

24th MAY 2026: PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter		
11am	Gathering: 296 Gloria: 998 Offertory: 984 + 607 Communion: 300 (Taize)	Entrance: 974 Gospel Accl.º: 261 Easter Alleluia Sanctus: 576 Holy, Holy, Holy Post-Communion: 302	Kyrie: 488 Lord have mercy (Mass of Creation) Memorial Accl.º: 761 Final: Hymn sheet

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 23

09:30 Ella Rosemonde Ohorn Assemien - Birthday

18:30 *First Mass of Sunday*

VIGIL MASS OF PENTECOST

The Bell & Kennedy Families - Wellbeing

SUN 24 ✕ PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR (A)

09:30 Sheila Reardon - Wellbeing

11:00 Satasha Lewis

MON 25 MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

09:30 Mary & Albert Gracey - RIP

Rosary

TUE 26 ST. PHILIP NERI

09:30 Michael Lynch - RIP

Rosary

WED 27 ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

09:30 Jean, Teresa Cairns - RIP, Charles Chilaka - Birthday

Rosary

THU 28 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST

09:30 George & Sylvia Lakey

11:30 Rosary

FRI 29

09:30 Kofi Agyeman Dwommoh- RIP

Exposition

SAT 30

09:30 Wabuke Buketi

18:30 *First Mass of Sunday*

Owen & Peggy Moore - 60th Wedding Anniversary

SUN 31 ✕ THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

09:30 Sheila Reardon - Wellbeing

11:00 Satasha Lewis

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, Nathan Powell, Augustus Leroy Clarke.

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

REPOSITORY

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).

WE NEED YOUR DONATIONS!
FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR
TO BE HELD ON
FRIDAY 4TH JULY
We are collecting the following items to help make our Summer Fair a huge success!

- ★ BOTTLES OF ANY DESCRIPTION FOR THE BOTTLE STALL
- ★ TOYS AND GAMES
- ★ NEARLY NEW GIFTS
- ★ NEARLY NEW UNWANTED GIFTS
- ★ PERFUMES
- ★ BRIC-A-BRAC
- ★ ITEMS FOR THE TOMBOLA STALL
- ★ PLANTS FOR THE PLANT STALL

EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE
WE NEED YOUR HELP!
YOUR SUPPORT = A SUCCESSFUL FAIR!
Thank you so much for your support!

SUMMER FAIR FRIDAY 4TH JULY 2026

PLEASE HELP!

We would like to remind all our parishioners that weekly donations towards the summer fair are essential for its success.

We are extremely grateful for all your contributions and continuous support. Every donation makes a huge difference!

SUMMER FAIR RAFFLE
TICKETS £1 PER BOOKLET
AVAILABLE AFTER MASS!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

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.

MARRIAGE CARE

Interested in training and volunteering as a Relationship Counsellor? Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and we are currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train on our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer with us. This is a great opportunity to make a real difference to couples and families.

Please note that there are costs associated with training on our CRC, however these costs are far lower than with alternative training providers. In line with our ethos as a charity, no one is excluded on the basis of their ability to pay.

To find out more please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or

email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

Closing date for applications is June 30th.

PARISH TREASURER VACANCY

David Simpson, is soon to retire from his current post as Treasurer of our parish.

We are inviting applications from parishioners for this voluntary role. Applicants need to be computer literate and have some knowledge of book-keeping.

Please apply to Fr Gregory by 12 June 2026.

We thank David for the many years of dedicated service to this role.

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.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK

Catholic Legacy Week 24-30 May, is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week at cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek.

SYDENHAM CATHOLIC SOCIAL CLUB

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 Average Week Standing Orders **£406**
Offertory: Gift Aided **£182**, Not Gift Aided **£470.45**
2nd Collection - Catholic Communications Network:
Loose cash only: **£285.36**
Mass Count: Sat 18.30 (87), Sun 09.30 (92), 11.00 (150)

Second Collection
Last week: Catholic Communications Network - (Not Gift Aided)
This week: None
Next Week: 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

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Treasurer: sydenhamtreasurer@rcaos.org.uk

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Catholic Club: 07930 889632

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON - *Wisdom 1:7*

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia

COLLECT/PRAYER

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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 2:1-11*

'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak.'

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians - we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.'

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - *Psalms 104(103): 1ab, 24ac, 29b-30.31, 34. R. cf.30*

R. Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

1) Bless the LORD, O my soul! O LORD my God, how great your are!
How many are your works, O LORD! The earth is full of your creatures.

R.

2) You take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth.

R.

3) May the glory of the LORD last for ever! May the LORD rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I will rejoice in the LORD.

R.

SECOND READING - *1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13*

'In one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.'

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL - *John 20:19-23*

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord

'As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you. Receive the Holy Spirit.'

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON - *Acts 2:4, 11*

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen