

*** 27 SEPTEMBER 2026 * TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

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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.

SUN 09:30	Entrance: 706, verses 1-4 Gloria: 489 Offertory: 820, verses 1-4 Post-Communion: 806, verses 1-4	Kyrie: GLENDALOUGH Gospel Accl. ⁿ : CELTIC ALLELUIA Sanctus: Holy, Holy: 576 GERMAN MASS Final: 708
SUN 11:00	Gathering: 639 Gloria: 489 (MASS OF CREATION) Offertory: 762 Communion: 749	Entrance: 458 Gospel Accl. ⁿ : 268, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA (v.2) Sanctus: 576 (GERMAN MASS) Post-Communion: 926
		Kyrie: LORD HAVE MERCY (MASS OF CREATION) Memorial Accl. ⁿ : WE PROCLAIM YOUR DEATH (GLENDALGH) Final: 315

Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

SAT 26
09:30 People of the Parish
18:30 First Mass of Sunday - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Ellen Daly & Chris Mehmet - Belated Birthday Blessings

SUN 27 ✕ TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
09:30 Susan Feore - RIP
11:00 Anthony - Wellbeing

MON 28
09:30 John Egan - RIP
Rosary

TUE 29 ✕ SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS - FEAST
09:30 Obinna Maduaka - Birthday Blessings
Rosary

WED 30 ✕ ST. JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH - MEMORIAL
09:30 Sheila and Patrick O'Driscoll - Intention
Rosary

THU 01 ✕ ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH - MEMORIAL
9:30 Nell Higgins - Wellbeing
Rosary

FRI 02 ✕ THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS - MEMORIAL
09:30 Xi and Donald - Intention
Exposition

SAT 03
09:30 Bell, Kennedy Families - RIP
18:30 First Mass of Sunday - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Elisabetta De Masi - Birthday Blessings

SUN 04 ✕ TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
09:30 Heather Browne - RIP
11:00 Nelly Campbell and family - Wellbeing
14:00 Ghanaian Catholic Chaplaincy Mass - Fr Michael

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, Carol Bonehill, Kamila Silke, Elizabeth De Masi, Matilda Ogutu, Irene Clarke, Bradley Clarke, Denise Sullivan, Bridget Carberry, Pat Travers and John Curran, Rodneal Dyer, Frances van der Walt, Kenneth Wood, Erris Fernandes, Nell Higgins.

Please Pray for those who have died recently:

Heather Browne, Sally Kennedy, John McSweeney, John Kennedy (Esther Bell's brother), Kathleen Edkins, Bruno Leonardi, Nathan Powell, Augustus Leroy Clarke, Zoila Noto, Margaret Ita Joyce, Bernard Anthony Kilmurray, Owen McAleavey.

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. Philp Neri Church

Every 4th Sunday of the Month, after 11 am Mass

For further information please e-mail: cwptsydenham@gmail.com

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.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026

10:00 AM - 4 PM

On behalf of the Archbishop, we invite you to attend our twelfth annual Diocesan Day for Catechists at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HU

This Day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. Please bring a packed lunch, however tea, coffee and snacks will be provided.

Please see church notice board for more details!

FORTHCOMING READER'S AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS' FORMATION DAY

Saturday, 24th October 2026 - 10 am to 2 pm

**Location: Bishop Thomas Grant School
Beltrees Grove, London SW16 2HY**

The theme for the Formation Days will be:

"Nourished by the Word, Sent with the Eucharist"

The day will be open to all but intended particularly for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion serving in our parishes.

The day will provide an opportunity for prayer, formation and reflection upon these important ministries in the life of the Church.

Please see church notice board for more details!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME



Our First Holy Communion Programme will commence with a parents meeting on

SUNDAY, 12 NOVEMBER 2026, followed by

11 am Mass in Church

Celebration of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be on

SUNDAY, 02 MAY 2027 at 11:00 am Mass

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME



Our Confirmation Programme will commence with a parents meeting on

SATURDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2026

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on

FRIDAY, 21 MAY 2027 at 7 pm

MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Pope Leo has just published a new encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas*. It speaks about what it means to be human in our time, especially within the age of AI. Join us for the last of 3 short workshops to introduce and explore aspects of this timely document with input, as well as reflection and prayer at St Aloysius Parish Hall, Phoenix Rd, London NW1 1TA, Monday 23 Nov, 7.30-8.45pm.

All are Welcome! Register to attend on <https://tinyurl.com/MoreHuman26> This workshop will also be online, email: info@fcjecojustice.co.uk for more information

HOW DO WE PRAY? HOW DO WE BUILD A BETTER, MORE FULFILLING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

You are warmly invited to join an experiential programme called *Teach Me to Pray* facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission. The programme will be online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm. Following 4 online sessions there is an invitation to conclude the programme with an in-person Reflection Day in a diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. There is no commitment to attend all sessions - join us whenever you can. For details/ to sign up see: <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqg> or email for further information spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

FORTHCOMING REGIONAL MEETING OF MOTHERS PRAYERS

Saturday, 3rd October 2026, location: St. John the Baptist, Purley parish hall, CR8 2EF

The day will be led by Maureen Goldsmith, Mothers' Prayers, National Co-ordinator England and Wales. Mothers Prayers began over 30 years ago when two grandmothers in a Kent parish began praying for their children. Through the work of the Holy Spirit and by word of mouth, groups of mothers throughout the world began meeting regularly to pray for their children and all children; priests are included in our prayers. Mothers Prayers groups may already be meeting regularly in your parish.

