

18th JANUARY 2026: SECOND SUNDAY (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter.		
11am	Gathering: 293 Gloria: Glendalough Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy (Glendalough)	Entrance: 865 Gospel Accl. ^o : Sing Alleluia to the Lord Memorial Accl. ^o : We proclaim your death O Lord	Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison (Glendalough) Offertory: 762 Communion: 979

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For prayer with the Word of God.

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days		Prayer Requests
Sat 17 18:30	Saint Anthony <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Ann Manly-Rollings RIP	<p>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.</p> <p>Please Pray for the wellbeing of: Geoff Brady, Margaret 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, Denise Sullivan.</p> <p>Please Pray for those who have died recently: Margaret Ann Manly-Rollings, Giorgina Mabea, Albert James McElroy, Etelvina Rodrigues, Ann Maria Jalees, Sam Lowell, Tony Rawsthorne, Adam Taylor, Iris Scott, Heather Browne, Sally Kennedy.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 and the Knights of St Columba will be taking donations to Lewisham</p>
Sun 18 09.30 11.00	✠ SECOND SUNDAY (A) Heather Browne RIP Mass	
Mon 19 09.30	Mass Rosary	
Tue 20 09.30	Mass Rosary	
Wed 21 09.30	Saint † Agnes For the Kouadjo, Assemien & N'Doman families RIP Rosary	
Thu 22 09.30	Samuel Lowell RIP Rosary	
Fri 23 09.30	Fr Michael Kouadjo RIP Exposition	
Sat 24 09.30 18:30	Saint Francis de Sales Mass <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Birthday Blessings	
Sun 25 09.30 11.00	✠ THIRD SUNDAY (A) Heather Brown RIP Cecilia Aidoo Birthday Blessings	

Foodbank on 2nd February 2026. **The last date for donations will be 1st February 2026.**

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.

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.

White Flower Appeal

Since abortion was legalised, nearly **11 MILLION** lives have been lost, each one leaving pain and hurt for countless families.

Last year MP's voted to decriminalise abortion at any stage of pregnancy - so abortion would be legal up to birth.

This annual appeal is critical in raising funds to continue the campaign against abortion, and legally assisted suicide. It helps women, and their families, with advice and financial support - including those post-abortion. It also helps and supports with 'end of life' care.

As Pope Leo reminds:

"No-one is exempt from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person, especially the most frail and vulnerable, from the unborn to the elderly."

Thank you for your generosity.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £148 Not Gift Aided: £362

Standing Orders Gift Aid Av week December: £448 (was £433)

Card Offertory Collections Av Week December: £80

Mass Count: Sat (25) Sun 09.30 (76) 11.00 (114)

Second Collection

Last week: None

This week: White Flower Appeal

Next Week: Maintenance of St George's Cathedral

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: Working from Home
sydenham@rcaos.org.uk

Margaret Doherty Catholic Club: 07930 889632

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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 49:3, 5-6

The Lord said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’ And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him – for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength – he says: ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 39

R. Behold, I have come, Lord, to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
2. You delight not in sacrifice and offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin offering.
Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come.’
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:
‘I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.’
4. Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O LORD .

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called by the will of God to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that

is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. The Word became flesh and dwelt among us; to all who did receive him, he gave the authority to become children of God. Alleluia.

GOSPEL – John 1:29-34

At that time: John saw Jesus coming towards him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.” I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptising with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John bore witness: ‘I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptise with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptises with the Holy Spirit.” And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished.

R.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

R.

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

R.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

R.

Amen