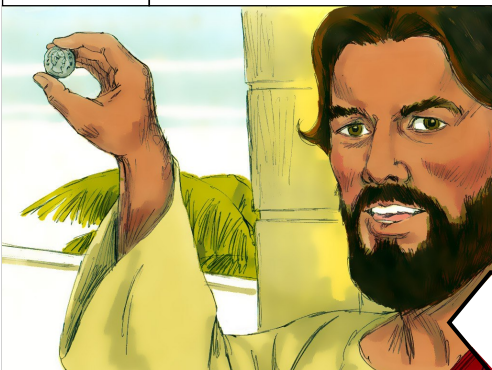


22nd OCTOBER 2023: TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY (A)

Mass book page: 143 1st Reading: Isaiah 45: 1, 4-6 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-5 Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21

11am Mass Hymns	Entrance: 708 Gloria: 489	Gospel Accl. ⁿ : 820 Communion: 360	Offertory: 898 Post-Communion: 779	Euch. ^c Prayer: 490 Recessional: 768
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Give the Lord glory and power!

The Lord alone is King, and to him we are to give the homage of our love and obedience. All earthly power is subordinate to God's rule over the universe. It is important to get our priorities right: God first; everything else only in relation to God.

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.

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 21 18:30	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)
Mon 23 09.30	Intention for Sylvia & George Lakey Rosary
Tue 24 09.30	Thanksgiving - Samuel Lowell Rosary
Wed 25 09.30	Colum & Eileen Earley RIP Rosary
11.00	Funeral Mass - Michael Wiggins
Thu 26 09.30	Maureen Mitchell RIP Rosary
Fri 27 09.30	Andrew Healy RIP Exposition
Sat 28 09.30 18:30	Saints † Simon and † Jude People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Mass
Sun 29 09.30 11.00	✠ THIRTIETH SUNDAY (A) Birthday Blessing & Wellbeing - Genevieve Abeydeera Birthday Blessings - Guisepina De Masi

British Summer Time Ending



Please remember to adjust your clocks backwards one hour, next Saturday evening, 28th October.

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 546 BC Cyrus, king of Persia, launched a campaign against Babylonia. Having conquered Babylon, he allowed the Jews residing there to return to Jerusalem. He had his own reasons for doing so. Isaiah sees the return of the people from exile as a sign of God's love for his people, and of his lordship over all peoples.

Second Reading - The reading expresses Paul's esteem for the Christians at Thessalonika. They are always in his prayers, and he thanks God for the abounding faith, love and hope within the community.

Gospel - The Pharisees with the Herodians confront Jesus about the tribute to Caesar. The question put to Jesus was a test question to see whether he would declare himself on the side of those who opposed paying taxes to the Romans, (the Pharisees) or on the side of those who collaborated with the Romans. (the Herodians) If he said yes, he would lose the esteem of the people, and would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish cause and the Jewish religion. If he said no, he could be denounced as fomenting rebellion against Rome.

Jesus said that the money for the tax bore the emperor's portrait and name, and was therefore his; so, it should be paid to him. But then he demands that the Jews should also render to God fruits, the just works, due to him. And so, he says they should worry less about what is due to Caesar and worry more about giving God his due.

Prayer for an end to the Israel-Hamas war

At the conclusion of his general audience, our Holy Father Pope Francis announced another **day of prayer and fasting** for an end to the Israel-Hamas war, to be observed on **Friday 27th October**. The Holy Father went on to say, it will be "a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions, and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit". On that Friday, the Holy Father will preside over a vigil in St Peter's Square at 6pm (5pm UK) He is desirous that faithful around the world join with him in prayer at that hour "in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, peace in this world". In the Latin Patriarchate, Wednesday 25th October is the **Solemnity of Our Lady, Queen of Palestine and all the Holy Land**.

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.

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.

MISSIO

This weekend our second collection is for Missio which 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.

Prisoner's Sunday (PACT)

Next weekend's collection will be for the Prison Advice and Care Trust (PACT), which supports prisoners, people with convictions, and their children and families to live lives that bear good fruit. Your donations enable PACT to deliver their

services in courts, in prisons, and in communities across England and Wales. Please visit pact1.link/PS23donate to donate and please Gift Aid your donation if you are able.

Passing on the Faith as Grandparents

What practical steps can we take and what sort of conversations can we have which will help anchor our grandchildren's faith? Four online sessions starting Wed Nov 8th, 7:30 – 9pm. Contact Lisette: mflse@rcaos.org.uk

Passing on the Faith for Parents

How do we start? How do we continue? What works well for children at different stages? Four online sessions starting Thurs Nov 9th, 8pm – 9:30pm. Contact Lisette: mflse@rcaos.org.uk

Growing in Faith Together

This new online course has been developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation and Sycamore, a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang. It consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for married couples to enrich their friendship and love, engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together. The course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning October 24th. To register: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>

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: £157, Not Gift Aided: £414

Mass Count: Sat (43), Sun 09.30 (98), 11.00 (103)

Second Collection

Last week: Life Charity (£278)

This week: Missio: World Mission Sunday (Non Gift Aid)

Next Week: Prisoner's Sunday (Online 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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