

## 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (B)

Mass book: p135      1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20      2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 3: 16 - 4: 3      Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37

11am Hymns      Entrance: 725      Gospel Accl.<sup>n</sup>: Sing Alleluia...      Offertory: 784 & 358 Below ↓      Memorial Accl.<sup>n</sup>: We proclaim your death...  
 Gloria: 489      Communion: 779      Post-Communion: 924      Recessional: 969



### Christ must die a shameful death

When Jesus explained to his followers that he must die a shameful death, they did not understand him. In the same way, we do not understand suffering, even though we are surrounded by it. When we accept and carry our cross, we discover a peace that the world cannot give.

The Son of Man will be delivered. If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself servant of all.

### 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 21 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Mary Hooban RIP
Sun 22 09:30	✠ <b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY (B)</b> Wellbeing & Birthday Blessings: Leela Nonis-Hewa Susan Feore RIP
Mon 23 09:30	Saint Pius of Pietrelcina [Padre Pio] Rev T. Sullivan RIP Rosary
Tue 24 09:30	Our Lady of Walsingham Kay Bird RIP Rosary
Wed 25 09:30	Intention of Christine & Dave Goodwin Rosary
Thu 26 09:30	Sheila O'Driscoll RIP Rosary
Fri 27 09:30	Saint Vincent de Paul Mass Exposition
Sat 28 09:30 18:30	People of the Parish First Mass of Sunday Mass
Sun 29 09:30 11:00	✠ <b>TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (B)</b> Birthday Blessing - Sylvia & Rueben Manoharan Birthday Blessing - Obinna Maduaka

#### Farewell Fr Melus Ezekia

"I would like to extend my sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the warm reception and for celebrating Holy Mass and Sacraments together. I will be going back to Zimbabwe on Friday 27<sup>th</sup>. I thank you all. God bless you."

Fr Melus

On behalf of Fr Regis, I would like to thank Fr Melus for all he has done for us whilst Fr Regis has been away. It has been a pleasure to have him visit us again. We pray he has a safe journey home.

#### 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:

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

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

David Mancini, Patrick and Maria Momah.

#### Sunday 11am Hymn: 358

Let there be love shared among us,  
 let there be love in our eyes,  
 may now your love sweep this nation,  
 cause us O Lord to arise.  
 Give us a fresh understanding  
 filled with your love that is real,  
 let there be love shared among us,  
 let there be love.

## Sharing the Word

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumbings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him. The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him . . .".

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers Himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him.

But the Apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's Passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God but as human beings. And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless — symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst.

This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to come among us. We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.

## 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.

## Fr Regis' Farewell Celebration

There will be a reception in our church hall on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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

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: £203 Not Gift Aided: £305

**Mass Count:** Sat (58), Sun 09.30 (95), 11.00 (98)

Second Collection

**Last week:** Home Mission (£298)

**This week:** Collection for Fr Regis' Farewell (Gift Aid)

**Next Week:** None

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

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

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

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