

3rd MARCH 2024: THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Mass book: p158 1st Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25 Gospel: John 2: 13-25

11am Mass
Hymns

Entrance: 466
Gloria: -

Gospel Accl.ⁿ: 200
Communion: 78

Offertory: 475
Post-Communion: 920

Euch.^c Prayer: 490
Recessional: 847



We preach a crucified Christ

Christ gave his life in love of his Father; in a way beyond human understanding, his death shows the wisdom of God. Christ rose again from the dead; the message of eternal life is contained in Christ's death and resurrection.

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 02 18:30	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
Mon 04 09.30	Birthday Blessings - Rita Nwegwi Rosary
Tue 05 09.30	Harry Campbell RIP Rosary
Wed 06 09.30	Wellbeing - Malgorzata & Maryja Rosary
Thu 07 09.30	Wladyslawa Kozakiewicz RIP Rosary
Fri 08 09.30	Frank & Bridie Mealey RIP Exposition
19:00	Stations of the Cross
Sat 09 09.30 18:30	Josephine Anthony RIP First Mass of Sunday Deceased member of the Lloyd family
Sun 10 09.30 11.00	✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B) Mother's Day Wellbeing - Bernadette Tighe Thanksgiving for Gwoa (M'Batto) community in London

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 the wellbeing of:

Bernadette Dowswell and Patrick Watts.

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Trevor Estellita, Ronald Mendes and Frank Mealey.

Sharing the Word

First Reading - Here we have one of the two versions of the Ten Commandments. The commandments were to be seen as a gift and not a burden. They are a map of life for a people that enjoy a special relationship with God. They have a timeless validity, but they must be understood in the light of Christ's teaching.

Second Reading - Paul proclaimed a crucified saviour, knowing full well that this would shock the Jews and scandalise the Greek world of his time. The fact that Jesus was crucified automatically disqualified him from being the Messiah in the eyes of the Jews, and was sheer madness in the eyes of the Greeks. But God accomplishes by foolishness what the greatest human wisdom cannot achieve. The cross therefore became a sign of God's, and a powerful expression of God's love for the world.

Gospel - In cleansing the temple, Jesus was protesting against the commercialisation of religion and the desecration of the Temple. His action was the kind that

had been predicted for the messianic age: 'There will be no more traders in the temple of Yahweh when that day comes' (Zechariah 14:21) Jesus was passing judgement on the Jewish system of worship. He was declaring that the whole temple worship, with its ritual and animal sacrifices, was irrelevant and could do nothing to bring people to God. He was replacing sacrificial worship with spiritual worship. He wanted the temple to become a house of prayer for all the nations.

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.

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.

Easter Flowers

It is customary in this parish to make donations for the flowers and decorations for the Church at Easter in memory of the 'Faithful Departed'.

The 09.30am Mass on Sunday 5th May is dedicated to them. Please mark your envelope "Easter Flowers", and write the name (s) of those being remembered in block capitals. Please post your envelope at the parish house.

**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. There will be a reception and guest speaker Aunty Joanna.

Job Opportunity

The Diocesan Education Service is recruiting for a Trust Relationship Officer to support the Catholic Academy Trusts in the Diocese. More information is available at <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/recruitment/>

Remembering Yesterday, Caring Today

This is a series of reminiscence sessions offered to people living with dementia and a supporter. This 8 week project starts on Wednesday 17th April at Venner Road Hall, Venner Road, Sydenham, SE26 5EQ.

For more information please see the leaflets at the back of church, the posters on our noticeboard, or contact Caroline: 0208 852 9293 or information.ryct.projects@gmail.com

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £137, Not Gift Aided: £475

Mass Count: Sat (64), Sun 09.30 (125), 11.00 (114)

Second Collection

Last week: CAFOD Lent Fast Day (£519)

This week: None

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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