

**12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026: SECOND SUNDAY EASTER (A)**

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter.		
11am	<b>Gathering:</b> 291 <b>Gloria:</b> Glendalough Mass <b>Offertory:</b> 721 & 278 <b>Communion:</b> Hymn Sheet	<b>Entrance:</b> 974 <b>Gospel Accl.:</b> 261 <b>Sanctus:</b> Glendalough Mass-Holy <b>Post-Communion:</b> 846	<b>Kyrie:</b> Glendalough Mass <b>Memorial Accl.:</b> Glendalough: When we eat this bread <b>Final:</b> 283

**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**

Sat 11 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>The Fay &amp; Calligy Families</b>
Sun 12 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b> <b>Intention of the Fisher Family</b> <b>Sonny Caldinez RIP</b>
Mon 13 09.30 11.00	<b>Tina Maduaka - Birthday Blessings</b> Rosary <b>Funeral Mass - Kathleen Edkins</b>
Tue 14 09.30	<b>Mary Murray - Well Being</b> Rosary
Wed 15 09.30	<b>Special Intention</b> Rosary
Thu 16 09.30	<b>Elizabeth Antony RIP</b> Rosary
Fri 17 09.30	<b>Those who have been injured</b> Exposition
Sat 18 09.30 18:30	<b>Luke Atuwaogu RIP</b> <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> <b>Kathleen Edkins RIP</b>
Sun 19 09.30 11.00	✠ <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b> <b>Intention of the Low family</b> <b>Jean Howe - Well Being</b>

**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](mailto: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:**

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 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.

### 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)

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

All are welcome. For more information email us at [sdcmmeetings@gmail.com](mailto:sdcmmeetings@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](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)) or Deacon John Fogarty ([johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:johnfogarty@rcaos.org.uk))

or myself, Bishop Paul Hendricks ([paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> + 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](mailto: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/>

### Fr Michael

Fr Michael will be away on holiday for 4 weeks from today.

### Special Ministers and Readers

The new rota is now available in the church porch for those who have not received it by email.

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Last Week	Average Week Standing Orders £406
<i>Offertory:</i>	Easter Offering for the Clergy
<i>Mass Count:</i>	<i>Maundy Thursday (120) Good Friday (203)</i>
	Easter Vigil (166)
	Sun 09.30 (120) 11.00 (195)

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Second Collection	
<i>Last week:</i>	None
<i>This week;</i>	None
<i>Next Week:</i>	Ecclesiastical Education (Priests Training)

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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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*Margaret Doherty* Catholic Club: 07930 889632

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**COLLECT**

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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 2:42-47**

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 117**

**R. Give praise to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.**

- 1. Let the house of Israel say,  
‘His mercy endures for ever.’  
Let the house of Aaron say,  
‘His mercy endures for ever.’  
Let those who fear the LORD say,  
‘His mercy endures for ever.’

**R.**

- 2. They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,  
but the LORD was my helper.  
The LORD is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and salvation  
in the tents of the righteous.

**R.**

- 3. The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.  
By the LORD has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad.

**R.**

**SECOND READING – 1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith – more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire – may be found to result in praise and glory and honour

at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls .

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL – John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’

Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord’. But he said to them, ‘Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.’

Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name .

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord .

*Amen*

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord.

*Amen*