NEWS LETTER

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5th MAY 2024: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Mass book: p270 1st Reading: Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48 2nd Reading: 1 John 4: 7-10 Gospel: John 15: 9-17

11am Mass | Entrance: 458 Gospel Accl.ⁿ: Sing Alleuia to the Lord... Offertory: 278 & 944 | Memorial Accl.ⁿ: 761 | Hymns | Gloria: 998 | Communion: 779 | Post-Communion: 244b | Recessional: 283



God is Love

True love is from God. The Holy Spirit lives not only in us but in many people who may seem to be outside the community of faith that is the Church. We show we are Christians by the generous love we show to one another and to all people, irrespective of race, colour or creed.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention - For the formation of men and women religious, and seminarians.

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

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| Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days | |
| Sat 04 | |
| 18:30 | First Mass of Sunday |
| | Teresa Dean RIP |
| Sun 05 | ▼ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) |
| 09.30 | Faithful Departed |
| 11.00 | Catherine Atuwaogu RIP |
| Mon 06 | Early May Bank Holiday |
| 09.30 | Juliana Eke Oparaji RIP |
| | Rosary |
| Tue 07 | |
| 09.30 | Intention of Rose Green |
| | Rosary |
| Wed 08 | · |
| 09.30 | Johann Pathinathan RIP |
| | Rosary |
| Thu 09 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Holyday of Obligation |
| 09.30 | Gerald O'Neill RIP |
| | Rosary |
| 20.00 | Annie, William & Liz Doran RIP |
| Fri 10 | |
| 09.30 | Wellbeing - Bridie O'Neill & Family |
| | Exposition |
| Sat 11 | |
| 09.30 | Mary & Albert Gracey RIP |
| 18:30 | First Mass of Sunday |
| | Mary Kate Richardson RIP |
| Sun 12 | ▼ SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) |
| 09.30 | The deceased members of the Abeyadeera family. |
| | Helen & Anthony Kiernan 30th Wedding Anniversary. |
| 11.00 | Birthday Blessings - Amara Roberts |
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Prayer Requests

If you request for yourself or an immediate family member to be listed in the Parish Newsletter. Please send an email to: regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk.

Please Pray for the wellbeing of:

Bernadette Dowswell and Patrick Watts.

Regina Caeli

- V. O Queen of heaven, rejoice! Alleluia
- R. For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia
- V. He has risen as he said, Alleluia.
- R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia.
- V. Rejoice and be glad O Virgin Mary, Alleluia
- R. For the Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia

Let us pray: God our Father, you give joy to the world by the Resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his Mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Clergy News

The Archbishop has asked me to announce today that he is transferring me from this parish to St Lawrence parish in Sidcup. (Where is Sidcup?).

Fr Gregory Ackron who is currently the Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Rosary, in Hayes, will be the next Parish priest at Our Lady and St Philip Neri church. Fr Gregory is originally from Ghana. He has worked in this Diocese for many years. The transfers become effective from the beginning of September. However, I will leave this parish at the end of September after my holidays. Fr Gregory will come to us at the end of September as well.

Sharing the Word

First Reading

From the beginning up to this time the community of believers had been exclusively Jewish. The turning point came when Cornelius was received into the Church. Cornelius, a Roman centurion, was the first Gentile to receive baptism. The Holy Spirit fell upon Cornelius and his companions before they were baptised. Usually the Spirit descends after baptism. This the beginning of the mission to the Gentiles. The Holy Spirit showed the Church which way to go.

Second Reading

Love is the essence of God. God has shown his love for us by sending his Son into the world so that we might have life through him. Loving is the only way we can really know God and share in God's life.

Gospel

Jesus talks about the love that binds him to the Father, and the love that should bind the disciples to him and to one another. Jesus' love is modelled on that of the Father. The disciples should model themselves on the Son. And the disciples have been sent into the world to bear fruit, the fruit of love.

Sick and Housebound

If your neighbour or anyone you know is unable to attend mass because they are in poor health, please let Fr Regis know and he will take them Holy Communion.

First Holy Communion Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the hall on Sun 5th May at 10am for, Reconciliation Revisited.

Confirmation Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the parish house on Sat 4th May at 5pm for, Session Eleven: Pentecost Story: Signs and Symbols.

Coffee Morning

Our next coffee morning in the parish house will be after 9.30am Mass on 5th May. Do come for a cuppa, biscuit and a chat.

Repository

Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards and gifts are now available in the repository after 11am Mass.

Right to Life UK

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced

Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth.

Take action: To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this

link: www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth

Electronic donations for April

Standing orders: Gift Aided: £1779 Not Gift Aided: £970 Web /Card: Gift Aided: £1269 Not Gift Aided: £156

Last Week

Offertory: Gift Aided: £189 Not Gift Aided: £286 Mass Count: Sat (56), Sun 09.30 (96), 11.00 (65)

Second Collection

Last week: St. George's Cathedral (£374)

This week: None

Next Week: World Communications Sunday (Non Gift Aid)

Donate

Gift Aid: Tax payers, please sign up, so we can claim 25p for every £1 donated. Email Treasurer for details.

Card: Card Machine in Church Foyer or www.olspn.church

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Cheque: Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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