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Mass Times

Saturdays 10.30am, 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sundays 9.30am, 11.30am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 9.30am

(Please note on Thursdays the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am-10.00am except on Holydays of Obligations & special occasions)

Reconciliations - Saturdays 11-12 noon

Benediction & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1st & last Fridays of the month after Mass & 3rd Sunday of the month at 5pm

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

22 October 2023

World Mission Sunday

Dear Parishioners

In the middle of this week, we received a message from our Archbishop to encourage us to join our prayer with the universal church for peace in the Holy Land. Please see the message below, here in our parish we will celebrate this Mass as a votive Mass for peace on **Wednesday 25th October at 9:30am**, at the Solemnity of Our Lady, Queen of Palestine and all the Holy Land. Please come and join us.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING - FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER

“At the conclusion of his general audience on Wednesday 18th October morning, our Holy Father Pope Francis announced another day of prayer and fasting for an end to the Israel-Hamas war, to be observed on Friday 27 October.

The Holy Father went on to say, it will be “a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions, and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit.”

On that Friday, the Holy Father will preside over a vigil in St Peter's Square at 6pm (5pm UK). He is desirous that faithful around the world join with him in prayer at that hour "in a spirit of penance to implore peace in our time, peace in this world".

In the Latin Patriarchate, Wednesday 25 October is the Solemnity of Our Lady, Queen of Palestine and all the Holy Land."

God Bless
Fr Habte

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 45:1,4-6, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, Matthew 22:15-21

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

They must really have thought they had their victim sewn up! If Jesus said he paid the Roman taxes, he recognised the Emperor, not God, as his Lord. If he said he didn't pay, he was a traitor to Rome. Jesus turns the question back on them. First he makes them admit that they themselves recognise Rome as overlord by carrying a Roman coin, for the coin would carry the Emperor's head. Next he puts them a question: what do they consider is due to Caesar? Finally he goes beyond their question, to interrogate their ultimate loyalty: in the last analysis, just what is due to God? At a superficial level this seems a little verbal tussle, in which Jesus outwits his opponents. But the story was remembered and passed on in the Christian community not because of Jesus' cleverness, but because at a deeper level it is a question which Jesus puts to each of us: just where do our loyalties and priorities lie? Money? Respect? Sex? Fame? A good holiday? Comfort? Power? Jesus is not a dictator who imposes his will. He just asks the question and leaves us to give our own answer. To those who question him he gives no easy response, but always replies with another question.

What takes priority in my life? Does God get a look-in? In what way?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Exodus 22:20-26, 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, Matthew 22:34-40

FR GREGORY Please remember Fr Gregory in your prayers he is in hospital at present following a fall and is making steady progress in his recovery.



THIS SUNDAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today. Tomorrow. Together.

Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Missio works through local bishops, churches and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly on the basis of need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories: local church directly helping local church.

The second collection will be for MISSIO. Thank you in advance for your support.

CAFOD's FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. Together, we are supporting local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan to get help to families and communities when they need it most. It's not too late to give online at cafod.org.uk

PROMOTING RACIAL & CULTURAL INCLUSION IN OUR PARISHES, SCHOOLS &

COMMUNITIES : There will be a Seminar entitled "**Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities**". This seminar will take place at the **Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023**. You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the *Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion chaired by Canon Victor Darlington, Episcopal Vicar for the Southeast*. On that day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including the Most Reverend John Wilson, the Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark.

Participation is either in person or remotely via Video Conference (Zoom)

To register for the Seminar please click on the following link:

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/1G3DvS124W>

Registration is FREE

For more information please write us: racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS -WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER

We celebrate this Holy Day of Obligation on Wednesday 1 November. Masses at 10.30am and 8pm. The 8pm Mass will be live-streamed.

ALL SOULS DAY- THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

We will celebrate Mass at 9.30am.

HOLY SOULS

In the month of November, the Church offers special prayers for Holy Souls. On the tables at the entrance and exit of the church there are sheets along with envelopes which you can use to make an offering for Mass for your deceased loved ones during the month of November.

Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the sheets and put your envelope in the Box specially prepared for your Offerings on the Sanctuary. Alternatively you can post your envelopes through the presbytery letter box.

Thank you



REMEMBRANCE MASS - WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER AT 8.00PM

We will offer a Holy Mass in remembrance of these parishioners who have died in the last year on **Wednesday 8th November at 8:00pm**, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. I would like to invite all parishioners to join us and their families in prayer.

DAY OF RECONCILIATION AND INNER HEALING St George's Cathedral **10.00 am to 5.00 pm on Sat 4 November** 'Return to me with all your heart' is the theme for this day. Featuring a range of activities to help you connect with God and experience inner healing: praise and worship, talks, testimonies, Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer ministry, eucharistic healing service and Mass.

COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL is holding a Mass of Remembrance at **2.00 pm on Thursday 9 November**, to remember all deceased Coloma students, staff & family members. Families of those who have died are warmly invited to attend this Mass which will take place at the school.

If you would like to attend, please RSVP to: liturgy@coloma.croydon.sch.uk by 2 November, indicating the name of your loved one so that they can be remembered at this Mass.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024 - SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER 2023

If your child is in Year 10 or above and they would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, there will be an information meeting for Candidates & Parents in the church on **Sunday 5th November 2023 at 6pm**. The preparation sessions will commence in January 2024.

EVENTS FROM THE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE TEAM AT THE ARCHDIOCESE

PASSING ON THE FAITH AS GRANDPARENTS

What practical steps can we take and what sort of conversations can we have which will help anchor our grandchildren's faith?

Four online sessions starting Weds eves November 8th, 7:30 – 9pm.

Email Lisette on mflse@rcaos.org.uk

PASSING ON THE FAITH FOR PARENTS

How do we start? How do we continue? What works well for children at different stages?

Four online sessions starting Thurs eves November 9th, 8pm – 9:30pm.

Email Lisette on mflse@rcaos.org.uk

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER - developed in collaboration with the Southwark Marriage and Family Life team, the Diocesan Agency for Evangelisation and SycamOre, a programme about the Catholic faith by Fr Stephen Wang. It consists of four one hour-long sessions via Zoom and is a wonderful opportunity for: · married couples to enrich their friendship and love · engaged couples who have completed their marriage preparation course and want to continue exploring their faith together

The course runs on Tuesday evenings from 8-9pm beginning October 24th. To register click on the link: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/together>

ADVANCE NOTICE

Please note our next Family Mass will be at 9.30am on Sunday 5 November. We will have one Sunday Mass at 10.30am on 26th November 2023 on the Feast of Christ the King and our usual two Sunday Masses at 9.30am and 11.30am on the First Sunday of Advent on 3rd December . The 9.30am on Sunday 3rd December will be a Family Mass.

Please pay for the Peaceful Repose of the Souls of

Theresa Ifeanyi Ndudi Mordi

Please remember Theresa's family and friends in your prayers

Anne Albert RIP

(mother of James Albert)

Please remember Anne's family and friends in your prayers

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen

2024 MASS INTENTIONS

We will be pleased to accept 2024 Mass Intentions by envelope to the presbytery or via telephone 020 8690 4549 or email Mary at the parish office

foresthill@rcaos.org.uk.

Please note on Thursdays the church will be open for private prayer from 9.30am-10.00am except on Holydays of Obligations & special occasions

Mass offerings may be sent to the presbytery with your intention or sent directly to our bank account:- Sort Code: 60-50-01, Account number: 79124437 Account name: RCAS FOREST HILL, Reference: Your surname/Gift Aid no

In addition, Mass intention offerings may also be donated via our contactless device in the Narthex or via the secure portal on our website DONATE WITH DONA (the name of the intention can be recorded within the messages option on the website)

Please remember to register for gift aid if you are a UK taxpayer,

If you wish to obtain a Mass card, please see Fr Habte after Mass.

MASS ATTENDEES

30 Sept/1 Oct - 352 7/8 October - 309 14/15 October -265

PARISH DIARY

Thur 26 Oct 8pm	Choir Practice	Church
Sat 28 Oct 9.15am	Instrumentalists	Church



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

World Mission Sunday

Saturday 21 October 2023

18:00 John Warner RIP

Sunday 22 October 2023

09:30 For the Parishioners

11:30 Bartolomeo Damele

Prayers for Ida Gladys Snuggs RIP

Monday 23 October 2023 - Feria

09:30 Bob Hall RIP

Tuesday 24 October 2023 - Feria

09:30 Herrintta Ihgabedua RIP

Wednesday 25 October 2023 - Feria

09:30 Nancy Willis RIP (live-streamed)

Thursday 26 October 2023 - Feria

09:30 Private Prayer

Friday 27 October 2023 - Feria

09:30 Michela Miraglia

Saturday 28 October 2023 - Sts. Simon & Jude, Apostles

10:30 Paula Argo

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 28 October 2023

18:00 John Warner RIP

Sunday 29 October 2023

09:30 Josephine Ugwu RIP & Grace Udefuna RIP

11:30 For the Parishioners

(FM) Foundation Mass

Please access the live streaming by visiting our parish Facebook page

www.facebook.com/swoyse23/live/

Reminder

Sunday 29 October 02.00 - End of BST- Clocks go back 1 hour