# **NEWS** LETTER

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## 14th January 2024: Second Sunday (B)

Mass book: p127 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3: 3-10,19 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 6: 13-15, 17-20 Gospel: John 1: 35-42

11am MassEntrance: 872Gospel Accl.n: 820Offertory: 874 & 921Euch.c Prayer: 490HymnsGloria: 489Communion: 979Post-Communion: 940Recessional: 877



#### Here I am, Lord

We are called by Christ to follow him. When we respond to his call we become one with him in the Spirit and offer our lives to him as part of his Church. When he calls us, in whatever situation we find ourselves, we reply: "Here I am, since you called me.

They saw where he lived, and stayed with him.

## The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the Gift of Diversity in the Church

Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

	Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days	
Sat 13 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Blessings - Poppy, Aidan, Arthur and Baby, Congratulations	 
Sun 14 09.30 11.00	<b>▼ SECOND SUNDAY</b> (B)  Bridget Kelly RIP  Welfare - Margaret Fisher	<u>-</u>
Mon 15 09.30	Intention - Cherry family Rosary	
Tue 16 09.30	Alice Maristella Lesley RIP Rosary	
Wed 17 09.30	Saint Anthony Intention - Lynch family Rosary	
Thu 18 09.30	Intention - Walsh family Rosary	
Fri 19 09.30	Sr Agnes RIP Exposition	
Sat 20 09.30 18:30	Wellbeing - Anji Wasnioski First Mass of Sunday Bernadette Maher RIP	
Sun 21 09.30 11.00	<b>☆ THIRD SUNDAY</b> (B) Charlie Holdaway RIP Wellbeing - Clarie Espańol & Tito Baclagan	

#### **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: <a href="mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk">regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk</a>.

#### Sharing the Word

#### First Reading

Samuel is called to become a prophet. Samuel played an important role in the history of Israel. It was through Samuel that Israel got its first kings. The insistent word of God came through again and again until Elis was convinced that it was the Lord who called. The call of Samuel paves the way for the story of the call of the first disciples in the gospel.

# Second Reading

Paul is talking about the dignity of the body. He tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, and we must use them not for sin, but for the glory of God.

# Gospel

Here John the Baptist calls Jesus, the lamb of God, and Andrew calls him the Messiah. In this gospel we have the story of the call of the first disciples, Andrew, John and Peter. The call of Peter is highlighted because of the important role he played in he first community.

# Day of Formation for people in Special ministries at our Parish. Saturday 20 January, 9.30am to 12.30pm

Who is invited: All Readers, All the Special Ministers, Members of the Liturgy committee, Members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Members of the Parish Finance Committee, Members of the Choir and all the Welcomers. Thank you.

Our Archbishop invited us to reach out to our friends who do not attend mass anymore and to invite them to come back. We have carried out this instruction and we have called our friends to come back to their parish. Mass attendance on weekdays is very good. Please keep on doing this good work.

#### 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 them Holy Communion.

#### 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.

# Lucy Lovick's Dance School Show

Lucy Lovick's Dance School are holding their annual show at Langley Park boys school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm. Fr Regis, Steven and John went last year and it was an amazing event. If you would like tickets please contact Lucy on 0788 8657685 or hello@lucylovick.co.uk.

# First Holy Communion Programme 2023-24

We meet in the hall on Sun 21st January at 10am for, Chapter 6: The word of the Lord.

# Confirmation Programme 2023-24

We meet in the parish house on Sat 20<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm for, Session Five: The Church.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £150, Not Gift Aided: £452 Mass Count: Sat (62), Sun 09.30 (74), 11.00 (122)

Second Collection Last week: None

This week: Peace Sunday **Next Week: LEPRA Appeal** 

Donate

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Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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