

10th MAY 2026: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter		
11am	Gathering: 293 Gloria: 489 Offertory: 808 Communion: 627 + 633	Entrance: 794 Gospel Accl.º: Sing alleluia Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy - Glendalough Post-Communion: In Christ alone (see booklet)	Kyrie: Glendalough: see booklet Memorial Accl.º: 761 Final: 864

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

SAT 09	
09:30	Antonio De Masi - Birthday Blessings
18:30	First Mass of Sunday Bridget Carberry - Wellbeing
SUN 10 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)	
09:30	Mary Gracey, Josephine Lowell and Josephine Galea - RIP
11:00	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Mary Beatty - RIP
MON 11	
09:30	Deceased Members of the Bell Families Rosary
TUE 12	
09:30	Amarachi Robert - Birthday Blessings Rosary
WED 13	
09:30	Henry & Ann Mitchell - RIP Rosary
THU 14 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	
09:30	Susan Feore - RIP Rosary
20:00	Christine Corlroy - RIP
FRI 15 SAINT JOHN STONE - Priest and Martyr	
09:30	Kofi Agyeman Dwommoh - RIP Exposition
SAT 16	
09:30	The Horgan Family - Wellbeing
18:30	Welfare of the Bailey Family
SUN 17 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)	
09:30	Vincent Richards - Birthday Blessings
10:00	Bell, Kennedy Families - Wellbeing

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. Philip 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 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.

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) 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.

ROSARY FOR LIFE

Archbishop John Wilson is calling on us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife. Pray the Rosary. Encounter Christ. Defend life.

ITALIAN MEDICAL CHARITY

The Italian Medical Charity have inherited the work of the former Italian Hospital in London. After it was sold to the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, the proceeds are being used to help those of Italian origin who are in need of funds for medical treatment that the NHS has difficulty in providing or for their carers.

Parishioners of Italian nationality or descent may be able to receive help with their medical expenses.

Visit website at italianmedicalcharity.co.uk or write to IMC, Kings Lodge, Kingsway, N12 0EW for details.

A DAY WITH MARY

*St Chad's Church, 5 Whitworth Road, London, SE25 6XN
Saturday, 23rd May 2026*

10:00 to 17:30

During the day there will be Confession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please see notice at back of church from additional details

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 6th June 2026 from 10:30 am to 16:30 hours. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus.

All welcome. Pls call millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway, North London, Barking and Victoria.

*****ADDITIONAL DATES*****

SUNDAY 10th MAY 2026 at 11:30: First Holy Communion Mass

SATURDAY 16th MAY 2026 at 18:30: Confirmation Mass

SATURDAY 4th JULY 2026: Summer Fair

<u>Last Week</u>	Average Week Standing Orders £406
<u>Offertory:</u>	Offertory: Gift Aided £175.50 Not Gift Aided £556.40 ; 2nd Collection; None
<u>Mass Count:</u>	Sat 18.30 (42), Sun 09.30 (102), 11.00 (90)

Second Collection

<u>Last week:</u>	None
<u>This week:</u>	Parish Development Fund
<u>Next Week:</u>	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

<u>David Simpson</u>	Treasurer: sydenhamtreasurer@rcaos.org.uk
<u>Parish Secretary</u>	sydenham@rcaos.org.uk
<u>Margaret Doherty</u>	Catholic Club: 07930 889632

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf Isaiah 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia

COLLECT

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 8:5-8, 14-17

In those days: Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralysed or lame were healed. So there was much joy in that city

Now when the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for they had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 65:1-7, 16, 20 response v 1

R. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth

1) Cry out with joy to God, all the earth
O sing to the Glory of his name
O render him glorious praise
Say to God, 'How wondrous your deeds!'

R.

2) 'Before you all the earth shall bow down
Shall sing to you, sing your name!
Come and see the works of God
His wondrous deeds among the children of Adam

R.

3) He turned the sea into dry land
They passed through the river on foot
Let our joy, then, be in him
He rules for ever by his might

R.

4) Come and hear, all who fear God
I will tell what he did for my soul
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer
Nor withhold from me his merciful love

R.

SECOND READING - 1 Peter 3:15-18

Beloved: In your hearts honour Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defence to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behaviour in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

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ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL - John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia

GOSPEL - John 14:15-21

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you for ever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 'I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.'

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord together with the sacrificial offerings so that, purified by your graciousness we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen