

7th September 2025: © 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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9.30am Entrance: L807, **Offertory:** L609, **Post-Communion:** L662, **Recessional:** L721.

11.0am Gathering:910 Entrance:673, Kyrie:936, Gloria: 489, Gospel Acc:820, Offertory:871/600, Memorial Accl:493ⁿ Save us Saviour, Rite of Peace: Peace is flowing, Communion:965, Post communion: 969, FINA:877.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

SAT 6th-

9.30 Mass: Joseph and his son

18:30 First Mass of Sunday 23rd in Ordinary Time:

Mary McDonagh

RIP

SUN 7th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

09.30 Mass: Special Intention

11.00 Mass: Birthday Blessing -Doreen Joseph

12.00 Baptism - Lois Aimee Niabino Zoguehi

MON 8th - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.30 Mass: Daniel & Ellen Sullivan

RIP

10.00 Rosary

TUES 9th -

09.30 Mass:

10:00 Rosary

WED 10th -

09.30 Mass: Josephine Galea

RIP

10:00 Rosary

THURS 11th -

09.30 Mass:

10:00 Rosary

Fri 12th-

09.30 Mass: Bieronski& Stepniewski

Lee & Wells

RIP

RIP

10:00 Divine Mercy & Benediction

SAT 13th - Saint John Chrysostorn, Bishop and Doctor

9.30 Mass:

18:30 Mass: First Mass of Sunday 24th 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, Kamila Silke, Fr Luke Marappillil. Elizabeth De Masi, Matilda Ogutu, 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, Etelvina Rodrigues.

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:

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**

Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025, 21st -25th October Cost £399 Adult; £199 Children under 16's.

A Pilgrimage trip with a number of places left. Cost include return flight from Stansted half board accommodation, transport from/to Lourdes. £70 single supplement. Children under 16 go for £199. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, Dartford@rcaos.org.uk, Tel: 01322220075. Fr. Henry Mukasa will also be leading the pilgrimage.

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.

RAFFLE TICKETS - URGENT

ALL counterfoils and money - and any unsold tickets - MUST BE RETURNED THIS WEEK.

Thank you for your support

Offertory: Gift Aided: £200, Not Gift Aided: £367
Second Collection: £0.00
Standing Orders Gift Aid Av week £450

Mass Count: Sat 6.30:36
Sun 09.30: 102, 11.00: 84

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: Support Catholic Education

Next week: None

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

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

COLLECT

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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 – Wisdom 9:13-18b

What human being can learn the counsel of God? Or who can discern what the Lord wills? For the reasoning of mortals is worthless, and our designs are likely to fail, for a perishable body weighs down the soul, and this earthly tent burdens the mind full of thoughts. We can hardly guess at what is on earth, and what is at hand we find with labour; but who has traced out what is in the heavens? Who has learned your counsel, unless you have given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus the paths of those on earth were set right, and people were taught what pleases you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 89

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

1. You turn man back to dust,
and say, 'Return, O children of Adam.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
or like a watch in the night.
2. You sweep them away like a dream,
like grass which is fresh in the morning.
In the morning it sprouts and is fresh;
by evening it withers and fades.
3. Then teach us to number our days,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Turn back, O LORD! How long?
Show pity to your servants.
4. At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the LORD our God be upon us;
give success to the work of our hands.
O give success to the work of our hands.

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SECOND READING – Philemon 9b-10, 12-17

Beloved: I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. I am sending him back to you,

sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Let your face shine forth on your servant, and teach me your decrees. Alleluia.

GOSPEL – Luke 14:25-33

At that time: Great crowds accompanied Jesus, and he turned and said to them, 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, and wife and children, and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen