

24th August 2025: © 21TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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9.30am Entrance: L466, Offertory: L609, Post-Communion: L846, Recessional: L644 .

11.0am Gathering:475, Entrance:458, Kyrie:936, Gloria: 489, Gospel Acc:820, Offertory:881/832, Memorial Accl.ⁿ We proclaim your death Oh Lord, Rite of Peace: Peace is flowing, Communion 623, Post communion: 775 , FINA:880.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

SAT 23rd -

9.30 Mass: Josophine Oluwadamilare -Thanks given

18:30 First Mass of Sunday:

SUN 24th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

09.30 Mass: FR Michel Kouadjo RIP & comfort of the family

11.00 Mass:

12.30 Baptism - Rayne Yakira Grace Boampong

MON 25th -

09.30 Mass: Jim Burrows RIP

10.00 Rosary

TUES 26th -

09.30 Mass: 72nd Wedding Anniversary of Sylvia & George Lackey

10:00 Rosary

WED 27th - Saint Monica Memorial

09.30 Mass:

10:00 Rosary

THURS 28th - Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church. Memorial

09.30 Mass: Geoff Brady -Well being

10:00 Rosary

Fri 29th-The Passion of Saint John, the Baptist Memorial

09.30 Mass: Special intention

10:00 Divine Mercy & Benediction

SAT 30th - Saint Margaret Clitherow Martyr

9.30 Mass:

18:30 Mass: First Mass of Sunday 22nd in Ordinary Time

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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, Kamila Silke, Fr Luke Marappillil. Elizabeth De Masi, Matilda Ogutu, Etelvina Rodrigues, Tony Rawsthorne.

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. Philp Neri Church** every 4th Sunday of the Month, after 11 am Mass. See you all there.

Dates are as follows:

August 24th 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 Lectors & 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.

Offertory: Gift Aided: £139, Not Gift Aided: £283
Second Collection: £ 147 Gift Aided
Second Collection: £218 Not Gift Aided
Standing Orders Gift Aid Av week £450

Mass Count: Sat 6.30: 36,
Sun 09.30: 90, 11.00: 84

Second Collection

Last week: Parish Development Fund (Gift Aided)

This week:

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 ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

COLLECT

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 – Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the LORD:

‘For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,’ says the LORD, ‘just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,’ says the LORD.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 116

R. Go into all the world and proclaim the good news

1. O praise the LORD, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples! **R.**
2. For his mercy has prevailed over us;
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING – Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? ‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.’ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL – Luke 13:22-30

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, ‘Lord, will those who are saved be few?’ And he said to them, ‘Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, “Lord, open to us”, then he will answer you, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will begin to say, “We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.” But he will say, “I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!” In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.’

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen