

4th JANUARY : © SECOND SUNDAY AFTYER THE NATIVITY**Mass book: P 111****Preface: II Page 66****Eucharistic Prayer: II Page 24****9.30am Hymns at the back of this Newsletter: Entrance: Offertory: Post-Communion: Recessional**

11.00am Hymns: Gathering 155, Entrance 167, Kyrie, 489 Glory to God, Gospel Acclamation, Offertory 170, Sanctus, O Come let us adore him, Communion 150, Post Communion 166, Final 325

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days**SAT 3rd****09.30 Mass:** The McCabe Family**10:00 Rosary****18.30 Mass: First Mass of Sunday 2nd After the Nativity: Bernadette Murray RIP****SUN 4th Second Sunday after the Nativity****9.30 Mass:** Chrysthan Wonis Hewa RIP, Emeka Maduaka - Birthday**11.00 Mass:** Memorial and Thanksgiving Mr & Mrs Fokuo Boampong RIP**MON 5th****09.30 Mass:** Samuel Lowell RIP**10.00 Rosary****TUES 6th THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD -****Holiday of Obligation****09.30 Mass:** Sarah, Joachim & Mary D' Souza RIP**10.00 Rosary****WED 7th****09.30 Mass:** People who have no family**10.00 Rosary****THUR 8th****9.30 Mass:** Margaret Izon**FRI 9th****09.30 Mass:** The Kennedy Family**10.00 Rosary****SAT 10th****09.30 Mass:** Sylvia & George Lackey - Well Being**10:00 Rosary****18.30 First Mass of Sunday THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
Kay Fitzgerald RIP**SUN 11th THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD****9.30 Mass:** Faithfull Departed - Christmas Flowers**11.00 Mass:** The Church Cleaning Team

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, Elizabeth De Masi, Matilda Ogutu, Irene Clark.

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Ann Manly-Rollings, Giorgina Mabea, Albert James McElroy, Etelvina Rodrigues, Ann Maria Jalees, Sam Lowell, Tony Rawsthorne, Adam Taylor, Iris Scott, Heather Browne

Sick & Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend Mass because of poor health, please inform Fr Gregory and he will take them Holy Communion.

Catholic Women Praying Together (CWPT)

Join **CWPT Group** at **Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Church** every 4th Sunday of the Month, after 11 am Mass. See you all there.

Christmas Flowers

Thank you to all those who contributed towards the cost of the flowers at Christmas. They are reminded that the 9.30 Mass on Sunday 11 January - The Baptism of the Lord - is dedicated to the names of the "faithful departed" that they submitted.

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 889632

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.

WOODEN LOGS

Do you need any logs this winter? There is a small supply of them in the front garden of the church. Please help yourself. First come first served!

GIFT AIDERS:

When you use Gift Aid envelopes for first, special and second collections, you must write your Gift Aid number on the envelope. There is a supply of envelopes at the back of the church.

If you have forgotten your number, please email the treasurer on sydenhamtreasurer@rcaos.org.uk

IF YOU ARE NOT A GIFT AIDER:

It is easy to become one. Just complete one of the envelopes at the back of the church and post through the church house letter box. This a way of helping the church at no extra cost to yourself. The church claims from the Government an extra 25p for every £1 you donate.

STANDING ORDERS

Do you give by Standing Order? If so, thank you very much. It helps to increase the income of the parish and saves a lot of work for the counters.

But, when did you last review the amount you donate?

Offertory:

Christmas Cash collections

Gift Aided: £2421, Not Gift Aided: £725
Second Collection: £.00 Gift Aided
Second Collection: £.00 Not Gift Aided
Standing Orders Gift Aid Av week £433

November Card Donations

Gift Aided: £181, Non Gift Aided: £154

Mass Count: Vigil Mass 6.30: 120, Midnight Mass 152
Christmas Morning Mass 10.30: 146
Sat 6.30: 34, Sunday 9.30: 60, 11.00: 100

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: Parish Development Fund

Next week:

Card: Card Machine in Church foyer or
www.olspn.church

Standing Order: Payable to RCAS Sydenham, Accnt no: 37298445, sort code 60-21-12

Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

Contact

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Steven Pearce	Secretary: currently on sick leave sydenham@rcaos.org.uk
Margaret Doherty	Catholic Club: 07930 88 9632

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, splendour of faithful souls, graciously be pleased to fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all peoples by the radiance of your light. 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 – Sirach 24:1-2, 8-12

Wisdom will praise herself and will boast in the midst of her people. In the assembly of the Most High she will open her mouth, and in the presence of his forces she will boast: 'Then the Creator of all things commanded me, and the one who created me gave my tent a resting place. And he said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob and in Israel receive your inheritance." From eternity, in the beginning, he created me, and for eternity I shall not cease to exist. In the holy tabernacle I ministered before him, and so I was established in Sion. In the beloved city likewise he gave me a resting place, and in Jerusalem was my dominion. So I took root in an honoured people, in the portion of the Lord, his inheritance.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 147

R. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.

1. O Jerusalem, glorify the LORD!
O Sion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates;
he has blessed your children within you.
2. He established peace on your borders;
he gives you your fill of finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth,
and swiftly runs his command.
3. He reveals his word to Jacob;
to Israel, his decrees and judgements.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his judgements

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SECOND READING – Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to you, O Christ, proclaimed among the nations. Glory to you, O Christ, believed in throughout the world. Alleluia.

GOSPEL - John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the Only Begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. John bore witness about him, and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me."

For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; the only begotten God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify, O Lord, the offerings we make on the Nativity of your Only Begotten Son, for by it you show us the way of truth and promise the life of the heavenly Kingdom. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

To all who would accept him, he gave the power to become children of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord our God, we humbly ask you, that, through the working of this mystery, our offences may be cleansed and our just desires fulfilled. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen