

17th MAY 2026: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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9.30am	Hymns are on the back of this Newsletter		
11am	Gathering: 293 Gloria: 998 Offertory: 807 Communion: 291	Entrance: 292 Gospel Accl.º: 261, Easter Alleluia Sanctus: 490 Post-Communion: Hymn Sheet	Kyrie eleison (Glendalough) Memorial Accl.º: 761 Final: 101, Celebration Hymnal

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 16	
09:30	The Horgan Family - Wellbeing
18:30	CONFIRMATION MASS Welfare of the Bailey Family
SUN 17 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) World Communications Sunday	
09.30	Vincent Richards - Birthday Blessings
11.00	Bell, Kennedy Families - Wellbeing
MON 18	
09:30	Emanuel Cassar & Ilda Cassar - RIP Rosary
TUE 19	
09:30	Elena De Masi - Safe Journey Rosary
WED 20	
09:30	Mary Neavyn & Family - Wellbeing Rosary
THU 21	
09:30	Wilde & Palmer Family - Wellbeing Rosary
11:30	Funeral of Augustus Clarke
FRI 22	
09:30	Samuel Lowell - RIP Exposition
SAT 23	
09:30	Ella Rosemonde Ohorn Assemien - Birthday Blessings
18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> VIGIL MASS OF PENTECOST The Bell & Kennedy Families - Wellbeing
SUN 24 ✕ PENTECOST SUNDAY	
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.

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

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 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).

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 mfise@rcaos.org.uk. As the title of your email, please write your parish location e.g. Clapham, Beckenham.

CHURCHES TOGETHER - SYDENHAM and FOREST HILL (CTSFH)

Churches Together in Sydenham and Forest Hill (CTSFH) are organising a Christian Unity Service to be held at The New Testament Church of God Rehoboth, 159 Perry Rise, Forest Hill, London, SE23 2QU at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27th May followed by refreshments.

The prayers and reflections have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic (Orthodox) Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches. These resources draw upon centuries-old traditions of prayer used by the Armenian people, along with hymns that originated in the ancient monasteries and churches of Armenia, some of which date as far back as the fourth century. The week of prayer extends an invitation to draw upon this shared Christian heritage and delve more deeply into the fellowship of Christ, which unites Christians worldwide.

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 to 16:30. The Recollection Day will include Holy Mass, Talk, Hour of Mercy with Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. *All welcome.*

Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

DEANERY YOUTH DAY

Seen, Known and Loved - Prayer

(10) young people aged 13-17 from each Parish, and (One or Two adults, as their Leader) are invited to join an inspiring Deanery Youth Day which promises to be filled with faith, fellowship, fun and formation as we support our young people to have a deeper relationship with God. Led by the Diocesan Youth Team, this will be on Saturday 6th June, 12pm - 4.30pm at St Saviour's Church, 175 Lewisham High Street SE13 6AA. Please arrive by 11.45am. Please register attendance using the link on poster at back of the church, scan the QR code, or email lewishamyouth@rcaos.org.uk for more information. [Registration for Youth Retreat Day Lewisham Deanery](#) - [Fill in form](#). Please let us know the number of people who are coming on or before Sunday 31/05/2026. Thanks and God bless our Deanery. Yours in Christ, Fr. Kenneth Iwunna.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST

16-20 June 2026 at 10:00 - 15:30 hours

A powerful, biblical, outdoor drama takes you back to a time when Jesus lived on earth. See the remarkable events of Jesus' life re-enacted as you follow the actors around Wintershall's beautiful lakes and ancient woodland. Book Now. Wintershall.org.uk, Tel: 01483892167, admin@wintershall.org.uk. Wintershall, Bramley, Guildford, Surrey, GU5 0LR. *Registered charity no. 1167111*

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.

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

National Day of Prayer & Fasting for Life - Thursday, 21st May 2026
SATURDAY 4th JULY 2026: Summer Fair

Last Week

Offertory:

2nd Collection - Parish Development Fund:

Mass Count:

Second Collection

Last week:

This week:

Next Week:

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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Catholic Club: 07930 889632

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON - CR Psalm 26:7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia

COLLECT

Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever

Amen

FIRST READING - Acts 1:12-14

'All with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer.'

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Psalm 27 (26):1.4.7-8a. R. 13

R. I believe I shall see the LORD'S goodness in the land of the living

1) The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? R.

2) There is one thing I ask of the LORD, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD, to enquire at his temple R.

3) O LORD, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer me. Of you my heart has spoken, 'Seek his face.' R.

SECOND READING - 1 Peter 4:13-16

'If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed.'

A reading from the First Letter of Saint Peter.

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name

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ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL - cf. John 14:18

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice Alleluia

GOSPEL - John 17:1-11a

The Lord be with you

And with your spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

'Father, glorify your son'

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord

Amen

COMMUNION ANTIPHON - John 17:22

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever

Amen