

11th JANUARY : THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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9.30am Hymns at the back of this Newsletter: Entrance: Offertory: Post-Communion: Recessional

11.00am Hymns: Gathering: All the Nations of the Earth, Entrance 1171, Kyrie, 489 Glory to God, Gospel Acclamation, Offertory 731, Sanctus, O Come let us adore him, Communion 407, Post Communion 940 Final 847

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

SAT 10th

09.30 Mass: Sylvia & George Lackey-Well Being

10:00 Rosary

18.30 Mass: First Mass of Sunday
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
Kay Fitzgerald RIP

SUN 11th THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9.30 Mass: Faithful Departed - Christmas Flowers

11.00 Mass: The Church Cleaning Team

14.00 Mass: Ghanaian Chaplaincy

MON 12th

09.30 Mass: Phyllis McGuinness RIP

10.00 Rosary

TUES 13th

09.30 Mass: Mark Wilkins RIP

10.00 Rosary

WED 14th

09.30 Mass: Heather Browne RIP

10.00 Rosary

THUR 15th

9.30 Mass: Bridie Hogan-Well Being

10.00 Rosary

FRI 16th

09.30 Mass: Alice Maristella Leslie RIP

10:00 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

SAT 17th

09.30 Mass:

10:00 Rosary

18.30 First Mass of Sunday SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
Ann Manly-Rollings RIP

SUN 18th SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 Mass: Heather Browne RIP

11.00 Mass:

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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, 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. Philp 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.

Lewisham Foodbank

Lewisham Foodbank urgently requires the following items: (no pork please), UHT milk (semi-skimmed or full fat only), non-dairy milk, long-life juice, cereal, canned tomatoes, canned sweetcorn, canned meat, halal canned meat, canned fish, canned fruit, canned rice pudding,

biscuits, instant coffee, rice, cooking oil, pasta sauce, vegetarian meals (non-perishable), toilet rolls, sanitary towels, (not tampons), nappies, baby wipes, washing-up liquid, and strong carrier bags.

The SVP ad the Knights of St Columba will be taking donations to Lewisham Foodbank on 2nd February 2026.
The last date for donations will be 1st February 2026.

Fidelis Prep Toddler Group

Fidelis College is hosting a free Fidelis Prep Toddler Group for children up to 4 years. The group runs on Thursday mornings from 10.15 - 11.45 and offers free play, simple activities, snack time, and a friendly space for parents to connect.

For more information or to book a space please contact Emily Bello at ebello@fidelis.org.uk or 020 8185 7770.

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 A TAX PAYER BUT NOT A GIFT AIDER:

It is very 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.

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.

WOOD LOGS: Still available from the front garden of the church; help yourselves.

Offertory:

Cash collections

Gift Aided: £172, Not Gift Aided: £606

Second Collection for Parish

Development Fund: £112 Gift Aid

£248 Not Gift Aid

Standing Orders Gift Aid Av week £433

Mass Count: Sat 6.30: 32,
Sun 9.30: 73, 11.00: 116

Second Collection

Last week: Parish Development Fund

This week: None

Next week: White Flower Appeal

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

David Simpson Treasurer:
sydenhamtreasurer@rcaos.org.uk

Steven Pearce Secretary: currently on sick leave
sydenham@rcaos.org.uk

Margaret Doherty Catholic Club: 07930 88 9632

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. 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 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD:

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.

‘I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 28

R. The LORD will bless his people with peace.

1. Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
bow down before the LORD, majestic in holiness. **R.**
2. The voice of the LORD upon the waters,
the LORD on the immensity of waters;
the voice of the LORD full of power;
the voice of the LORD full of splendour. **R.**
3. The God of glory thunders;
in his temple they all cry, ‘Glory!’
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits as king for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING – Acts 10:34-38

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all – you

yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: ‘This is my beloved Son; listen to him’. Alleluia.

GOSPEL – Matthew 3:13-17

At that time: Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptised by him. John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptised by you, and do you come to me?’ But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptised, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen