

29th MARCH 2026: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter.		
11am	Gathering: 230 & 94 Gloria: Nil Gloria Offertory: 762 Communion: 237	Entrance: 229 Gospel Accl.: 200 Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour Sanctus: 576 Holy, Holy, Holy Post-Communion: 320	Kyrie: Kyrie Memorial Accl.: Save us Saviour Final: 722

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 Terry Mead RIP
Sun 29	09.30	✠ PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A) Tom Bell RIP
	11.00	Genevieve Abeydeera & Neil Thorne - Well Being Mary Jocelyn Philip (Anniversary RIP)
Mon 30	09.30	Tom Kavanagh RIP Rosary
Tue 31	09.30	Regina Ehimen Okoh RIP Rosary
Wed 01	09.30	Kofi Agyeman - Dkiommoh RIP Rosary
	11.00	Chrism Mass at St. George's Cathedral
Thu 02	11.30	MAUNDY THURSDAY Funeral Mass - Patricia Anne Wiggins
	20:00	Mass of the Lord's Supper Nkechi Robert - Birthday Blessings
THE EASTER TRIDUUM		
Fri 03	11.00	FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Stations of the Cross
	15:00	Good Friday Service Collection for the Holy Places of Palestine
Sat 04	HOLY SATURDAY	
THE SEASON OF EASTER		
	20:30	THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT Mary McCabe & Sandra Reekes - Well Being
Sun 05	✠ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A)	
	09.30	Kathleen Edkins RIP
	11.00	Deceased members of the Nonis, Hewa & Abeydeera families
The End of the Easter Triduum		

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, Germani Vemalaragni, Steven Pearce, Carol Bonehill, Kamila Silke, Elizabeth De Masi, Matilda Ogutu, Irene Clarke, Denise Sullivan, Bridget Carberry, Pat Travers, John Curran.

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Ann Maria Jalees, Sam Lowell, Tony Rawsthorne, Adam Taylor, Iris Scott, Heather Browne, Sally Kennedy, John McSweeney, John Kennedy (Esther Bell's brother), Kathleen Edkins.

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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

EASTER FLOWERS

It is customary in this parish to make donations for the flowers and decorations for the Church at Easter in memory of the "faithful departed". A mass will be said after Easter dedicated to them. (Continued on next page) Please mark your envelopes "Easter Flowers" and write the name (s) of those being remembered in block capitals. Please post your envelope at the parish house.

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

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

Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

I warmly invite you to join me on this year's SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 21 to 28 August 2026. A pilgrimage is a great opportunity to refresh and renew our relationship with the Lord Jesus, with the help of Our Lady's prayers.

Details for booking travel and accommodation can be found at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-ca/>

We also ask pilgrims to complete a form with details, including medical requirements (if any) at <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/join2026>

For more information, please contact Canon Edward Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) or Deacon John Fogarty (johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk) or myself, Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)

Church Toilets

Please **DO NOT** flush nappies, baby wipes, and ladies hygiene products down the toilet. Instead please place these items in the white bin. Thank you.

The only thing allowed is toilet paper. Anything else causes blockages which puts the toilets out of action.

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage July 11th, at St George's Cathedral

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as soon as possible, and no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, your home address, your parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop for the renewal of vows during Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact us at mflse@rcaos.org.uk. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

KEEP THE DATE FREE

SUNDAY 12 APRIL @ 1pm
EASTER CELEBRATION IN PARISH HALL
'POT LUCK LUNCH AND BBQ'

Last Week	Average Week Standing Orders £		
<i>Offertory:</i>	Gift Aided: £	Not Gift Aided: £	
<i>Mass Count:</i>	Sat (42)	Sun 09.30 (100)	11.00 (78)

Second Collection

<i>Last week:</i>	Poor Parishes
<i>This week:</i>	None
<i>Next Week:</i>	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

<i>David Simpson</i>	Treasurer: sydenhamtreasurer@rcaos.org.uk
<i>Steven Pearce</i>	Secretary: Working from Home sydenham@rcaos.org.uk
<i>Margaret Doherty</i>	Catholic Club: 07930 889632

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Six days before the Passover, when the Lord came into the city of Jerusalem, the children ran to meet him; in their hands they carried palm branches and with a loud voice cried out:

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!

O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! Who is this king of glory? He, the Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are you, who have come in your abundant mercy!.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, who as an example of humility for the human race to follow caused our Saviour to take flesh and submit to the Cross, graciously grant that we may heed his lesson of patient suffering and so merit a share in his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

FIRST READING - Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backwards. I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 21

R. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

1. All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
'He trusted in the LORD, let him save him;
let him release him, for in him he delights.'
2. For dogs have surrounded me;
a band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones.
3. They divide my clothing among them,
they cast lots for my robe.
But you, O LORD, do not stay afar off;
my strength, make haste to help me.
4. I will tell of your name to my kin,
and praise you in the midst of the assembly;
'You who fear the LORD, give him praise;

all descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
revere him, all you descendants of Israel.

R.

SECOND READING - Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Christ became for us obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

GOSPEL - Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Through the Passion of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord, may our reconciliation with you be near at hand, so that, though we do not merit it by our own deeds, yet by this sacrifice made once for all, we may feel already the effects of your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Father, if this chalice cannot pass without my drinking it, your will be done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, just as through the death of your Son you have brought us to hope for what we believe, so by his Resurrection you may lead us to where you call. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen