

25th JANUARY 2026: THIRD SUNDAY (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter.		
11am	Gathering: 934 Gloria: Glendalough Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy (Glendalough) Post-Communion: 824	Entrance: 883 Gospel Accl.: Sing Alleluia to the Lord Memorial Accl.: We proclaim your death O Lord Final: 877	Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison (Glendalough) Offertory: 325 Communion: 866

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 24 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Ann Birthday Blessings	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: Geoff Brady, Margaret Ann Baker, Henry & Philomena Hutcheon, Nkechi Roberts, Kathleen Edkins, Germani Vemalaragni, Steven Pearce, Carol Bonehill, Kamila Silke, Elizabeth De Masi, Matilda Ogutu, Irene Clark, Denise Sullivan, Bridget Carberry. 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. 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. First Holy Communion Next session: 25th January 2026 Confirmation Next Session: 31 January 2026 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,
Sun 25 ✘ THIRD SUNDAY (A) 09.30 Heather Brown RIP 11.00 Cecilia Aidoo Birthday Blessings	
Mon 26 09.30 Tobias-Joseph Oluwasmilare Birthday Rosary	
Tue 27 09.30 Intentions of Cecilia Aidoo Rosary	
Wed 28 09.30 Sr Agnes RIP Rosary	
Thu 29 09.30 Those who have died recently Rosary	
Fri 30 09.30 Cancio Fernandes RIP Exposition	
Sat 31 09.30 Mass 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Bob Bailey Wellbeing	
Sun 01 ✘ FOURTH SUNDAY (A) 09.30 Heather Browne RIP 11.00 Mass	

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 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.

St George's Cathedral

St George's Cathedral, Southwark, is the mother church of the Diocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.

Answering the Call:

Become an Active Member of the Legion of Mary!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to deepen your faith and serve the Lord in our parish community? The Legion of Mary invites you to join us in our mission of evangelization and service under the banner of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

The Legion of Mary is a Catholic lay association dedicated to the glory of God through prayer and active apostolic work in union with Mary and the Church. Our members participate in the life of the parish through various spiritual and corporal works of mercy, striving to bring Christ to others and helping to sanctify their own lives in the process.

What does Active Membership involve?

Weekly Meetings: Attending a regular weekly meeting (called a praesidium meeting) where prayers are said, and reports and discussions take place.

Weekly Apostolic Work: Committing to at least two hours of assigned work each week in a spirit of faith and union with Mary. This work is always done in pairs.

Examples of our work:

Visiting the sick, housebound, and bereaved in their homes or hospitals.

Maintaining contact with those unable to attend church regularly and sharing the parish newsletter.

Promoting parish functions and devotions.

Assisting with other apostolic and missionary undertakings sponsored by the parish, under the guidance of our Spiritual Director.

Why join?

The Legion offers a proven method and motivation for holiness and provides a rule of life that can enrich your spiritual journey and help you grow in your love for Jesus through Mary. It's personally rewarding and a great help to our parish priest in reaching out to every family in our community.

Interested in learning more?

We welcome practicing Catholics who are animated by the desire to serve and are prepared to fulfil the duties of active membership.

Feel free to speak to members of the Legion of Mary after mass who are ready to provide more information.

Last Week

Offertory:	Gift Aided: £201	Not Gift Aided: £357
Standing Orders Gift Aid Av week December:	£448 (was £433)	
Card Offertory Collections Av Week December:	£80	
Mass Count:	Sat (37)	Sun 09.30 (80) 11.00 (92)

Second Collection

Last week:	White Flower Appeal
This week:	Maintenance of St George's Cathedral
Next Week:	

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

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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 9:1b-4

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 26

R. The LORD is my light and my salvation.

1. The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread?
2. There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to enquire at his temple.
3. I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD!

SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ

divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia.

GOSPEL – Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

R. Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

R.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen