

8th SEPTEMBER 2024: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (B)

Mass book: p129 1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7 2nd Reading: James 2: 1-5 Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

11am Hymns	Entrance: 433 Gloria: 489	Gospel Accl. ⁿ : 820 Communion: 625	Offertory: 924 Post-Communion: 814	Memorial Accl. ⁿ : <i>We proclaim your death...</i> Recessional: 877
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Christ opens out ears and lips

The power of Christ helps us to understand the Gospel and to speak its message to others. Even though in the world's eyes we may be insignificant, nevertheless the Lord has chosen us to be heirs to his kingdom. We do not need to be afraid. Our God is always faithful to his promises.

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the Cry of the Earth

Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 07 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Mass
Sun 08 09:30	✠ TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY (B) Journey mercies for Jean & Pauline and accompanying travellers. Mass
11:00	Mass
Mon 09 09:30	Daniel & Ellen Sullivan RIP Rosary
Tue 10 09:30	Mass Rosary
Wed 11 09:30	Wellbeing - Dr Martin Lloyd Rosary
Thu 12 09:30	Mass Rosary
Fri 13 09:30	<i>Saint John Chrysostom</i> Mass Exposition
Sat 14 09:30 18:30	<i>The Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i> People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Mass
Sun 15 09:30 11:00	✠ TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (B) Thanksgiving for Jean Assemien & Family 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, Adam Taylor and Germani Vemalaragni.

Right to Life: "We pray for all women going through unexpected pregnancies, that they would experience peace and support at this time, and recognise the many blessings that motherhood brings."

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Patrick and Maria Momah.

Sharing the Word

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them.

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (mogilalon =

“speech impediment”) that’s only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today’s Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the “dumb” singing.

The crowd recognizes Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today’s First Reading: “Here is your God.”

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh. What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation. As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today’s Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today’s Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him. Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, “Here is our God, He comes to save us.” Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love 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.

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



Our one-day parish retreat to Worth Abbey is on Friday 20th September 2024. Application forms are on the table at the back of the church. Please complete a form and hand in at the parish house. Please register as soon as possible as there are only 21 places left.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

The next Rota is now available in the porch for those who have not received it via email.

Let's get together for a picnic!

Family Picnic in the Park!

Saturday 7th September in Horniman Museum Gardens at 1:30pm.

You're all invited!

Second Collection

This week we will be welcoming Fr Sombu Thaddeus who will be making an Appeal on behalf of the Spiritans.

Second Collection next week

The Evangelii Gaudium (Home Mission) Sunday collection provides resources to support the spread of the gospel in our country, through the breadth of work undertaken via parish evangelisation.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £165 Not Gift Aided: £422

Mass Count: Sat (31), Sun 09.30 (114), 11.00 (94)

Second Collection

Last week: Catholic Education Service (£264)

This week: The Spiritans (Non Gift Aid)

Next Week: Home Mission (Non 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'

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