

31st MARCH 2024: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)

Mass book: p255 1st Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43 2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4 Gospel: John 20: 1-9

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| 11am Mass Hymns | Entrance: 267 Gloria: 489 | Gospel Accl. ⁿ : 268 & Hymn Sheet Communion: 283 | Offertory: 749 Post-Communion: 278 | Euch. ^c Prayer: 490 Recessional: 287 |
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Christ our hope is risen!

Christ dies to rise again so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we die with him, we will rise with him, and be living witnesses to the power of the resurrection.

He must rise from the dead.

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

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| Sat 30 | HOLY SATURDAY |
| 20:30 | THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT 90 th Birthday Blessing - Esther Bell |
| Sun 31 | ✠ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B) |
| 09.30 | St. Joseph Thanksgiving Mass |
| 11.00 | William Lally RIP |
| Mon 01 | |
| 09.30 | Regina Ehimen Okoh RIP Rosary |
| Tue 02 | |
| 09.30 | Birthday Blessings - Nkechi Maduaka Rosary |
| Wed 03 | |
| 09.30 | Wellbeing & Birthday Blessings - Philomena Pedlow Rosary |
| 12:00 | Funeral Mass - Ruby Gale RIP |
| Thu 04 | |
| | Birthday Thanksgiving - Mary Chilaka |
| Fri 05 | |
| 09.30 | Wellbeing - Teresa Strolla |
| Sat 06 | |
| 09.30 | Wellbeing - Teresa Strolla |
| 18:30 | First Mass of Sunday Michael & John Joe Calligy RIP |
| Sun 07 | ✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) |
| 09.30 | Sylvia & Penny Taylor RIP |
| 11.00 | Dorothy Sinclair RIP |

*I wish you all a
Happy and Blessed
Easter*

Fr Regis

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 or whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Mealey, Ruby Veronica Gale and Ben Ntiamoah.

Sharing the Word

First Reading - From now until Pentecost, the first reading is taken from Acts of the Apostles. Luke is showing the triumphal progress of the Gospel throughout the whole know world. Behind this progress is the power of the Holy Spirit. Today we listen to the sermon Peter gave in the house of the Roman centurion Cornelius. Peter gives a brief account of the ministry of Jesus, ending with the narrative of his death and resurrection. He stresses that he and his companions were witnesses to all this. Now they have been sent to

proclaim the risen Jesus to be Judge of the living and the dead. And all who believe in him will have their sins forgiven.

Second Reading - We Christians died and rose with Christ at the moment of our baptism. Therefore, we must seek the things of heaven rather than the things that belong to the earth. We must live, not by the world's standards, but model ourselves on Christ.

Gospel - Every element in this story is charged with symbolism. The darkness of the first day of the week evokes the darkness of Genesis 1. Jesus' death is a prelude to a new creation. The burial clothes, and especially their arrangement, are a sign that Mary Magdalene's interpretation of the empty tomb is not the correct one. Jesus has not been taken anywhere. Rather he has left the things of mortality behind him. The beloved disciple correctly interprets this sign. He realises what has happened, and he believes.

The Collection at the Easter Masses

Catholic Priests do not receive a salary in the way that ministers of other denominations do. The collections at the Christmas and Easter Masses are the only source of personal income for Priests. This is the system adopted in Catholic parishes in our Diocese.

Our offertory this weekend is for the Easter Offering, and if you wish to donate via cheque please make them payable to "RCAS Sydenham". If you are on the GIFT AID scheme please use your Gift Aid Easter Offering envelope. Thank you.

Management of Parish Finances

Some time last year, I announced that the Parish Treasurer, David Simpson was going to step down at the end of the year. David has served our parish as parish treasurer for over eleven years. I made an appeal then for anyone with accounting skills to come forward to take over this service from David. I did not get anyone. Faced with this situation, I have asked David to carry on in his role as Parish Treasurer. But to make his work easier I have asked the Parish Secretary, Steven Pearce to take care of the day to day financial transactions. David will then have an oversight of the financial reporting processes.

New Thurible

Our thurible, for incensing, broke down last year. We give a big thank you to the Adesite family for donating to the church a new solid and durable thurible.



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 21st April at 10am for, Chapter 11: To love and to serve.

Confirmation Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the parish house on Sat 20th April at 5pm for, Session Ten: Confirmation: Discipleship and Mission.

The Bethlehem Nativity Group

Is a missionary from Bethlehem, The Holy Land, who will be visiting us on the weekend 6th / 7th April to briefly talk about the Holy Land and sell religious articles made out of Olive Wood to help and support the poor Christian families.

Any help you could give to them will be greatly appreciated "when you help the poor you help our Lord". Thank you.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £161, Not Gift Aided: £440

Mass Count: Sat (55), Sun 09.30 (151), 11.00 (91)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: None

Next Week: Bethlehem Nativity Group - Holy Land (Non 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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