

## 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024: FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Mass book: p166 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10 Gospel: John 3: 14-21

11am Mass  
Hymns

Entrance: 788  
Gloria: -

Gospel Accl.<sup>n</sup>: 200  
Communion: 811

Offertory: 750  
Post-Communion: 846

Euch.<sup>c</sup> Prayer: 490  
Recessional: 347



### The Lord is generous with his mercy

Jesus Christ is given to the world by God the Father so that those who believe in his name may be saved. He brings us new life because previously we were dead through sin but now we are saved through grace. We are God's work of art,

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

### 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 09 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Deceased member of the Lloyd family
Sun 10	✠ <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b> Mother's Day
09.30	Wellbeing - Bernadette Tighe
11.00	Thanksgiving for Gwoa (M'Batto) community in London
Mon 11 09.30	Martin Horgan RIP Rosary
Tue 12 09.30	Marion Flannery RIP Rosary
Wed 13 09.30	Birthday Blessing - Priscilla Assemien Rosary
Thu 14 09.30	Tom Bell RIP Rosary
Fri 15 09.30	Marie McCabe RIP Exposition
<b>19:00</b>	Stations of the Cross
Sat 16 09.30 18:30	Wellbeing - Philomena Anthony First Mass of Sunday Alan Mode RIP
Sun 17	✠ <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)</b>
09.30	Wellbeing - Annie, Fidelia, Zahiri Anderson
11.00	Thomas Healy RIP



We wish all Mother's a pleasant, peaceful and blessed 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.

### 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](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk).

### Please Pray for the wellbeing of:

Bernadette Dowswell and Patrick Watts.

### Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Ronald Mendes and Frank Mealey.

### Sharing the Word

**First Reading** - In this reading we see how God remained faithful to his people in spite of their infidelities. God's promises were not nullified by the sins of his people. It was because of their sins that God allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon. But his mercy is seen in their homecoming.

**Second Reading** - Here Paul talks about the unconditional love of God. What makes this love so extraordinary is the fact that God extended it to us when we were still dead through our sins. We owe our salvation, not to our own efforts, but to God's goodness to us in Christ.

**Gospel** - Jesus' dialogue with Nicodemus. Jesus says that the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert. "Lifted up" has a double significance. First it is the physical fact of being elevated on the cross, just as the bronze figure of a serpent was raised up by Moses.

Second, it is the spiritual elevation of Jesus by the Father, that glorification which was granted him through his death. Jesus has come into the world as the light. God does not condemn anyone, but we condemn ourselves by choosing to stay in the darkness rather than accepting the light.

### Thank You

Last Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, I celebrated my birthday. I would like to thank you all for your prayers and good wishes. I received many birthday cards and also many presents. I am deeply grateful for this great support.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> March at 10am for, Chapter 10: Body of Christ.

### Confirmation Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the parish house on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March at 5pm for, Session Nine: Confirmation: Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

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

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup>/ 40<sup>th</sup>/ 50<sup>th</sup>/ 60<sup>th</sup>+ 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](mailto:mflse@rcaos.org.uk). As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Sydenham.

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:information.ryct.projects@gmail.com)

### Gift Aid Boxes

For those who use gift aid boxes, please note the new set of boxes will be given out after Mass on the weekend's of 9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> March.

Last Week

**Offertory:** Gift Aided: £169, Not Gift Aided: £381

**Mass Count:** Sat (51), Sun 09.30 (118), 11.00 (80)

Second Collection

**Last week: None**

**This week: None**

**Next Week: Poor Parishes**

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](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order:** Email Treasurer for details.

**Cheque:** Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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