

15th SEPTEMBER 2024: TWENTY-FORTH SUNDAY (B)

Mass book: p132 1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9 2nd Reading: James 2: 14-18 Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35

11am Hymns	Entrance: 974 Gloria: 489	Gospel Accl. ⁿ : 820 Communion: 948	Offertory: 762 Post-Communion: <i>Hymn sheet</i>	Memorial Accl. ⁿ : <i>We proclaim your death...</i> Recessional: 719
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You are the Christ

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. To show his love for us, he suffered grievously and died for us upon a cross. If we want to find life, he tells us to be prepared to lose it. It is in the manner in which we accept suffering that we show our love for God.

You are the Christ. The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

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 14 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Mass
Sun 15 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY (B) Thanksgiving for Jean Assemien & Family Mass
Mon 16 09.30	<i>Saints † Cornelius and † Cyprian</i> Anuar Khan RIP Rosary
Tue 17 09.30	Mass Rosary
Wed 18 09.30	Michael Lynch RIP Rosary
Thu 19 09.30	Birthday Blessings - Marty Lowell Rosary
Fri 20 09.00 10.00	<i>Saint Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chŏng Ha-Sang and companions</i> Mass (No Benediction or Exposition) Parish Retreat to Worth Abbey
Sat 21 09.30 18:30	<i>Saint † Matthew</i> People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Mass
Sun 22 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (B) Mass Susan Feore RIP

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, Kathleen Edkins, Patrick Watts, Tony Rawsthorne, Adam Taylor and Germani Vemalaragni.

Right to Life: *"Yesterday, we commemorated the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Let us pray that generations yet to be born will experience the saving power of Christ."*

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

David Mancini, Patrick and Maria Momah.

Sharing the Word

In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is. Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David.

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls Himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions. But Jesus' kingship is not to be of

this world. And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives Himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love. Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord. We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel.

Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us until that day when we reach our destination and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

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 next Friday 20th September 2024, and the final itinerary for the day is on the church noticeboards.

Please note Mass will be at 9am on Friday.

Can all those attending the retreat please attend Mass, if possible, and arrive on time, as the coach will be leaving promptly at 10am.

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.

Second Collection

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.

Second Collection next week

This will be for Fr Regis' farewell collection.

For those wishing to make a donation to Fr Regis, outside of this collection, there is a white box at the back of the church.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £217 Not Gift Aided: £270

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

Second Collection

Last week: The Spiritans (£560)

This week: Home Mission (Non Gift Aid)

Next Week: Collection for Fr Regis' Farewell (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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