

## 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026: SIXTH SUNDAY (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter.		
11am	<b>Gathering:</b> Hymn Sheet (529) <b>Gloria:</b> Glendalough <b>Sanctus:</b> Holy, Holy, Holy (Glendalough) <b>Post-Communion:</b> 795	<b>Entrance:</b> 872 <b>Gospel Accl.:</b> 820 <b>Memorial Accl.:</b> We proclaim your death O Lord <b>Final:</b> 849	<b>Kyrie:</b> Kyrie Eleison (Glendalough) <b>Offertory:</b> 874 <b>Communion:</b> 908

### 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 14	18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Michael Calligy &amp; John Joe Calligy RIP</b>	<p>If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter. Please send an email to: <a href="mailto:gregoryackron@rcaos.org.uk">gregoryackron@rcaos.org.uk</a>.</p> <p><b>Please Pray for the wellbeing of:</b>                      Geoff Brady, Margaret Ann Baker, Henry &amp; 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, Pat Travers.</p> <p><b>Please Pray for those who have died recently:</b>                      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><b>Sick &amp; Housebound</b>                      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><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>                      This Wednesday 18 February is Ash Wednesday - the beginning of Lent. There will be two Masses: 9.30am and 8.00pm.</p> <p><b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>                      During Lent and starting on Friday 20 February there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.00pm</p> <p><b>WALK WITH ME LENT 2026</b>                      These booklets are now on sale from the CTS stand</p>	
Sun 15	✠ <b>SIXTH SUNDAY (A)</b> 09.30 <b>Jean-Noel Sophola - Well Being</b> 11.00 <b>Mass</b>		
Mon 16	09.30 <b>Mass</b> Rosary		
Tue 17	09.30 <b>Mass</b> Rosary		
<b>THE SEASON OF LENT</b>			
Wed 18	<i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i> 09.30 <b>Mass</b> 20:00 <b>Evening Mass</b> Rosary		
Thu 19	09.30 <b>Mass</b> Rosary		
Fri 20	09.30 <b>Mass</b> 19:00 <b>Stations of the Cross</b> Exposition		
Sat 21	09.30 <b>Mass</b> 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Deceased member of the Dean family</b>		
Sun 22	✠ <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (A)</b> 09.30 <b>Samuel Lowell RIP</b> 11.00 <b>Mass</b>		

### Catholic Women Praying Together (CWPT)

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

### 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.

### 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](mailto:gregoryackron@rcaos.org.uk) by the closing date of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

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

### 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](mailto: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](https://pwa.zoom.us/jc) and enter the Zoom ID: 4454292726.

All are welcome.

For more information email us at [sdcmeetings@gmail.com](mailto:sdcmeetings@gmail.com)

### Clergy Support Fund Second Collection

This weekend 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.

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Last Week

<b>Offertory:</b>	Gift Aided: £150	Not Gift Aided: £256
<b>Mass Count:</b>	Sat (36)	Sun 09.30 (90) 11.00 (81)

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Second Collection

<b>Last week:</b>	Parish Development Fund (£279)
<b>This week:</b>	Clergy Support Fund
<b>Next Week:</b>	None

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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](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order:** Email Treasurer for details.

**Cheque:** Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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Contact

<b>David Simpson</b>	Treasurer: <a href="mailto:sydenhamtreasurer@rcaos.org.uk">sydenhamtreasurer@rcaos.org.uk</a>
<b>Steven Pearce</b>	Secretary: Working from Home <a href="mailto:sydenham@rcaos.org.uk">sydenham@rcaos.org.uk</a>
<b>Margaret Doherty</b>	Catholic Club: 07930 889632

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**COLLECT**

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling 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 – Sirach 15:15-20**

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 118**

**R. Blessed are those who walk in the law of the LORD!**

1. Blessed are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD!  
Blessed are those who keep his decrees!  
With all their hearts they seek him.

**R.**

2. You have laid down your precepts  
to be carefully kept.  
May my ways be firm  
in keeping your statutes.

**R.**

3. Deal bountifully with your servant,  
that I may live and keep your word.  
Open my eyes, that I may see  
the wonders of your law.

**R.**

4. LORD, teach me the way of your statutes,  
and I will keep them to the end.  
Grant me insight that I may keep your law,  
and observe it wholeheartedly.

**R.**

**SECOND READING – 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL – Matthew 5:17-37**

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, "You fool!" will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

'It was also said, "Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce." But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord .

*Amen*