

11th FEBRUARY 2024: SIXTH SUNDAY (B)

Mass book: p137 1st Reading: Leviticus 13: 1-2, 44-46 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10: 31 - 11: 1 Gospel: Mark 1: 40-45

11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 725
Gloria: 489

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 710
Communion: Hymn sheet

Offertory: 926 & 813
Post-Communion: 938

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: 849



Be Cured

Like the leper, we cry out to Christ, who alone can cure us of all troubles and weakness. He reaches out and touches us with his grace, telling us to be cured. We belong to Christ in the company of the saints, and are called to do everything for the glory of God. We are a people of joy because we know that Christ delivers us from our sins.

The leprosy left him at once and he was cured.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 10 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Bernie Maher RIP
Sun 11 09.30 11.00	✠ SIXTH SUNDAY (B) Doffou Nobert Ede RIP The homeless
Mon 12 09.30	Wellbeing - Ann O'Driscoll Rosary
Tue 13 09.30	John & Francis Hunt RIP Rosary
Wed 14 09.30 20:00	ASH WEDNESDAY Colin McAleavey-Dunne RIP Evening Mass Rosary
Thu 15 09.30	Lucy Kwetha RIP Rosary
Fri 16 09.30	J. Bieronska RIP Exposition
Sat 17 09.30 18:30	Healing & Deliverance - Ss Dacia H. & Celecia Jennings Williams, Br Desmond Jennings Williams, Sr Mazielyn Williams & Sr Patricia A. Simth Mendez & Sr Christina J. Maria First Mass of Sunday Boni Marie Sika RIP
Sun 18 09.30 11.00	✠ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Anne & James Kiernan RIP Lucy Kwetha RIP

Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter. Please send an email to: regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk.

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Bernard Bensted, Catherine McSweeney and Mavis Kelly

Sharing the Word

First Reading

This describes how lepers were treated in biblical times. Lepers were considered ritually unclean and were compelled to live apart from the community. Only when a leper had been pronounced cured and had undergone a purification rite, was he readmitted to the community.

Second Reading

St Paul urges us never to do anything offensive to anyone but to do everything for the glory of God.

Gospel

Jesus heals the man with leprosy. Jesus broke through all the religious and social taboos and reached out a loving and healing hand to the leper. Jesus shows us how a Christian community should deal with sinners and people society rejects. And a Christian is one who has been cleansed by Christ in baptism, and who ought to spread the good news.

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer service will be held this year at Perry Rise Baptist Church in Forest Hill at 11am on Friday 1 March. The service this year is prepared by Christian women in Palestine (before the present crisis there) and is being organised by Churches Together in Sydenham and Forest Hill.

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.

First Holy Communion Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the hall on Sun 25th February at 10am for, Chapter 8: Fruit of the vine.

Confirmation Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the parish house on Sat 24th February at 5pm for, Session Seven: The Sacraments.

Passing on the Faith

How do we start? How do we continue? What works well for children at different stages?

Four online sessions for parents starting Wednesday 28th February, 8pm – 9:30pm.

And for grandparents, focusing specifically on the conversations which can help to anchor faith, four online sessions starting Thursday 18th April, 7:30 – 9pm.

Email Lisette on: mflse@rcaos.org.uk

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 13th, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/ 10th/ 25th/ 40th/ 50th/ 60th+ wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than May 31, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Email us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Sydenham.

CAFOD - Lent Reflections



SCAN ME

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching and CAFOD would like to invite you to join them as we all seek to make space and time to draw closer to God and our global family through reflection and prayer this Lent.

This year, as part of their reflections on one of the readings of the day, CAFOD will be sharing the stories of people from a fishing community in Liberia, as well as a daily prayer and suggested action you might like to take. Join this journey by signing up for CAFOD's daily Lent emails: <http://bit.ly/3welq40>

SPUC White Flower Appeal 2024

We are holding a second collection for The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children this weekend. SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion policy. As well as ending the lives of precious babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GP's are concerned this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis. Thank you.

Mother's Day - Save the Date
Sunday 10th March

Celebrate mothers and the women in your lives, on style, on Mother's Day.

We are inviting all women in the parish to join us after the 11am Mass, in the hall, to launch the Catholic Women Praying Together group. We invite those who are serving within the parish and those who have served in the past. Those who are young and those who are young at heart. There will be a reception and guest speaker Auntie Joanna.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £143, Not Gift Aided: £339

Mass Count: Sat (52), Sun 09.30 (95), 11.00 (114)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: SPUC White Flower Appeal (Gift Aid via website)

Next Week: Sick & Retired Priests - Clergy Support Fund (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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