

## 03<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2026: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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9.30a	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter.		
11am	Gathering: 760 Gloria: 489 Offertory: 920 & 944 Communion: 423	Entrance: 883 Gospel Accl. <sup>n</sup> : 261 Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy - Glendalough Post-Communion: 779	Kyrie: Glendalough Memorial Accl. <sup>n</sup> : 761 Final: 713

### The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - That everyone might have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days	
<b>Sat 02</b>	Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Teresa Dean RIP
<b>Sun 03</b>	✠ <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b> 09.30 Tom & Mary Lloyd RIP 11.00 Faithful Departed - Easter Flowers 12.30 Baptism - Rihan Ragunath and Elan Kevinraj
<b>Mon 04</b>	<i>The English Martyrs</i> 09.30 Margaret Healy RIP Rosary
<b>Tue 05</b>	09.30 Catherine Atuwaogu RIP John Pauline Assemien - Safe Travel Rosary
<b>Wed 06</b>	09.30 Sylvia & George Lakey - Wellbeing Rosary
<b>Thu 07</b>	09.30 Deceased Members of the Lloyd's Family Rosary
<b>Fri 08</b>	09.30 Nellie, Inichad Kennedy RIP Exposition
<b>Sat 09</b>	09.30 Antonio De Masi - Birthday Blessings 18:30 <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Bridget Carberry - Wellbeing
<b>Sun 10</b>	✠ <b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)</b>

09.30 Mary Gracey, Josephine Lowell, Josephine Galea RIP

11.00 Mary Beatty RIP

### 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, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](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. The main focus this year will be the BIBLE TIMELINE.

To join us online go to the Zoom website at [pwa.zoom.us/jc](https://pwa.zoom.us/jc) and enter the Zoom ID: 4454292726.

All are welcome. For more information email us at [sdcm meetings@gmail.com](mailto: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/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))

### 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 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.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> May we'll have an

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<b>Last Week</b>	Average Week Standing Orders £406
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<i>Offertory:</i>	Offertory: Gift Aided £126, Not Gift Aided £363; 2nd Collection; None
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<i>Mass Count:</i>	Sat 18.30 (57), Sun 09.30 (85), 11.00 (106)
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#### **Second Collection**

<i>Last week:</i>	None
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<i>Next Week:</i>	Parish Development Fund
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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'

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. 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 6:1-7

In those days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. And the Twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. Therefore, brothers and sisters, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the Apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 32

R. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD.

1. Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just; for praise is fitting from the upright.  
Give thanks to the LORD upon the harp;  
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. R.
2. The word of the LORD is upright,  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The LORD loves justice and right,  
and his merciful love fills the earth. R.
3. Yes, the LORD'S eyes are on those who fear him,  
who hope in his merciful love,  
to rescue their soul from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. R.

SECOND READING – 1 Peter 2:4-9

Beloved: Come to the Lord, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious. You yourselves

like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: 'Behold, I am laying in Sion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' So the honour is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone', and 'A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God*

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia .

GOSPEL - John 14:1-12

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

'Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme