

19th NOVEMBER 2023: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A)

Mass book: p155 1st Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6 Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 969
Gloria: 998

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 710
Communion: 989

Offertory: 608
Post-Communion: 938

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: 877



God-given talents

The Lord gives talents to each one of us, and asks us to use them in his name. We are not to relax our efforts; rather we are continually to do all in our power to work as children of the light. We are all called to be a blessing in the family of God.

You have been faithful in small things; come and join in your master's happiness.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of Holy Spirit.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 18 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Kathleen Johnson RIP (first anniversary)
Sun 19 09:30	✠ THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY (A) Patient understanding & compassion among all peoples Knights of St. Columba
11:00	
Mon 20 09:30	Birthday Blessings - Eamon Yoboue Rosary
Tue 21 09:30	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Lesley Jane RIP Rosary
Wed 22 09:30	Saint † Cecilia Birthday Blessings - Augustine Adesite Rosary
Thu 23 09:30	David Courtney RIP Rosary
Fri 24 09:30	Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc Holy Souls Exposition
Sat 25 09:30 18:30	Wedding anniversary (41 years) Mr & Mrs Iwekuba First Mass of Sunday Wellbeing - Metropolitan Police Catholic Guild Members
Sun 26 09:30 11:00	✠ OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A) Annie, William & Liz Doran RIP Theresa Hector RIP

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

This is a poem in praise of the ideal wife. Even though it implies that a woman's place is in the home, nevertheless, it is a noble tribute to womanhood. The woman is held up as a model of someone who uses her talents to live an industrious and virtuous life.

Second Reading

Paul had assured the Thessalonians of the certainty of Christ's coming. It seems the community had speculated as to exactly when that would happen. Paul tells them that he himself does not know that. All he can tell them is that it will happen unexpectedly. He impresses on them the need to be always ready lest they be caught unawares.

Gospel

Since the day of the Lord's coming is unknown, the disciples must remain watchful. The parable of the talents spells out what this watchfulness consists in: it consists in carrying out the Lord's instructions to the best of one's God-given ability.

The first two servants are congratulated and rewarded for their enterprise and fidelity. Though their

responsibility had been unequal, their reward is the same. What matters is not accomplishment, but wholehearted commitment? The third servant receives blame and condemnation because he has done nothing. Instead of blaming himself, the servant blames his master, calling him a "hard man". The parable therefore talks about man's response to God's gift. It gives a warning to the lazy and inactive disciple to shape up lest he lose everything.

Appeal for a person with accounting skills

Our Parish Treasurer David Simpson, who has served our parish very well for many years intends to step down at the end of the year. I am appealing to people with accounting skills to offer their time to serve our parish in this capacity. Any person interested should speak to Fr Regis.

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.

CAFOD World Gifts

CAFOD's World Gifts catalogues are at the back of the church. Please do take one. These are a wonderful way to share the hope and joy of Christmas with our global family, and make a unique gift this Christmas time.

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

We have all been shocked and saddened by the devastating conflict in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. CAFOD's local partners in Gaza and southern Israel are now [actively responding](#) and providing urgent humanitarian aid to those in need.

- We have sent £100,000 to our local partner, Catholic Relief Services (CRS) who are already supporting 10,000 families with cash vouchers. Families are using these to purchase essentials like food and water as well as mattresses and bedding from wholesale suppliers in Gaza.
- We have committed £50,000 to our local partner, Culture and Free Thought Association, who are sheltering 300 people in their centres in Gaza and are supporting them with cash assistance, food, water and offering counselling to those dealing with losing their loved ones, their homes and their livelihoods.
- We have released £10,000 to our local partner Sadaka Reut, working in southern Israel with local emergency support groups providing psychological support,

basic humanitarian assistance and building emotional resilience.

Please donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need.

Thank you for your prayers

Youth Sunday

Next weekend our second collection supports National Youth Sunday. This especially helps the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, but also beyond.

Children's Books Appeal

We would like to restart the practice of providing suitable religious books for young children to look at and enjoy during Mass.

This is an appeal to parishioners to donate books which can be left at the back of the church for children to choose from, when they come to Mass.

If each family brought just one book this would provide a large enough selection.

Thank you.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £163, Not Gift Aided: £353

Mass Count: Sat (55), Sun 09.30 (100), 11.00 (113)

Second Collection

Last week: Archbishop's Appeal (£339)

This week: None

Next Week: Youth Sunday (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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