



OUR LADY OF REPARATION RC CHURCH

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:	7pm (Saturday); 8am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm, 3pm & 6pm
WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:	10am, 12:10pm & 6.45pm Saturday: 10am
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:	Wed. 12:45pm – 6:15pm; Sat. 10:30am -12noon Sun. 4pm - 5:45pm; First Fri. 10:45 – 12noon
CONFESSION:	Sat. 10:30am -11:30am & 6pm – 6:45pm; Wed. 12:45pm – 1:15pm First Fri. 10:45am – 12noon (and at call)
ROSARY: 9:40am Monday to Friday	MORNING PRAYER: 9:40am Sat
FATIMA DEVOTION: First Saturday 11am	PERPETUAL SUCCOUR: Sat. 11am

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A 22ND MARCH 2020

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Is 66: 10-11

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Collect

O God, who through your Word
reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful
way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and
eager faith the Christian people may hasten
toward the solemn celebrations to come.

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil
and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for
I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When
Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and
thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there
before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no
notice of his appearance or his height, for I have
rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man
looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the
heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but
Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen
these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons
you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the
youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then
Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit
down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for,
a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and

pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint
him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the
horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with
his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on
David and stayed with him from that day on.
The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22(23)

**R. The Lord is my shepherd:
there is nothing I shall want**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R.**

Second Reading **Ephesians 5:8-14**

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!
Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel **John 9: 1-41**

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.

'As long as the day lasts

I must carry out the work of the one who sent me;
the night will soon be here when no one can work.

As long as I am in the world

I am the light of the world.'

Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and

wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered.

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.'

So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in

the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

Jesus said:

'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.'

Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, 'We are not blind, surely?' Jesus replied: 'Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, "We see," your guilt remains.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Homily

The Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only-Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic
Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins,

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

We place before you with joy these offerings,
which bring eternal remedy, O Lord,
praying that we may both faithfully revere them
and present them to you, as is fitting,
for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into
this world,
illuminate our hearts, we pray,
with the splendour of your grace,
that we may always ponder
what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty
and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

Pastoral Letter from Archbishop John Wilson

*Concerning the Measures to be put in place Regarding Public
Worship and the Celebration of the Sacraments in Relation to
the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic*

*'Our help in is the name of the Lord, who made heaven and
earth.'*

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ
I wanted to write to you personally as we face the threats
posed locally, nationally, and internationally by the COVID-
19 Coronavirus. For so many people, including those in our
parish and school communities, this situation brings uncer-
tainty and fear. It has the capacity to bring out both the
best and the worst of our human nature. Working togeth-
er, in the strength of God's grace, we must seek to ensure
that the very best of our common humanity triumphs,
especially for the health and well-being of the weakest,
the poorest, and the most vulnerable.

The Lord Jesus commanded us to love one another and to
serve after His example. (Jn 13: 12-15; 13:34) Now is the
time for our love to be displayed more deeply and our
service to find heightened expression. Our calling as disci-
ples is to be salt and light to the world (Mt 5:13-16) in wit-
ness to the Gospel of Christ.

Few of us will have witnessed circumstances such as those
we are presently experiencing. It is crucial that we take the
necessary measures to maximise the welfare of every per-
son and follow the guidance and requirements of our Gov-
ernment and Statutory Agencies.

The Bishops of England and Wales have implemented
changes in how we are to practise our faith as we move
forward. Details of this can be found on the websites of
the Archdiocese of Southwark and the Catholic Bishops'

Conference of England and Wales. I ask every member of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Southwark - clergy, consecrated religious, and laity – to abide by these measures until they are amended or withdrawn. They will be kept under review in the light of expert health and hygiene advice.

A major change is the cessation of public celebrations of the Mass and the dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. We will, however, endeavour to keep our churches open wherever possible so that those who wish can visit to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

The imposition of these restrictions has not been taken lightly. As we know, the Mass is the hallmark of Catholic faith and practice. For there to be no public celebrations of the Mass, either on weekdays or Sundays, will be an immeasurable loss to all who cherish their participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice. For now, we must draw close to Christ in other ways, taking consolation from the fact that the Mass will continue to be celebrated each day in our parish churches to *'advance the peace and salvation of all the world.'* (EP III) It will not, however, be possible for the faithful to attend these celebrations.

To continue to mark the significance of Sunday as the Lord's Day, I would encourage all those who are able to read the Scripture readings of the Sunday Mass and to pray the rosary. We can also make a Spiritual Communion which prayerfully expresses our faith in Christ's presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Various forms of prayers for making a Spiritual Communion are available in prayer books and on the internet.

Our Catholic faith offers the vital spiritual support we will need to cope with all that will unfold. We can sustain our life of prayer, turning to the Scriptures, the Rosary, to novenas and litanies, using Catholic social media and internet resources to keep connected in the communion of faith. Live-stream celebrations of the Mass and other devotions are available from churches and shrines across the country and around the world. I encourage every Catholic - individuals, couples and families – to create, if there is not one already present, a simple shrine in their

home, with a crucifix and religious images, to provide a focus until that blessed day when we are able to gather in our churches once more.

Thank you for everything you are doing to support your parish, school and wider community at this challenging time. Please have a special care and concern for anyone who might struggle. Be Good Samaritans to each other. Support those most in need in the best ways possible. Please shop responsibly and give to charities working with people who are vulnerable and marginalised. Speak to your families and loved ones as often as you can. Keep everyone in your prayers, especially those suffering illness, and all our NHS, emergency and social care staff.

We may be more physically separated at this time, but we remain united spiritually in Christ through the Holy Spirit in a bond of faith that cannot be broken. Our prayers strengthen our relationship with Christ, our unity with Our Blessed Lady and the Communion of Saints, and our connection with each other. No one is forgotten in the prayers of the Church.

I want to assure you of my prayers for you, for your loved ones and for your parish community. We will do our very best to provide support and information through the Archdiocesan website and social media presence. In all that we will face, individually and together, we find our hope in Christ. He is our sure foundation, today, tomorrow, and always.

With every blessing



Yours devotedly in Christ

The Most Reverend John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark

Given at Archbishop's House, Southwark, 18 March 2020

ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH'S FUNERAL

It is a great sadness that the current pastoral measures have an impact on the planned funeral liturgies for Archbishop Peter Smith. There will now be a private Reception of the Body and Funeral Liturgy, with burial in the Cathedral vault. At a later date, when the restrictions have been removed, a Mass in memoriam will be celebrated where we can all gather together. Please continue to pray for the repose of his soul.

PARISH PROGRAMMES STREAMING ONLINE

Monday to Friday: Mass at 10:00am; 12:10pm & 6:45pm

Saturday: 10:00am & 7:00pm (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday: 8:00am; 12:15pm & 6:00pm

PRAYERS: (Mon—Sat) Morning 9:30am; Evening: 6pm
Night: 9:00pm

(Sun) Morning 9:30am; Evening: 5:45pm
Night: 9:00pm

ROSARY: 11:30am daily

CHURCH OPENING TIMES: 12:45pm to 5:00pm for
PRIVATE PRAYER AND ADORATION.

NEW CAR PARKING SYSTEM

Our new system is now live and is operative Mon - Fri (24hrs.) it covers parking on the forecourt, all parking areas around the parish centre & ramps. Please register your vehicle at the pad by the repository, at every visit.



Lenten Masses in Croydon University Hospital
Monday Lenten Mass has been suspended like all public Masses in the Archdiocese.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.