

## 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2025: SIXTH SUNDAY (C)

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

9.30am	<b>Entrance:</b> 920	<b>Offertory:</b> 302 v1-4	<b>Post-Communion:</b> 908 v1, 2 & 4	<b>Recessional:</b> 803 v1, 4-7
11am	<b>Entrance:</b> 821 <b>Gloria:</b> 998	<b>Gospel Accl.:</b> 820 <b>Communion:</b> 302	<b>Offertory:</b> 959 & 909 <b>Post-Communion:</b> 908	<b>Memorial Accl.:</b> <i>We proclaim..</i> <b>Recessional:</b> 847



### Blessed are those who trust in the Lord

We can place all our hope in the resurrection of Christ. Christ is risen from the dead and is the source of our happiness. Even those who know poverty and suffering in this life are blessed by him. In Christ we can put our trust and ask for nothing more.

Blessed are you who are poor. Woe to you who are rich.

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

### Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 15	
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Wellbeing - Bridie Horgan</b>
Sun 16	✠ <b>SIXTH SUNDAY (C)</b>
09.30	<b>Mass</b>
11.00	<b>Michael Calligy (20th Anniversary) &amp; John Joe Calligy RIP</b>
Mon 17	
09.30	<b>Dennis Hitchcock RIP</b> Rosary
Tue 18	
09.30	<b>Boni Marie Sikh RIP</b> Rosary
Wed 19	
09.30	<b>Anton Roche RIP</b> Rosary
Thu 20	
09.30	<b>David Courtney RIP</b> Rosary
Fri 21	
09.30	<b>Mass</b> Exposition
Sat 22	<i>The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle</i>
09.30	<b>People of the Parish</b>
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i>
Sun 23	✠ <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY (C)</b>
09.30	<b>Mass</b>
11.00	<b>Dorothy Sinclair RIP</b>

### Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter. Please send an email to: [gregoryackron@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:gregoryackron@rcaos.org.uk).

**Please Pray for the wellbeing of:** Geoff Brady, Margaret Healy, Henry & Philomena Hutcheon, Nkechi Roberts, Margaret Doherty, Kathleen Edkins and Germani Vemalaragni.

**Please Pray for those who have died recently:** Margaret Fokuo-Boampong, Elaine Duncan, Patrick Watts, Beth Neavyn, Adam Taylor.

### Racial Justice Sunday

This Sunday our second collection will be to support the work of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice who promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society.

### Clergy Support Fund

Next Sunday our second collection enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for clergy in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, his Church and his people. Donations ensure a dignified retirement for all of our priests.

### 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.

### A Year of Hope

An Introduction to the Jubilee Year with CAFOD  
2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean?  
Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee).

### First Holy Communion 2025

Our next meeting is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025 at 10am.

### Confirmation 2025

Our next meeting is Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 at 5pm.

### The Romero Rosary

Archbishop John Wilson has written a new book entitled The Romero Rosary. With introductory chapters about St Oscar Romero and the rosary, this beautiful and creative new book contains reflections on the traditional mysteries of the rosary (Joy, Light, Sorrow & Glory) and the NEW Romero Mysteries (Charity, Compassion and Mercy, & Justice and Peace) - all illumined for reflection and prayer by the words of St Oscar Romero. The book is available from Pauline Bookshops and online at [www.paulineuk.org](http://www.paulineuk.org). The Archbishops warmly invites everyone to the book launch on Wednesday 12 February 2025 at 6.00 for 6.30pm at Amigo Hall, adjacent St George's Cathedral, Southwark, South London. SE1 7HY.

### Southwark Catholic Youth Service

#### Saturday Retreats (age 13-17)

Our retreats are an opportunity to develop a knowledge and love of Christ, and to build friendships through formation, prayer and fellowship.

Please visit: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/event-booking/> to book the youth retreats.

Please visit: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/southwark-catholic-youth-service/> for more details on our range of Youth Services.

### A Day With Mary

A Day with Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www.adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

### Personal Assistant Required

An 18-30 year old female personal assistant is needed for our mild special needs & mildly autistic daughter (a friendly young adult) in our family home in Catford: Tuesdays and some other occasional weekdays 11.00am - 5.00pm (flexible days/hours to be agreed). Rate of pay £12.90/hour. Ability to engage and support, mainly desktop activities. Will need a DBS (or to apply for one). We would love to hear from you. Phone Jytte Mon-Sat 12.00 noon till evening 07944 711 594.

### Knock Pilgrimages

Please see the poster on the noticeboard in the foyer regarding an Escorted Tour, this Jubilee Year, to Westport, Knock and Co. Mayo.

Last Week

**Offertory:** Gift Aided: £176 Not Gift Aided: £367

**Mass Count:** Sat (52), Sun 09.30 (88), 11.00 (79)

Second Collection

**Last week:** None

**This week:** Racial Justice Sunday (Non Gift Aid)

**Next Week:** Clergy Support Fund (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](http://www.olspn.church)

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

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

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Catholic Club: 07930 889632

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

### COLLECT

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

*Amen*

### FIRST READING – A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (17: 5-8)

Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

'Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 39

#### R. Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.

1. Blessed indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the path with sinners,  
nor abides in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the LORD,  
and who ponders his law day and night.
2. He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season,  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper.
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they, like winnowed chaff,  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

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### SECOND READING – A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (15: 12, 16-20)

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and

you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

### ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

### GOSPEL – A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (6: 17, 20-26)

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, so that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*