

Our Lady & St. Philip Neri Church
NEWS LETTER

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23rd February 2020
Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)

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1st Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18
2nd Reading 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Gospel Matthew 5:38-48

SUNDAY 9.30^{AM} MASS

920	Entrance	484
480	Kyrie	487
489	Gloria	627
601	Offertory	807
482	Sanctus	

PLEASE JOIN IN WITH THE SINGING

Memorial Acclamation	886
Lamb of God	820
Communion	734
Recessional	921

Entrance	847
Gospel Acclamation	
Offertory	
Communion	
Post Communion	

SUNDAY 11^{AM} MASS

Recessional



"Love your enemies."

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

Every human being is made in the image and likeness of God. Jesus teaches us to look upon our neighbours as friends and not enemies. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ. In this way we will become holy as God wants us to be.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Universal: We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Evangelisation: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

MASS TIMES, INTENTIONS & FEAST DAYS

Sat 22 nd 18:30	First Mass of Sunday Anthony Greene, Andrew Greene Snr & Augustine Greene RIP
Sun 23 rd 09.30 11.00	Seventh Sunday (A) - Day for the Unemployed Wellbeing of Celine Uwah Thanksgiving for the ministry of Fr. Regis
Mon 24 th 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> Mass <i>Rosary</i>
Tue 25 th 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> Mass <i>Rosary</i>
Wed 26 th 09.10 09.30	<u>The Season of Lent - Ash Wednesday</u> <i>Divine Office</i> Mass <i>Rosary</i>
20:00	Mass
Thu 27 th 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> Mass <i>Rosary</i>
11.00	Funeral Mass of John Smyth RIP
Fri 28 th 09.10 09.30	<i>Divine Office</i> People of the Parish <i>Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction</i>
19:30	Stations of the Cross
Sat 29 th 09.00 09.30	<i>Exposition & Divine Office</i> Thanksgiving for Pierre-Marie's Birthday First Mass of Sunday
18:30	For the deceased members of the Dean family
Sun 1 st 09.30 11.00	First Sunday of Lent (A) - St. David Ann & James Kiernan RIP Thanksgiving for 54 years of marriage, Henry & Minna Hutcheon

SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

As we begin the season of Lent.

"We are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. As his fellow workers, we beg you once again not to neglect the grace of God that you have received. (2 Cor. 5:20 ff).

From Meditations of St John Paul 11:

In this Lenten season, Jesus calls us to follow him on the way that leads him to Jerusalem to be sacrificed on the cross. "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Of course, this is a demanding and difficult invitation, but it can unleash the creative power of love in those who accept it. From the first moment of this season of Lent, therefore, our gaze is turned to Christ's glorious Cross.

The author of the Imitation of Christ writes: "In the Cross is salvation; in the Cross is life; in the Cross is protection from the enemy; in the Cross is the supernatural gift of the sweetness of heaven; in the Cross is strength of mind and joy of spirit; in the Cross virtue is added to virtue and holiness is perfected."

WAIT AWHILE

If after Church, you wait awhile, someone may greet you with a smile. But, if you quickly rise and flee, we'll all seem cold and stiff. Maybe the one beside you in the pew, is perhaps a stranger too. All here, like you, have fears and cares. All of us need each other's prayers. In fellowship we bid you meet, with us around God's mercy seat.

YOUR PRAYERS	YOUR CONFESSIONS	YOUR COLLECTIONS	THIS WEEK
Write your prayers for loved ones in either our 'Prayers for Wellbeing' or 'Prayers of Remembrance' books located at the back of the Church.	Monday - Friday: 09.00 Saturday: 09.00 & 18:00 Sunday: 09.00 ... and by appointment.	Last week £386 Not gift aided £154 Gift aided £381 Standing Order £270 Parish Development Fund	Parish Development Fund Next week Poor Parishes

WAYS YOU CAN DONATE

Gift Aid	UK tax payers increase your donation by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. Forms are available at the back of the Church or via our website.
Standing Order	(Preferred Method) Ask your bank to make a standing order to: RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham . Sort Code 60-21-12 Account Number: 37298445
Cheque	Place your cheque, payable to: RCAS St. Philip Neri Sydenham in an envelope stating the purpose of your donation and post in at the parish house, or place in the Offertory Collection.
Cash	Offertory collection at Mass.

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Sat 18:30	39
Sun 09:30	62
Sun 11:00	157

NEWS

SPRING FETE 2020

We are looking for prizes to give away in our Spring Fete. If anyone works for, or owns a company, who would be willing to donate a prize please contact the parish office. Thank you.

The list of stalls for the Spring Fete is up on a board at the back of Church. If you would like to help, please put your name down and come to our stall holders meeting on **Monday 9th March at 8^{pm}** in the parish house.

BISHOP PAT LYNCH YEAR OF THE WORD

I have decided for the Year of the Word to ask Fr. Victor Darlington, a renowned scripture professor who teaches at St. John's Seminary in Womersley, to host an event at **Sacred Heart School, Camberwell on Saturday, 14th March**. This will start with registration at 10^{am}. In the first presentation he will speak about 'The Journey Towards Faith in the Gospel of John' reflecting especially on the Gospels for the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent. In the afternoon he will speak on the theme 'Called to be a community of life' drawing especially from the 7 "I am statements" in John's Gospel, which are used in the readings the Sundays and weekdays of Easter. The day concludes with Mass at 2.30^{pm}. More details on the posters around the parish. If you would like to attend, please visit the parish office to register.

2020 CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Sat 7th Mar at 5^{pm} in the Presbytery: Session Ten: Discipleship and Mission.

2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Sun 8th Mar at 10^{am} in the Presbytery: Chapter 9: Do this in memory of me.

200 CLUB

The winner of the £75 February prize is Miles Palin (73). Congratulations.

SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

The school friends association are organising a quiz night and raffle in the catholic club on Friday 28th February, at 7.30^{pm}. You can come as a team or join a team on the night. Tickets are £5.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Our Lady of Lourdes, Lee, are looking for a parish secretary. Please see the poster on the blue noticeboard at the back of church for more details.

LIGHT OF CHRIST CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We invite you to join us on Ash Wednesday, 8pm for Holy Mass in Church followed by testimonies from the recent pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the hall. A special invite to returning pilgrims.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, KIRKDALE

We are organising a pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal from 9th-15th October 2020 by air/coach. The pilgrimage will cover daily Masses, Rosary/Candlelight procession and lots of other Spiritual activities. It costs, £600 for a shared room, & £720 for a single room, requiring a £200 deposit (non-refundable) on or before 31st March. The last payment must be made on or before 31st August. To register contact: Christelle on 07857 369491 (call or text or marlystoko@yahoo.de) For further information and/or payment contact Juliet on 0772 939 1661.

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Parking: Do not park in the Church grounds, this is reserved for blue badge holders, and those dropping people off.
Children: During Mass please keep your children with you at all times, accompanying small children to the toilet.