

19th APRIL 2026: THIRD SUNDAY EASTER (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter.		
11am	Gathering: 273 Gloria: Glendalough Mass Offertory: 465 & 278 Communion: 623	Entrance: 673 Gospel Accl.: 268 v2 Sanctus: Post-Communion: 766	Kyrie: Glendalough Mass Memorial Accl.: 761 Final: 787

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 18	18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Kathleen Edkins RIP
Sun 19	09.30	✠ THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Intention of the Low family
	11.00	Jean Howe - Well Being
Mon 20	09.30	Christine, Carl, Jim Burrows & Iris Scott RIP Rosary
Tue 21	09.30	<i>Saint Anselm</i> Samuel Lowell RIP Rosary
Wed 22	09.30	Deceased member of the Cairns, M ^c Philips & Kerr families. Rosary
Thu 23	09.30	<i>SAINT GEORGE</i> For Peace in the World. Rosary
Fri 24	09.30	Mercy Afrifa RIP Exposition
Sat 25	09.30	<i>Saint Mark</i> Tom Kavanagh RIP
	18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Dr Martin Lloyds - Well Being
Sun 26	09.30	✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Shelia Reardon - Well Being
	11.00	Stanley Fellowes
	12.30	Baptism: Cleopatra & Sophia Mojekwu, Rebecca Ogori, Omar Sesay.

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:

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. The main focus this year will be 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 sdcm meetings@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.

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)

Southwark Diocese Walsingham Pilgrimage

This will take place on Saturday 27th June. There will be a coach available or you can use your own vehicle but please let the organisers know. Full details on poster in the church porch.

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

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/>

Easter Celebration

Thank you to all those who attended last Sunday's celebration in the hall and to all those who helped before and during the event. It was a fun and entertaining way to add to the parish's much needed funds. We look forward to the next social function which will be the Summer Fair.

Fr Michael

Fr Michael is away on holiday.

Ecclesiastical Education (Priests Training) and Good Shepherd Sunday

This weekend's second collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and for the priesthood. Next Sunday is **Good Shepherd Sunday** when we pray for vocations. You can donate on line: www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTE Or you can call 0207 960 2504. Or use the 2nd collection envelopes at the back of the church.

Last Week	Average Week Standing Orders £406
<i>Offertory:</i>	Offertory: Gift Aided £148, Not Gift Aided £385
<i>Mass Count:</i>	Sat 18.30 (35), Sun 09.30 (88), 11.00 (165)

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

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

COLLECT

May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst – as you yourselves know – this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ‘For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.” ‘Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 15

R. O Lord, you will show me the path of life.

1. Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
I say to the LORD, ‘You are my Lord.’
O LORD, it is you who are my portion and cup;
you yourself who secure my lot.

R.

2. I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the LORD before me always;
with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

R.

3. And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
nor let your holy one see corruption.

R.

4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever.

R.

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the

last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. Alleluia.

GOSPEL – Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, ‘What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk? And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?’ And he said to them, ‘What things?’ And they said to him, ‘Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.’ And he said to them, ‘O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?’ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going further, but they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?’ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen