

## 12<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024: SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

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1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 4: 11-16

Gospel: John 17: 11-19

11am Hymns	Entrance: 292 Gloria: 998	Gospel Accl. <sup>n</sup> : <i>Sing Alleluia...</i> Communion: 766	Offertory: 291 & 760 Post-Communion: <i>Hymn Sheet</i>	Memorial Accl. <sup>n</sup> : <i>We proclaim...</i> Recessional: 287
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### In love we are united

God is love, and if we are to live in God then this comes about through love, God's gift to us in the Holy Spirit. Christ is always with us and constantly prays for us to his Father. He prays that we may be united, just as he is one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. In this way we will witness to his truth. Anyone who lives in love lives in God

That they may be one like us!

### 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.

#### Mass Times, Intentions & Feast Days

Sat 11 18:30	<i>First Mass of Sunday</i> Mary Kate Richardson RIP
Sun 12 09:30	✠ <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)</b> The deceased members of the Abeyadeera family. Helen & Anthony Kiernan 30 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. 11:00 Birthday Blessings - Amara Roberts
Mon 13 09:30	Wellbeing - George Curtis Rosary
Tue 14 09:30	<i>Saint † Matthias</i> Maria & Jacob Adesite RIP Rosary
Wed 15 09:30	<i>Saint John Stone</i> Carol Conner RIP Rosary
Thu 16 09:30	<i>Saint Simon Stock</i> Josephine & Albert Lowell RIP Rosary
Fri 17 09:30	Lloyd Latham RIP Exposition
Sat 18 09:30 18:30	Mr & Mrs Savage RIP <i>First Mass of Sunday</i> 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary - Penny & Pete Catten Joseph Horgan RIP
Sun 19 09:30 11:00	✠ <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY (B)</b> Florentina Vega Guillen RIP Baptist Abeyadeera RIP

#### 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](mailto:regisrubaya@rcaos.org.uk).

#### Please Pray for the wellbeing of:

Bernadette Dowswell, Patrick Watts and Tony Rawsthorne.

#### 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.

#### Sharing the Word

**First Reading:** This tells how Matthias was chosen to fill the gap left by the defection of Judas. Jesus had chosen twelve apostles to be the nucleus of the new Israel (the church). Just as the Jews traced their roots back to the twelve sons of Jacob, so the new Israel is

rooted in the twelve apostles. That is why it was important to choose a replacement for Judas. In choosing this replacement two qualities were considered. The person would have to be someone who had been there from the beginning, and someone with integrity of heart. And so, the apostles prayed for guidance.

**Second Reading:** This talks about the importance of love in the life of a Christian. First of all, there is God's love for us, which is shown in the fact that God sent his Son to be our saviour. And then there is our love for one another. And so, anyone who lives in love lives in God, because God is love.

**Gospel:** We read part of Jesus' solemn prayer at the last supper. He prays for his present and future disciples who are to carry on his work in the world. He commits them to the Father's care. The disciples will be consecrated in the truth. They have accepted him and kept his word, now they must bring him and his word to others.

### Training for Fire Marshals

The Training for Fire Marshals will take place on Tuesday 14th May at 7.00pm.

As many men as possible should attend this training.

### Year of Prayer

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer. The Year of Prayer, the Holy Father explained, is dedicated "to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world.

### 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 Church on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm for the Service of Reconciliation & Confessions.

### Confirmation Programme 2023-24

We next meet in the Church on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May for the Service of Reconciliation & Confessions.

### Repository

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

### World Communications Sunday

This weekend's second collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication, and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Its office is the focus for media enquiries on national matters, and seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teaching. The CCN provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, and trains spokesmen and women.

### Our School

Just before Easter the school had a Catholic Schools Inspection. There were two inspectors in school for two days. I am pleased to say that the report has now been published and the school is a Good Catholic school. We also received an outstanding judgement for our Catholic Life and Mission and for our Collective Worship. The staff worked hard for this and will continue to do so to ensure that the children get the best education we can give them. If you would like to read a copy of the report then please visit the school website:

<https://www.olspn.lewisham.sch.uk/>

In other news the school is now part of the St Benedict Catholic Academy Trust. We are one of the founding schools alongside Bonus Pastor Catholic College, St Michael's Catholic College and St Anthony's Primary School. Over the next few months I am sure that the Trust will continue to grow.

Last Week

**Offertory:** Gift Aided: £170 Not Gift Aided: £317

**Mass Count:** Sat (47), Sun 09.30 (92), 11.00 (102)

Second Collection

**Last week:** None

**This week:** World Communications Sunday (Non Gift Aid)

**Next Week:** None

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](http://www.olspn.church)

**Standing Order:** Email Treasurer for details.

**Cheque:** Payable to 'RCAS Sydenham'

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