

## 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023: THIRTIETH SUNDAY (A)

Mass book page: 146 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

11am Mass  
Hymns

Entrance: 725  
Gloria: 989

Gospel Accl.<sup>n</sup>: 710  
Communion: 627

Offertory: 888 & 920  
Post-Communion: Hymn Sheet

Euch.<sup>c</sup> Prayer: 490  
Recessional: 356



### Love God and your neighbour

We are made in the image of God who is love. We are called to love God with all our heart, soul and mind; this is to mould the pattern of our lives. Jesus says that we are to love our neighbours too, knowing that God lives in them. The quality of our love is shown by how we treat our neighbours.

You must love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

### 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 28 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Wellbeing - John Kennedy
Sun 29 09:30	✠ THIRTIETH SUNDAY (A) Birthday Blessing & Wellbeing - Genevieve Abeydeera
11:00	Birthday Blessings - Guisepina De Masi
Mon 30 09:30	Derval Casey RIP Rosary
Tue 31 09:30	Ann Hanscomb RIP Rosary
Wed 01 09:30	✠ ALL SAINTS (Holyday of Obligation) Forgotten Dead of the Parish Rosary
<b>20:00</b>	Mass
Thu 02 09:30	THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (All Soul's Day) - Vernon Pedlow RIP Rosary
<b>11:30</b>	Funeral - Julio Burgues
Fri 03 09:30	All Killed in 1939 War Exposition
Sat 04 09:30 18:30	Saint Charles Borromeo Sabina Wairimu RIP First Mass of Sunday Wellbeing - Michael, Freddie and Ayla Magar
Sun 05 09:30 11:00	✠ THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY (A) Patrick Watts RIP People of the Parish

#### 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).

#### Sharing the Word

##### First Reading

Here the Israelites are told that there must be no discrimination against, or exploitation of the foreigner, the widow, the orphan, and the poor. These are the most vulnerable members of society. Israel's God is a God who cares for the poor. To seek to be attached to God while remaining indifferent to one's fellows would be a contradiction in terms.

##### Second Reading

Continuing his prayer of thanksgiving Paul reminds the Thessalonians of the joy with which they took to the Gospel. He says their conversion was so radical that it was widely spoken about and inspired many to follow their example.

##### Gospel

By rabbinical count, the Law consisted of some 613 commandments. The question as to which commandment was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two. Both are found in the Old Testament, the first in Deuteronomy 6:4, and the second in Leviticus 19:18. Jesus put the two

commandments together and thus emphasizing their essential relatedness. No rabbi had previously done this. And love, for Christians, became the identifying characteristic of their religion.

### **Solemnity of All Saints: Wednesday 1st November 2023**

The Solemnity of All Saints celebrates those who have committed themselves to Christ and striven to be like him. It includes all who are living and all who have gone before us with the sign of faith. At baptism, we commit ourselves to Christ and join a community that strives to follow Christ in all things. As we celebrate all those who are with God already, we receive hope that we too, by being faithful to our baptismal call, will one day join them in complete union with God.

### **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.

### **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](http://pact1.link/PS23donate) to donate and please Gift Aid your donation if you are able.

### **Right to Life**

**56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the Abortion Act**  
27<sup>th</sup> October 2023 marked 56 years since the Abortion Act received Royal Assent in 1967. Since then, a staggering 10,256,050 unborn babies have lost their lives to abortion across England, Wales and Scotland. Right To Life UK has published an article about this anniversary: [www.righttolife.org.uk/56years](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/56years)

We really appreciate your prayers and support for our work and would be very grateful if you continue to include us in your prayers:

*"As the Church commemorates the Feast Days of All Saints and All Souls this week, we ask Almighty God to specially care for all the babies who never had the chance to be born. Lord hear us."*

### **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 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 9pm. Contact Lisette: [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup>, 8pm – 9:30pm. Contact Lisette: [mflse@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk)

### **Coffee Morning**

Our coffee morning will be in the parish house after 9.30am Mass this Sunday (29<sup>th</sup> October). Do come for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat.

### **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: £212, Not Gift Aided: £337

**Mass Count:** Sat (57), Sun 09.30 (90), 11.00 (120)

Second Collection

**Last week: Missio: World Mission Sunday (£534)**

**This week: Prisoner's Sunday (Online 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](http://www.olspn.church)

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

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

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