

5th APRIL 2026: EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter.		
11am	Gathering: 715 Gloria: Glendalough Mass Offertory: 277 & 291 (tune) Communion: 269	Entrance: 267 Gospel Accl.ⁿ: Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord (verse 2) Sanctus: Glendalough Mass-Holy Post-Communion: 276 (138 tune)	Kyrie: Glendalough Mass Memorial Accl.ⁿ: Glendalough: When we eat this bread Final: 287

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For priests in crisis

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sun 04	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
Mon 06	09.30 The Hogan Family Rosary
Tue 07	09.30 Mary Chilaka - Birthday Blessings Rosary
Wed 08	09.30 Jess Britchford & Edmund Wilde - Well Being Rosary
Thu 09	09.30 Fr Michel Kouadjo RIP Rosary 11.30 Funeral - Laurence Ignatius Kelly
Fri 10	09.30 Rosa Buckingham - Well Being Exposition
Sat 11	09.30 Donatus Atuwaogu RIP 18:30 First Mass of Sunday The Fay & Calligy Families
Sun 12	✠ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) 09.30 The Fisher Family 11.00 Sonny Caldinez RIP

*I wish you all a
Happy and Blessed
Easter*

Fr Gregory

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:

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.

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/diocesan-pilgrimages/diocesan-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. Such items BLOCK the toilets. Instead please place these items in the white bin provided. Thank you.

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

Celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th + wedding anniversary this year? please let us know no later than the middle of May, providing the following details: your names in the format John and Mary Smith, home address, parish, and the anniversary you are celebrating, so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop to renew your 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.

Job vacancy: Primary Religious Education Adviser

Are you passionate about Religious Education and committed to strengthening the Catholic mission in our primary schools? The Southwark Catholic Education Service are seeking to appoint an exceptional Primary Religious Education Adviser on a seconded basis (2 days per week) to support the implementation of the Religious Education Directory (RED) and Lighting the Path across our primary schools. To apply and find out more, visit <https://www.rcaoseducation.org.uk/primary-religious-education-adviser-education-service/>

Last Week	Average Week Standing Orders £406		
<i>Offertory:</i>	Gift Aided: £160	Not Gift Aided: £400	
<i>Mass Count:</i>	Sat (45)	Sun 09.30 (87)	11.00 (110)

Second Collection

<i>Last week:</i>	None
<i>This week:</i>	None
<i>Next Week:</i>	St George's Cathedral

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'

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Margaret Doherty Catholic Club: 07930 889632

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

COLLECT

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 - Acts 10:34a, 37-43

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 117

R. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

1. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good; his mercy endures for ever.
Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
2. The LORD's right hand is exalted.
The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD.
3. The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

SECOND READING - Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.

GOSPEL - John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

R. COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

R.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

R.

Amen