

29th SEPTEMBER 2024: TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (B)

Mass book: p138

1st Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29

2nd Reading: James 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-48

11am Hymns	Entrance: 458 Gloria: 998	Gospel Accl. ⁿ : 710 v2 Communion: 972	Offertory: 706 & 944 Post-Communion: <i>Hymn Sheet</i>	Memorial Accl. ⁿ : <i>We proclaim your death...</i> Recessional: 854
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Anyone who is not against Christ is for him

We often tend to be exclusive, thinking that God acts only through those we recognise as fellow believers. Yet there are many good people through whom the Holy Spirit works, even though they may not call themselves Christians. Rather than seeing this as a problem, we can see it as an encouragement to live out lives of faith to the full.

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

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 28 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Mass
Sun 29 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY (B) Birthday Blessing - Sylvia & Rueben Manoharan Birthday Blessing - Obinna Maduaka
Mon 30 09.30	<i>Saint Jerome</i> Pino Saraceno RIP Rosary
Tue 01 09.30	<i>Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i> Christine Goodwin RIP and her living family Rosary
Wed 02 09.30	<i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> Saverimuthu Bastiampillai Thurasingham RIP Rosary
Thu 03 09.30	Birthday Blessings - Elisabetta De Masi Rosary
Fri 04 09.30	<i>Saint Francis of Assisi</i> Birthday Blessings - Geraldine Hibbert Exposition
Sat 05 09.30 18:30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Intention of the Joyce family
Sun 06 09.30 11.00	✠ TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (B) Birthday Blessings & Wellbeing - Genevieve Abeyderra Birthday Blessings - Zachariah Maduaka

Farewell & Welcome

This week we give our gratitude and thankfulness to Fr Regis for his ministry and for the many things he has done for our parish during his time with us. Having been associated with our parish since Fr Peter's time, he will be greatly missed.

This week we welcome Fr Gregory Ackron as our new parish priest.

THANK YOU

"This week I will be leaving the parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri, to go to St Lawrence's Church in Sidcup. I would like to thank you all for giving me this great privilege to serve as Parish priest at this wonderful parish. Sydenham will remain a special parish for me because while I was here I lost my mother and the community helped me to recover from the grief I felt at the time. Please pray for me so that I will be able to serve the community at Sidcup with humility and love. I thank you again for the cards and the gifts you have given me."
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:

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

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Madeline Edwards, David Mancini, Patrick and Maria Momah.

Please also pray for **Eileen Maud Villiers RIP** who died on 1st April 2024. Many will remember Eileen from the choir managed by Joe Apicella. A Mass intention has been set for Sunday 27th October at 9.30am in remembrance.

Sharing the Word

First Reading: This tells of the institution of seventy elders who were to assist Moses in ruling the people of Israel. They were endowed with the spirit of leadership and prophecy that was given to Moses. Joshua resents the fact that the gift of prophecy is now given to many others besides Moses, but Moses himself welcomes it. The main point of the reading is that, God's choice is not a personal privilege to be guarded jealously, but a call to serve his people.

Second Reading: This contains a strong warning to the wealthy. It stresses two points. First, the ultimate worthlessness of wealth; whatever comfort it affords is transitory. Second, wealth is often obtained through exploitation of the weak, something that cries out to God for vengeance.

Gospel: The fact of casting out demons 'in the name of Jesus' shows that the exorcist recognized the power of Jesus. Therefore, he is not against Jesus and his disciples even if he has not joined them. The smallest act of kindness shown to a disciple on the ground of his connection with Christ will no fail to have its reward. Jesus utters a grim warning against anyone who would hurt the 'little ones' who have faith in him. The directions for dealing with temptation are not meant to be taken literally. They forcefully make the point that sin is to be avoided at all costs.

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.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day



Our second collection next week is for CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. "Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of the Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre.

Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope attached, scan the QR code with your phone, or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope."

SPECIAL PRAYERS for the SOULS of the FAITHFUL DEPARTED

You are invited to bring lists of departed loved ones whom we will remember at Masses throughout November. There is a yellow box on the table at the back of the Church to receive the names you wish remembered.

Parish Retreat



Fourteen parishioners attended our parish retreat to Worth Abbey last Friday. This was lead by Fr Melus and organised by Austin Arafiena, for whom we are truly thankful.

All enjoyed the day of peaceful reflection, contemplation and prayer amidst the beautiful facilities and grounds of Worth Abbey.

A time for one's self amidst the chaos of our daily routines.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £165 Not Gift Aided: £324

Mass Count: Sat (43), Sun 09.30 (105), 11.00 (105)

Second Collection

Last week: Collection for Fr Regis' Farewell (Thank You)

This week: None

Next Week: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (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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