LAST WEEK

Offertory:

Mass Count:

Average Week Standing Orders £406

Gift Aided £153, Not G/A - loose £252.63

Sat 18.30 (45), Sun 09.30 (105), 11.00 (90)

SECOND COLLECTION

Last week 20/09: Home Mission - not G/A - All loose change, £228.75

This week 27/09: None

Next Week 04/10: Parish Development Fund - Can be Gift Aided

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'

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**A LITMUS TEST FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE TODAY IS THE TREATMENT OF MIGRANTS, REFUGEES,
AND THOSE FORCED TO MOVE" - POPE LEO, MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS**

For over one hundred years, the Church has marked the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on the last Sunday of September, inviting us to pray for and accompany people who have been forced to leave their homes in search of safety, dignity, and hope.

This year, Pope Leo has chosen the theme, 'Even just one of these children' (Mt 18:10), inviting the Church and her faithful to pay particular attention to children and young people affected by forced displacement. In his message, he reminds us that every refugee child, woman, and man has infinite dignity and that every person deserves to be welcomed.

At JRS UK, this message resonates deeply with our daily experience of accompanying people seeking safety. Whether at our centre in East London, in detention centres, or in our work in the local community, we meet people whose lives have been shaped by conflict, persecution, separation from loved ones, and uncertainty about the future. Yet we also witness extraordinary courage, resilience, hope, and hospitality.

One area where hope is under particular pressure is immigration detention. As the enclosed edition of Together reflects, immigration detention causes profound harm to everyone who experiences it. Through our work in detention centres and first-hand research, we see its devastating impact on people's mental health, wellbeing, and dignity. Alarming, under the 'one-in-one-out' scheme, a growing number of children are now also being detained. Over the past year, with your help, more than 77 children have been released from detention after receiving specialist support and are now on the road to rebuilding their lives.

Learn more at www.jrsuk.net / TEL: 02074887310 / uk@jrs.net / jesuitrefugeeserviceik



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

For Sept 27th 26th Sunday Year A

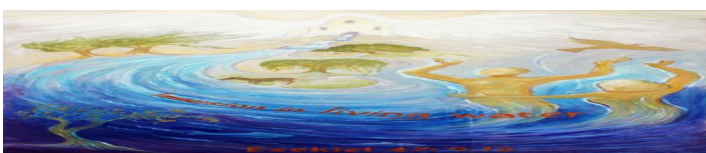
In the first reading today from Ezekiel we are asked "Is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust?"

Pope Leo's encyclical Magnifica Humanitas on safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence and tying in this and the theme of water, perhaps you can now think about the cost of our Google searches and AI e.g. ChatGPT prompts. This is taken from earth.org and helps you to see the true cost <https://www.earthday.org/the-true-price-of-every-chatgpt-prompt/>

"For instance, each time someone asks ChatGPT a question, the exchange feels nearly invisible: just text appearing on a screen. But behind that response lies a massive physical infrastructure drawing electricity, consuming water, and producing carbon emissions at an unprecedented scale. As generative artificial intelligence becomes embedded in everyday life, the environmental footprint of the system powering it is growing just as rapidly."

Data centres rely on water-based cooling systems to prevent servers from overheating. This amounts to an astronomical level of water and is only increasing. Think about your own searches and settings, can you avoid using AI and unnecessarily storing data? For example, clear up your folders (some might remember this was an automatic step when the PC slowed down!). Maybe you can think about the small actions you take and consider the impact these have. As St Teresa of Calcutta taught us: "Do small things, with great love".

Please see church notice board for Season of Creation reflections and themes from 01 September 2026.



CHRIST THE KING SIXTH FORMS For students starting September 2027

THREE CENTRES FOR EXCELLENCE
THREE OPEN DAYS
Find your future at **CTK**

CTK Emmanuel
Saturday 26th September

CTK Aquinas
Saturday 3rd October

CTK St Mary's
Saturday 10th October

ALL OPEN DAYS - 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Discover the vibrant community at Christ the King Sixth Forms by attending one of our open events. Explore our wide range of courses, tour our excellent facilities, and find out what makes our sixth forms the right choice for you.

Register now at ctk.ac.uk @ctksfc @christthekingsfc

ANNUAL SERVICE FOR THOSE HARMED BY ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse on the 30th September 2026, at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral. The service will be lead by Archbishop John Wilson and is an opportunity for the archdiocese community to express their solidarity and compassion to those that have been hurt by abuse and our commitment to building safe environments for all. Please attend if you are able.