregnancy, pregnancy loss, and our work.

Tens of thousands of volunteers, supporters, and donors have joined together to create a world where no one faces pregnancy or pregnancy loss alone. You can donate online at: <https://lifecharity.org.uk/donate/>

MISSIO

Next weekend our second collection will be for Missio, for which there is an envelope attached to this newsletter.

This is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England & Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church helping local church.

Repository Christmas orders

If you wish to order cards etc. please let either Christine or Joan know after 11am Mass or leave a note and post it through the presbyter letter box marked "Repository Request".

The order will be sent on **Wed 18th October** and will be the last order placed this year.

SPECIAL PRAYERS for the SOULS of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

During October you are invited to bring lists of departed loved ones, whom we will remember at Masses throughout November.

There is a yellow box on the table at the back of the Church to receive the names you wish remembered.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £140, Not Gift Aided: £321

Mass Count: Sat (46), Sun 09.30 (102), 11.00 (110)

Second Collection

Last week: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (£436)

This week: Life Charity (No Gift Aid)

Next Week: Missio: World Mission Sunday (Non 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.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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