

01st MARCH 2026: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter.		
11am	Gathering: 842 Gloria: Nil Gloria Sanctus: 576 Post-Communion: My God Loves me - Hymn Sheet	Entrance: 725 Gospel Accl. ⁿ : 200 Memorial Accl. ⁿ : Save us saviour Final: 854	Kyrie: Lord have mercy... Offertory: 762 Communion: 210

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 28	18:30	First Mass of Sunday Chichi Maduaka - Birthday Blessings
Sun 01	09.30	✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Pierre Marie N'Doman - Birthday Blessings
	11.00	Rita Nwigwe - Birthday Blessings
Mon 02	09.30	Mrs Anthonia Toyin Adesite - Birthday Blessings Ruth Boyd & Loyded - Safe Travel Rosary
Tue 03	09.30	Marian Da-Lima RIP Rosary
Wed 04	09.30	John Lockhart RIP Rosary
Thu 05	09.30	Alice Knott RIP Rosary
Fri 06	09.30	Amelia Stafford RIP Exposition
	19:00	Stations of the Cross
Sat 07	09.30	John & Francis Hunt RIP
	18:30	First Mass of Sunday Bridget Carberry - Well Being
Sun 08	09.30	✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (A) Josephine Anthony RIP
	11.00	Rose Greene RIP
	14:00	Ghanaian Chaplaincy Mass

Prayer Requests

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, Pat Travers.

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Margaret Healy, 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, John McSweeney, John Kennedy (Esther Bell's brother).

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7.00pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Lent there will be confessions before and after all Masses, except on Sunday.

WALK WITH ME LENT 2026

These booklets are now on sale from the CTS stand

Catholic Women Praying Together (CWPT)

Join CWPT Group at Our Lady & St. Philp Neri Church every 4th 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.

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

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection



This Lent, live out the Gospel call to love your neighbour. By fasting and giving what you save, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the

world grow food in difficult conditions - such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. Collect a CAFOD envelope to bless others with your support, donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/virtual-envelope>

or call 0303 303 3030. Text CAFODLENT to 70085 to donate £10.

A Day With Mary

Will be taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14 March 2026 (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www.adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

Last Week

Offertory:	Gift Aided: £164	Not Gift Aided: £378
Mass Count:	Sat (36)	Sun 09.30 (86) 11.00 (93)

Second Collection

Last week:	None
This week:	CAFOD Lent Fast Day
Next Week:	None

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

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Margaret Doherty	Catholic Club: 07930 889632

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

COLLECT

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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 – Genesis 12:1-4a

In those days: The LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 32

R. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

1. The word of the LORD is upright,
and all his works to be trusted.
The LORD loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth.
2. Yes, the LORD’s eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their soul from death,
to keep them alive in famine.
3. Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O LORD.

SECOND READING – 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the

appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father’s voice was heard: ‘This is my beloved Son, listen to him’. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

GOSPEL – Matthew 17:1-9

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, ‘Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.’ When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and have no fear.’ And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, ‘Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.’

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

R. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

R. This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen