

26th APRIL 2026: FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter.		
11am	Gathering: 269 Gloria: Glendalough Offertory: 808 & 813 Communion: 979	Entrance: 466 Gospel Accl.: 268 v3 Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy - Glendalough Post-Communion: 804	Kyrie: Glendalough Memorial Accl.: 761 Final: 765

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 25	18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Dr Martin Lloyd - Well Being
Sun 26	09.30	✠ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Shelia Reardon - Well Being
	11.00	Stanley Fellowes RIP
	12.30	Baptism: Cleopatra & Sophia Mojekwu, Rebecca Ogori, Omar Sesay.
Mon 27	09.30	Mary Murray RIP Rosary
Tue 28	09.30	The Horgan Family Rosary
Wed 29	09.30	<i>Saint Catherine of Siena</i> The Deceased of the Murray Family Rosary
Thu 30	09.30	Josephine Galea & Josephine Lowell RIP Rosary
Fri 01	09.30	Canon Nigel Larn RIP Exposition
Sat 02	09.30	<i>Saint Athanasius</i> Catherine McWalter RIP
	18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Teresa Dean RIP
Sun 03	09.30	✠ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) Tom & Mary Lloyd RIP
	11.00	Faithful Departed - Easter Flowers
	12.30	Baptism - Rihan Ragunath and Elan KevinRaj

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, Bruno Leonardi.

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.

Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Cards and gifts are available in the Repository on Sundays.

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.

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 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.

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/>

St. Vincent de Paul Society

More than 6 million adults live in absolute poverty in Britain. This means they are destitute and are deprived of basic human needs such as food, sanitation, health or shelter. But poverty isn't the only sort of deprivation; chronic loneliness and isolation is a significant and growing problem. According to the Office of National Statistics, Britain has become the loneliest capital of Europe. In our parish many people are in need so what can we do about it? On 2nd/3rd May we'll have an appeal for members to join the St. Vincent de Paul Society and how it helps parish communities. This will be followed up with a meeting in the presbytery on Wednesday 5th May (time to be advised) to answer any questions you may have.

Sydenham Catholic Social Club

Just 2 minutes walk from here, (Watlington Grove) the Club is available to hire for celebrations, funerals and any special occasion.

Call Mags on 07930 889632.

The Club is open for drinks etc with friends on Fridays 7-11pm, Saturdays 4.00pm to 12.00am (live music) and Sundays 12.00 noon - 11.00pm

Last Week <i>Offertory:</i>	Average Week Standing Orders £406 Offertory: Gift Aided £178, Not Gift Aided £373; 2nd Collection (Priests Training) £421
<i>Mass Count:</i>	Sat 18.30 (48), Sun 09.30 (94), 11.00 (123)

Second Collection	
<i>Last week:</i>	Ecclesiastical Education (Priests Training)
<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

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

FIRST READING – Acts 2:14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM – Psalm 22

R. The LORD is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
2. He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort.
3. You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing
4. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending .

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called,

because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL – John 10:1-10

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

R. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

R.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R.

Amen