

17th August 2025: © 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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9.30am Entrance: 883, Offertory: L608, Post-Communion: L663, Recessional: L 356.

11.0am Gathering:830, Entrance:720, Gloria: 998, Gospel Acc:710, Offertory:955/ ,Memorial Accl.ⁿ We proclaim your death
Oh Lord, Rite of Peace: Peace is flowing, Communion 662, Post communion: 708 , FINAL 942.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

SAT 16th -

9.30 Mass: Greta Murray Wellbeing

18:30 First : Kaysia Gordon RIP

SUN 17th 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

09.30 Mass: Thomas P. Keogh RIP

11.00 Mass: Pat Sheppee

MON 18th -

09.30 Mass:

10.00 Rosary

TUES 19th -

09.30 Mass: Yolly Sotaridona RIP

10:00 Rosary

WED 20th - Saint Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

09.30 Mass: Sally Kennedy - Welfare

10:00 Rosary

THURS 21st - Saint Pius X, Pope

09.30 Mass: Sonia Apeh - wellbeing, God's love & mercy

10:00 Rosary

Fri 22nd -The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.30 Mass: Dawn James - Success in new job

10:00 Divine Mercy & Benediction

SAT 23rd -

9.30 Mass:

18:30 Mass: First Mass of Sunday 21st in Ordinary Time -

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.

Please Pray for the wellbeing of:

Ann Baker, Henry & Philomena Hutcheon, Nkechi Roberts, Margaret Doherty, Kathleen Edkins, Germani Vemalaragni, Steven Pearce, Carol Bonehill and Kamila Silke, Fr Luke Marappillil. Elizabeth De Masi, Matilda Ogutu, Etelvina Rodrigues.

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Francis Ighodard Okoh, Margaret Healy, Thomasina French, Rose Green, Margaret Fokuo-Boampong, Elaine Duncan, Patrick Watts, Beth Neavyn, Adam Taylor, Ben Ntiamoah, Fr Michael Kouadjo (Pauline's brother), James (Jim) Darmody, Ann Manly-Rollings, Giorgina Mabea, Albert James McElroy

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.

Confirmation 2025

Our Next meeting for rehearsal is on Saturday 06th September at 17.00pm

Candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, 12th of September at 19:00pm

Catholic Women Praying Together (CWPT)

Join **CWPT Group** at **Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Church** every 4th. Sunday the of the Month after 11.00 Mass.

Dates are as follows:

August 24th - to be confirmed September 28th
October 26th November 23rd December (No meeting)

Catholic Institute Training and Workshops

Every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our school, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For information on how to register your free account visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

Sydenham Catholic Social Club

Just nearby in Watlington Grove - 2 minutes walk.
Available for hire at weekends, during the week for celebrations, funerals, any special occasions or business use. Call Mags on 07930 8899632

The Club opens for drinks and socialising with friends at weekends. Come and join us on Fridays at 7-11pm, Saturdays 4pm to 12.00am (live music) and Sundays 12.00 noon - 11pm

Our Lady And St. Philip Neri Nursery is starting in September 2025. Places are available for:

Full Time Hours 8:45am - 3:30pm

Part Time Mornings 8:45am - 11:45pm

Part Time Afternoons 12:30pm - 3:30pm

Check to see if you are eligible at www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare

To visit the school, please contact the school office on **02087784386** or send an email to **Admin@olspn.co.uk**

Employment Opportunity at SPUC

Join the Pro-Life Mission—SPUC Education Officer (England).

The SPUC is hiring a full-time Education Officer, based in London with travel across England. Help bring the Pro-life message to Schools and communities through engaging talks and outreach. A passion for life and youth engagement essential.

To apply or find out more, visit spuc.org.uk/joinourteam

Day of Retreat for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in Archdiocese of Southwark

To be held Saturday 18 October in St Stephen's Church, Welling and 25th October at Bishop Grant School in Streatham

Deadline for registration Mon 29 Sept at: evsouth@rcaos.org.uk. Notice in church porch

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers: The new Rota is now available in the church porch for those who have not received it via email.

CHURCH FAIR and FUN DAY RAFFLE TICKETS

Have you taken your Raffle Tickets yet? £1 per ticket, £5 per book. You can buy them yourselves or sell them to friends and family.. Money and counterfoils to be returned the first week in September. Please support your parish. Thank you.

OLSPN CHURCH FAIR AND FUN DAY

Date: 20th. September, 2025. Come one, come all. The Parish Raffle will be drawn with a first prize of £500! Plus lots of other prizes.

Items needed for the Annual Fair: Bottles, (full ones please) : champagne to Ketchup! Plus other items:

Unwanted gifts, Toys & Games, Jewellery
Bric-a-brac, Perfumes , Household Items etc

PLEASE LEAVE ALL DONATIONS IN THE BOXES PLACED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CHURCH.

Mass Count: Sat 6.30: 40,

Sun 09.30: 82, 11.00: 83

Offertory:

Gift Aided: £165, Not Gift Aided: £321

Second Collection: £ 0.00 Gift Aided
None

Standing Orders Gift Aid Av week £450

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Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: **Parish Development Fund (Gift Aided)**

Next week:

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

David Simpson

Treasurer:

sydenhamtreasurer@rcaos.org.uk

Steven Pearce

Secretary: Mon (9^{am}-3^{pm}), Wed, Thur,
Fri (9^{am}-12^{noon})

sydenham@rcaos.org.uk

Margaret Doherty Catholic Club: 07930 88 9632

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

COLLECT

O God, who have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. 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 – Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

In those days: The officials said to the king, 'Let this man, Jeremiah, be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.' King Zedekiah said, 'Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.' So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

Ebed-melech went from the king's house and said to the king, 'My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.' Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, 'Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 39

R. LORD, make haste to help me!

1. I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me.
He heard my cry. R.
2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock,
made my footsteps firm. R.
3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the LORD. R.
4. Wretched and poor though I am,
the Lord is mindful of me.
You are my rescuer, my help;
O my God, do not delay. R.

SECOND READING – Hebrews 12:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or faint-hearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL – Luke 12:49-53

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on in one house there will be five divided: three against two and two against three. They will be divided, father against son and son against father; mother against daughter and daughter against mother; mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen