

25th AUGUST 2024: TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY (B)

Mass book: p123 1st Reading: Joshua 24: 1-2, 15-18 2nd Reading: Ephesians 5: 21-32 Gospel: John 6: 66-69

11am Hymns	Entrance: 824 Gloria: 998	Gospel Accl. ⁿ : <i>Taste & See (Psalm)</i> & 820 Communion: 832	Offertory: 604 & 600 Post-Communion: 837	Memorial Accl. ⁿ : <i>We proclaim...</i> Recessional: 960
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The message of eternal life

Jesus Christ lives in his Church, and in loving the Church we love him. However challenging the world may find Christ's teaching, we know that he has the message of eternal life, and there is no one else to whom we want to go. We show our love for Christ in our service of his Church.

Whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For Political Leaders

Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 24 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Mass
Sun 25 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY(B) Thanksgiving for Sr Gianni Marie Savidge of RSM Wellbeing - Irene Clark
Mon 26 09.30	<i>Bank Holiday</i> Mass Rosary
Tue 27 09.30	<i>Saint Monica</i> Birthday Thanksgiving - Michael Onyekwezu Rosary
Wed 28 09.30	<i>Saint Augustine</i> Yolly Sotaridona RIP Rosary
Thu 29 09.30	<i>The Passion of Saint † John the Baptist</i> Mass Rosary
Fri 30 09.30	<i>Saint Margaret Clitherow</i> Mr & Mrs O'Connor RIP Exposition
Sat 31 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Mass

Welcome Fr Melus Ezekia

We welcome Fr Melus from his parish in Zimbabwe. He will be celebrating Mass with us whilst Fr Regis is on holiday.

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:

Margaret Doherty, Fr Peter Mansfield, Kathleen Edkins, Pat Travers, Patrick Watts, Tony Rawsthorne, Elisabetta de Masi and Adam Taylor.

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Patrick and Maria Momah.

Sharing the Word

First Reading - This reading deals with the covenant renewal ceremony that took place shortly after the people had entered the promised land. Joshua called upon the people to make a choice, to serve the God of their fathers or to serve other gods. The people made a solemn declaration: "We will serve the Lord."

Second Reading - Paul uses the image of a marriage relationship to express the bond that exists between Christ and the Church. Love and reverence are the chief characteristics of this relationship.

Gospel - This marks the end of Jesus' teaching on the "bread of life". Jesus invites the people who had listened to him to make up their minds whether or not

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Sun 01 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY (B) Vernon Pedlow RIP Mass
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they are going to believe in him and follow him. Many desert him. Even though Jesus was sad that people were leaving him, he let them go. He was not interested in having great crowds following him. What was important for him was the authenticity and the sincerity of those who remained with him.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion 2025

Application forms for Confirmation and First Holy Communion are now available. You will find the forms in a black folder which is on the table which is at the back of the church.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion 2024

Photographs from these celebrations are now available. Please see Fr Regis, or call in at the parish office when the secretary is available.

Sick & 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.

Parish Retreat



We have organised a one day parish retreat to Worth Abbey in Crawley, West Sussex on Friday 20th September 2024, <https://worthabbey.net/visiting/retreats/>, for up to 30 people.

There are application forms on the table at the back of the church. Please complete a form and either hand it to Fr Regis, or hand in at the parish house.

Please do register your interest as soon as possible as there are only 21 places left.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London

We are holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm.

The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus.

All welcome.

Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.
Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria .

Fr Regis' Farewell Celebration

There will be a reception in our church hall on Sunday 29th September after 11am Mass, to celebrate Fr Regis' time with us, and to wish him well in his new parish.

We will organise a 'bring & share' with a board going up outside church for those contributing to indicate what they would like to bring.

Divine Mercy Music

Martina Keany a Catholic Singer Songwriter from the West of Ireland living in West London will be in our Church this weekend promoting her Novena Prayers and Catholic music CDs.

The CDs are £10 each and Martina will leave a donation to the Church. If you don't have a CD player, you can download mp3 files of her albums from her website at www.divinemergymusic.com.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £145 Not Gift Aided: £304

Mass Count: Sat (35), Sun 09.30 (107), 11.00 (70)

Second Collection

Last week: Poor of the Parish (£322)

This week: None

Next Week: Catholic Education Service (Gift Aid)

Donate

Gift Aid: Tax payers, please sign up, using the white envelopes at the back of the church, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated.

Card: Card Machine in Church Foyer or www.olspn.church

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

Contact

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