

16th November 2025: © 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.30am Entrance: L762, **Offertory:** L603, **Post-Communion:** L535, **Recessional:** L721

11.0am Gathering:475, Entrance:984, Kyrie:488, Gloria: 489, Gospel Acc:710, Offertory:784/603, Sanctus 490, Memorial Accl:492ⁿ *WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD*, Communion:982, Post communion: 721, FINA: 768

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

SAT 15th-

09.30 Mass: C. J. Commins

18.30 Mass: First Mass of 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Kathleen Johnson RIP

SUN 16th- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 Mass: Fr Lawrence Bovington RIP

11.00 Mass: Biddy Gleeson RIP

12.30 Baptizin - Addai-Jones Afreya Adele

MON 17th-

09.30 Mass: Private Intention

10.00 Rosary

TUES 18th-

09.30 Mass: Josie Brury RIP

10.00 Rosary

WED 19th -

09.30 Mass: Deceased members of Kennedy family

10.00 Rosary

THUS 20th-

09.30 Mass: Rose Duah RIP

10:00 Rosary

FRI 21th- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.30 Mass: Lesley Jane RIP

10:00 Rosary

SAT 25th- Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr

09.30 Mass: Augustine Adesite-Birthday Blessings

18.30 Mass: First Mass of Christ the King -Solemnity
 Time: Samuel Lowell RIP

SUN 16th- Christ the King -Solemnity

9.30 Mass: Carina -well Being

11.00 Mass: Theresa Hector RIP

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, Irene Clark.

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, Adam Taylor.

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.

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:

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>

Dates & Events

14th December - Christmas festive feast after 11 am Mass

14th December- Christingle 3pm

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

“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.

MEETINGS FOR PARISH CATECHISTS

Friday 21st November - 7.30 p.m. Theme: The fundamental tasks of Catechesis. Join us in person at: House 38 Ryefield Road Upper Norwood London SE19 3QU

First Holy Communion

Parents meeting—Thursday 13th November at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

First Session—Sunday 16th November

Confirmation

First Session—Saturday 22nd November at 5.00pm in the Presbytery

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers meeting Friday 28 November at 7.30pm in the church.

At the Liturgy Committee meeting on Thursday, it was decided that it was time for Eucharistic Ministers and Readers to have a meeting to discuss how things are going. It will be on Friday 28 November at 7.30pm in the church. Please let Bernadette Mode know if you are able to attend. If you can't please feel free to send a question or comment to her so that she can bring it up. It will be great to see as many of you as possible.

Coffee Morning

Every 1st Sunday of the Month after 9.30am Mass.

Offertory:

Cash collections

Gift Aided: £139, Not Gift Aided: £459
Second Collection: £72.00 Gift Aided
Second Collection: £260.00 Not Gift Aided

Standing Orders Gift Aid Av week £433

Monthly Card Donations

Gift Aided: £133, Non Gift Aided: £174

Mass Count: Sat 6.30: 57
Sun 09.30: 89, 11.00: 103

Second Collection

Last week: Archbishop's Appeal - Gift Aided

This week: Catholic Youth Services - Gift Aided

Next week: Non

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

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

COLLECT

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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 – Malachi 4:1-2a

Behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 97

R. The LORD comes to judge the peoples with fairness.

1. Sing psalms to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of song.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn,
raise a shout before the King, the LORD. **R.**
2. Let the sea and all within it thunder;
the world, and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap their hands. **R.**
3. The hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the LORD, for he comes.
He comes to judge the earth. **R.**
4. He will judge the world with justice,
and the peoples with fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING – 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Brothers and Sisters: You know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labour we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Alleluia.

GOSPEL – Luke 21:5-19

At that time: While some were speaking of the Temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.' And they asked him, 'Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?' And he said, 'See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, "I am he!" and, "The time is at hand!" Do not go after them. And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.'

Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. This will be your opportunity to bear witness. Settle it, therefore in your minds, not to meditate beforehand how to answer, for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and sisters, and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Help Required

Dear friends and fellow parishioners, we will require help to prepare for and during the Christmas activity. The hall will be decorated and prepared on Saturday 13/12 evening (time to be confirmed) This can be fun activity with music and refreshment!!!

On Saturday 14/12 we need help to serve food and generally during the function.

There will also be the usual board outside the Church after masses asking for appropriate donations of food.

With your help this occasion will bring us together in the spirit of Christmas and help to continue building up this lovely parish.

Please write your names on the board, speak to me or email me on:
roberthero1@gmail.com

Celebration

A Christmas Feast

Let's enjoy Christmas with good friends, great food and festive cheer!

Sunday 14th December at 1 pm
Ticket only event: Adult (suggested donation £5. Children free-but need a ticket) food and drink included.

Tickets available after Mass or to reserve email:
roberthero1@hotmail.com