

08th FEBRUARY 2026: FIFTH SUNDAY (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter.		
11am	Gathering: Hymn Sheet (172) Gloria: Glendalough Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy (Glendalough) Post-Communion: 888	Entrance: 821 Gospel Accl.: 820 Memorial Accl.: We proclaim your death O Lord Final: 652	Kyrie: Kyrie Eleison (Glendalough) Offertory: 873 Communion: 631

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days	Prayer Requests
Sat 07 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Denies Sullivan - Get Well	<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><u>Please Pray for the wellbeing of:</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Please Pray for those who have died recently:</u> 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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Sick & Housebound</u></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><u>Catholic Women Praying Together (CWPT)</u></p> <p>Join CWPT Group at Our Lady & St. Philp Neri Church every 4th Sunday of the Month, after 11am Mass. See you all there.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Sydenham Catholic Social Club</u></p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>
Sun 08 ✘ FIFTH SUNDAY (A) 09.30 Robert White RIP 11.00 Mass	
Mon 09 09.30 Rose Duah & Pauline Salmon RIP Rosary	
Tue 10 <i>Saint Scholastica</i> 09.30 Patrick Courtney RIP Rosary	
Wed 11 09.30 Biddy Gleeson RIP Rosary	
Thu 12 09.30 Adriana Micaleff - Well Being Rosary	
Fri 13 09.30 Bridget Carberry - Well Being Exposition	
Sat 14 <i>Saints Cyril and Methodius</i> 09.30 Mass 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Michael Calligy & John Joe Calligy RIP	
Sun 15 ✘ SIXTH SUNDAY (A) 09.30 Mass 11.00 Mass 12:30 Baptism - Rihan Rangunath	

New Parish Secretary

The Parish of Our Lady & St. Philip Neri is looking to recruit a part time Parish Secretary to assist in the administration of the parish community. The role is to provide comprehensive support to the Parish Priest in all administration matters within the Parish and will cover general correspondence, record keeping, financial and management work, coordination of parish activities and liaison with clergy, volunteers, external contacts, and the Diocesan Offices. Previous secretarial/administrative experience is essential.

This roll will require good knowledge of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Publisher and Outlook), IT and office equipment, excellent telephone skills, and a good understanding of the workings of a Catholic Parish.

Training will be available for diocesan systems.

Hours of work are negotiable. If you would like to apply for this position, please email a brief CV to gregoryackron@rcaos.org.uk by the closing date of 28th February 2026.

Please only apply for this job if you have current permission to work in the UK.

Parish Secretary

Steven Pearce, our Parish Secretary, has resigned. Steven has been off sick since March last year, but has continued to work from his home near Basingstoke. However, this was never going to be a long-term solution.

So it is with regret that we have accepted his resignation. His last working day will be Thursday 30th April. During this period Steven has undertaken to continue to carry out his present duties as well as working with us to find a replacement.

Steven has worked for the parish some 16 years and has covered a wide area of responsibilities with great skill. We will miss him and we keep him in our prayers.

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.

SDC Bible Study Meetings

Join us for our weekly SDC Bible group meetings on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. These are hybrid meetings so some join online on ZOOM while others meet in person at the SDC House at 38 Ryefield Road, Upper Norwood SE19 3QU. Meetings include reflections, readings and prayer. The main focus this year will be on the theme of the BIBLE TIMELINE.

To join us online go to the Zoom website at pwa.zoom.us/jc and enter the Zoom ID: 4454292726.

All are welcome.

For more information email us at sdcmeetings@gmail.com

Clergy Support Fund Second Collection

Next week we will be holding the Clergy Support Fund second collection. The Clergy Support Fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for priests in their retirement, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their lifetime of service and devotion to Christ, His Church and His People. As you leave Mass today you shall be offered a Clergy Support Fund envelope. A donation to this fund will ensure a dignified retirement for all of our priests. I kindly ask you to continue praying for our sick and elderly priests, and consider donating to this worthy fund. Thank you.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers

The new Rota is now available in the church porch for those who have not received one via email.

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £202 Not Gift Aided: £283

Mass Count: Sat (40) Sun 09.30 (78) 11.00 (95)

Second Collection

Last week: Racial Justice Sunday (£249)

This week: None

Next Week: Clergy Support Fund

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 come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

COLLECT

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 58:6-10

Thus says the Lord:

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.' If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 111**R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.**

1. A light rises in the darkness for the upright; he is generous, merciful, and righteous.
It goes well for the man who deals generously and lends, who conducts his affairs with justice .
2. He will never be moved;
for ever shall the upright be remembered.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart, he trusts in the LORD .
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear.
Open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His might shall be exalted in glory.

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SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

I, when I came to you, brothers and sisters, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL – Matthew 5:13-16

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

'You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen