NEWS LETTER

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19th October 2025: © 29th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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9.30am Entrance: L706, Offertory: L604, Post-Communion: L929, Recessional: L356

11.0am

Gathering:969, Entrance:706, Kyrie:936, Gloria: 489, Gospel Acc:820, Offertory:881/944, Sanctus 576, Memorial Accl:ⁿ, When we eat this bread, Rite of Peace: Peace is flowing, Communion:,423, Post communion: 780, FINA:.356

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days SUN 19th: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - World mission Day		
MON 20 09.30	Oth - Mass: Tony Rawsthorne	RIP

TUES 21st-

10.00

09.30 Mass: Terry Morrish & Children RIP

10.00 Rosary

Rosery

WED 22nd -

09.30 Mass: Tom & Luzia Whitestone -Well Being

11:15 Mass:

THUS 23rd -

09.30 Mass: Zoila Noto -78th Birthday Blessing

10:00 Rosary

FRI 24th -

09.30 Mass: Gemin - Well Being

10:00 Rosary

SAT 25th -

09.30 Anthonia Ogun - Thanksgiving

18.30 Mass: First Mass of Sunday 30th in Ordinary

Time

SUN 26th - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 Mass: Maureen Mitchell RIP

11.00 Mass: Fr. Gregory's Intention

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,

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Francis Ighodard Okoh, Margaret Healy, Thomasina French, Rose Green, Fr Michael Kouadjo (Pauline's brother), James (Jim) Darmody, Ann Manly-Rollings, Giorgina Mabea, Albert James McElroy, Etelvina Rodrigues, Ann Maria Jalees, Sam Lowell, Tony Rawsthorne.

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 Com. munion.

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:

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

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

The new Rota is now available in the church porch for those who have not received one via email.

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

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

"Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteers - is this for you?

The chaplaincy at Lewisham Hospital is currently looking to recruit more volunteers to visit patients on the wards, and a training course is due to start in mid-October. If you are interested in knowing more, please email Rev Emmanuel at ekormi@nhs.net, or call the Chaplaincy on 020 8836 6831. Gwen Chiosso from St Stephen's parish in Welling has written an article about her experience at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich, which can be found here: http://

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 in which you can place the names of loved ones you wish to be remembered.

Coffee Morning

Every 1st Sunday of the Month after 9.30am Mass. Next on the **2nd November 2025**. See you all there.

Offertory: Gift Aided: £134, Not Gift Aided: £357

Second Collection: £0.00 Gift Aided Standing Orders Gift Aid Av week £450

Mass Count: Sat 6.30: 50

Sun 09.30: 100, 11.00: 110

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: World Mission (Missio) Not Gift Aided

Next week: None

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 Fover or

www.olspn.church

Standing Order: Email Treasurer for details.

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

Contact

David Simpson Treasurer:

sydenhamtreasurer@rcaos.org.uk

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Fri (9^{am}-12^{noon})

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Margaret Doherty Catholic Club: 07930 88 9632

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart.

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 - Exodus 17:8-13

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 120

R. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth .

- I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help?
 My help shall come from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.
- He will keep your foot from stumbling. Your guard will never slumber. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.
- The LORD your guard, the LORD your shade at your right hand.
 By day the sun shall not smite you, nor the moon in the night.
- The LORD will guard you from evil; he will guard your soul. The LORD will guard your going and coming, both now and for ever.

SECOND READING - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from

childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

GOSPEL - Luke 18:1-8

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming."

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen