

25th FEBRUARY 2024: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Mass book: p155 1st Reading: Genesis 22: 1-2, 9-13, 15-18 2nd Reading: Romans 8: 31-34 Gospel: Mark 9: 2-10

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| 11am Mass Hymns | Entrance: 865 Gloria: 489 | Gospel Accl. ⁿ : 200 Communion: 846 | Offertory: 811 & 644 Post-Communion: 968 | Euch. ^c Prayer: 490 Recessional: 883 |
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God did not spare his own Son

Christ did not come to explain away suffering; he came to fulfil it. Like Abraham we are called to be prepared to sacrifice everything to God, and thus we find fulfilment. God will refuse us nothing now that Christ, risen from the dead, pleads our cause in heaven.

This is my Son, the Beloved.

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

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| Sat 24 18:30 | First Mass of Sunday Deceased Members of the Dean family |
| Sun 25 09:30 11:00 | ✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Jim & Val Taylor RIP Wellbeing - Hughie Loughnane |
| Mon 26 09:30 | Mary & Albert Gracey RIP Rosary |
| Tue 27 09:30 | Julian Gracey RIP Rosary |
| Wed 28 09:30 | Mathias Kalule RIP Rosary |
| Thu 29 09:30 | Birthday Blessing - Chichi Maduaka Rosary |
| Fri 01 09:30 | Saint David - Patron Saint of Wales Birthday Blessing - Pierre Marie Assemien Exposition |
| 10:30 19:00 | Funeral Mass - Catherine McSweeney Stations of the Cross |
| Sat 02 09:30 18:30 | Birthday Blessing - Anthonia Adesite First Mass of Sunday Deceased members of the Lloyd family |
| Sun 03 09:30 11:00 | ✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Wellbeing - Beatrice, Jimmy & family Mary Fedeles Nakirija 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:

Catherine McSweeney, Mavis Kelly, Trevor Estellita and Ronald Mendes.

Sharing the Word

First Reading - This was a test of Abraham's faith. Rarely if ever was a man asked to give greater proof of his faith and of his obedience. The story shows how complete was Abraham's faith in God and obedience to God. Abraham lived among the Canaanites who practised human sacrifice. But whatever the origin of the story, far from encouraging human sacrifice, it actually led to its abandonment.

Second Reading - Paul assures his converts that God is on the Christian's side. Jesus' sacrifice is eloquent proof of that: 'God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for all of us.'

Gospel - The transfiguration came at a crucial moment in Jesus' ministry. Like the story of Jesus' baptism, the transfiguration is an epiphany story. In both there is a voice, and the voice says the same words: 'This is my Son, the Beloved.' The cloud was a sign of the presence of God. Moses represents the law, Elijah the prophets. Jesus is seen as bringing the law and the prophets to fulfilment. The apostles were given the glimpse of the

glory of the risen Jesus. This experience on the mountain confirmed in the apostles the belief that Jesus was the Messiah and Son of God.

Anniversary of Caritas Southwark on 16 March 2024

You are warmly invited to join Caritas Archdiocese of Southwark in celebrating this Mass and the gathering afterwards in Amigo Hall. The gathering will be an opportunity to hear from Caritas Social Action Network, the national picture as well as from parishes, schools and partner groups in our diocese. Archbishop John Wilson will be the principal celebrant at the Mass while Raymond Friel, the CEO of Caritas Social Network England and Wales, will be the principal speaker.

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 10th March at 10am for, Chapter 9: Do this in memory of me.

Confirmation Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the parish house on Sat 9th March at 5pm for, Session Eight: Signs and rites. Effects. Who can receive.

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 Fast Day - Second Collection



This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good.

This week's second collection will collect the envelopes given to you last week, and will add to the CAFOD donation.

You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Thank you.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning in the parish house will be after 9.30am Mass on 3rd March. Do come for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat.

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 Aunty Joanna.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £514, Not Gift Aided: £259

Mass Count: Sat (57), Sun 09.30 (85), 11.00 (86)

Second Collection

Last week: Sick & Retired Priests - Clergy Support Fund (£566)

This week: CAFOD Lent Fast Day (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

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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