

06th OCTOBER 2024: TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (B)

Mass book: p140 1st Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24 2nd Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-11 Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16

11am Hymns	Entrance: 475 Gloria: 489	Gospel Accl. ⁿ : 710 v3 Communion: 78	Offertory: 967 & 244b Post-Communion: <i>Hymn Sheet</i>	Memorial Accl. ⁿ : <i>We proclaim your death...</i> Recessional: 341
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Marriage is a sacred bond of unity

In marriage, a husband and wife form a unity, according to God's plan from the very beginning. A Christian marriage can be a witness to the world of the self-giving love of Christ.

What God has united, man must not divide.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For a Shared Mission

Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 05 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Intention of the Joyce family
Sun 06 09:30	✠ TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY (B) Birthday Blessings & Wellbeing - Genevieve Abeyderra
11:00	Birthday Blessings - Zachariah Maduaka
Mon 07 09:30	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i> Intention of the Lynch family Rosary
Tue 08 09:30	Ogun Isreal RIP Rosary
Wed 09 09:30	<i>Saint John Henry Newman</i> Mercy Fernando RIP Rosary
Thu 10 09:30	Birthday Blessings - Helen Hector Rosary
Fri 11 09:30	Mass Exposition
Sat 12 09:30 18:30	People of the Parish <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Mass
Sun 13 09:30 11:00	✠ TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY (B) For a Special Favour - Pat Nonis-Hewa Mass

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:

Nkechi Roberts, Margaret Doherty, Kathleen Edkins, Patrick Watts, 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

The first reading from Genesis talks about the institution of marriage and shows that monogamy was God's precept from the beginning. It also indicates that marriage is between a man and a woman.

The letter to the Hebrews sets out to strengthen the faith of his readers who have become lax in Christian life. It is a reminder that Our Lord came to show us how to live according to the Divine precepts in order to be brought to GLORY.

The Gospel reading deals with the issue of divorce. Our Lord's response confirms the Divine institution of

marriage as indicated in Genesis and adds that we must not divide what God has united. God intended marriage to be indissoluble.

We pray that we will be faithful to God and live at right relationship with one another.

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 Gregory know and he will take them Holy Communion.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day



Our second this 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."

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.

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.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning in the parish house will be after 9.30am Mass on 6th October. Do come for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat.

Archdiocese of Southwark 2024 Annual Assembly

This will be hosted by the Justice and Peace Commission on Saturday 12th October 2024 at St James the Great Catholic Church, Petts Wood BR5 1BJ. Preceded by Mass at 10.00am Principal Celebrant Bishop Emeritus Patrick Lynch. Registration 11am. Programme 11am to 4pm. Entitled: God Walks With His People: in search for a solution to poverty both home and overseas. Everyone welcome. Entrance is free. Lunch provided. Donations appreciated. Email: jpcontact@rcaos.org.uk to reserve your place and for catering purposes.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £288 Not Gift Aided: £298

Mass Count: Sat (43), Sun 09.30 (71), 11.00 (212)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day (Non-Gift Aid)

Next Week: PACT - Prisoner's Sunday (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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