



**THE SEASON OF ADVENT (Year C)
9th December 2018**

Parish Newsletter

PARTNERS IN CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SURBITON

401-403 Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7DG Tel: 020 8399 9550

Email: tolworth@rcaos.org.uk **Website:** www.olionline.co.uk

Parish Priest: Father Ignatius Edet — **Curate:** Father Joseph Edem

Deacon: Rev. A. Callan, 59 Princes Avenue, Tolworth KT6 7JL Tel: 020 8399 9862

OUR LADY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

399 Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7DG Tel: 020 8399 9854 Fax: 020 8399 8582 www.oli.kingston.sch.uk

HEADTEACHER: Mrs Frances Robertson



Parish Office Open on Monday—Friday 10am— 1.00pm

**Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)
8th/9th December 2018**

6.30pm Patricia Lynch-RIP (*Priscilla*)
9.00am Nubia & George – Anniversary
11.00a.m Lizzie Price—RIP (*Priscilla*)

6.00pm For the people

10th/15th December 2018

Mon 10th **Feria**
9.30 am Maria Eaton –RIP (Liz Saunders)
Tues 11th **Feria**
9.30am Mariyamma Thomas –RIP (41st Anniversary)
7.00pm Thanksgiving (*Isaac & Lucy*)
Wed 12th **Feria**
9.30am Jimmie O'Donnell –RIP
7.00pm Maura Crossan –RIP
Thurs 13th **St Lucy**
9.30am Intentions of Sr Anne
Fri 14th **St John of the Cross**
9.30am Mary McDonagh – RIP
11.30am **Funeral:** Margaret Spooner—RIP
Sat 15th **Our Lady**
9.00am Ottavio D'Agostin (*Franco D'Agostino*)

**Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)
15th/
16th December 2018**

6.30pm Maria M. Fernandes –RIP (*J. Fernandes*)
9.00am Intentions of Sr Helena
11.00am Rosemary Durkin –RIP (*Priscilla*)
6.00pm Franciscan Secular Order (*J. Ballesteros*)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday—Friday,
8.30am; Saturday after 9am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 9.30am—10am & 5.30—6.00pm

NOVENAS
1. Novena Prayers to Saint Anthony each Tuesday after the morning Mass and after the evening Mass.
2. Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each Wednesday after the evening Mass.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH: Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially Michael Rapazzini, *Jacqueline Richards, Margaret Spooner, Jean Dawes, Peter Hogan, and Bertha D'Costa,* and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Arthur Bailey, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, Roisin Loftus, Pat Parker, Eileen Pearce, Heather & George Trutwein, and Yvonne Norman.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

St Vincent de Paul Meetings
Fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm.
Next meeting: 12 December 2018
To contact SVP please ring the presbytery
Junior SVP meets at 5.15pm.
SVP Coffee Morning in the Old Chapel
3rd Sunday of every month after the 9am mass.

Justice & Peace Group
Second Monday of each month at 7.45 in the RDJ Room, except July, August and December.

Afternoon Tea and Chat in the RDJ Room
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Monthly Syro-Malabar Mass
Fourth Saturday of each month at 3.00pm.

Repository
The repository is open the first Saturday of every month after the 6:30 pm mass and the first Sunday after the 11 am mass. It is open every Sunday after the 9 am mass, excluding school holiday.

Library:
3rd Sunday of every month - after the 9.00am Mass with SVP Coffee Morning.

Union of Catholic Mothers
Third Tuesday of each month except August at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel.

Knights of St Columba
Every 3rd Monday at 4pm in RDJ Room.

The Kingston Franciscan Fraternity
Pastoral Centre on 1st Saturday of the month at 3pm.

Prayer Group—Tuesday at 10.30am— 12noon (RDJ Room) except 1st Tuesday.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

IN APPRECIATION: I would like to thank you all, beloved brothers and sisters, clergy and parishioners of OLI for your contribution of your time, resources and talents towards the successful celebration of my induction by Bishop Paul Hendricks on Friday. The organisation and execution of the entire event, from the Eucharistic celebration to the Reception in the hall, was fantastic. I don't know how best to thank you, except to reassure you of my commitment to continue to serve you and work with you in the mission of evangelisation, witnessing to Jesus Christ both within and beyond the boundaries of our Community. Reflecting further on the events of last night, one of the concrete takeaways, for me, is on the importance of unity in the fulfilment of the nature and mission of the Church. The diversity in our parish is a gift to be received, treasured, nurtured, shared and celebrated; I believe that together we can and will make this a way of being and doing Church here in OLI. Once again, many thanks and God bless you all. **Father**

VACANCY—PARISH SECRETARY: The parish is looking to recruit a part time Parish Secretary to assist in the administration of the parish. This will initially be on a 12-month fixed term contract with a 3-month probationary period. The role is to provide comprehensive support to the Parish Priest in all administrative matters within the Parish and will cover secretarial, financial and office management work. Previous secretarial experience is essential – along with good knowledge of bookkeeping/financial work. The successful candidate will be fully conversant with current office software such as Outlook, Word and Excel and be generally comfortable with IT and office equipment. He/she will have excellent telephone skills and a good understanding of the workings of a Roman Catholic Parish. **A full job description is available on the homepage of the parish website.**

Our ideal hours are from 10am to 2pm on Monday to Friday. Salary £11 to £12 per hour depending on experience. If you would like to apply for this position, please email your CV to ignatiusedet@rcaos.org.uk by the **closing date of 16 December 2018**. Please do not apply for this job if you do not have current permission to work in the

Baptisms in the Parish

Parents who want to have their children baptised are expected to follow two Baptism Preparation Sessions. They are held on the first Sunday of every month between 10am-11am in the Old Chapel.

Social and Games Changes

from September: Monthly social and games afternoon begins today after 11 mass in the Old Chapel. Please call Helen, the YSVP coordinator on 07402327177 for any further information.

First Holy Communion Sponsor Forms are available at Church porch. Please complete & return it to the presbytery

SVP Meeting: 19 December, 7.30pm in the old Chapel.
Junior SVP meets at 5.15pm at the same venue.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019

I would like to thank all prospective Confirmation candidates and their parents for their understanding regarding lack of information about next year's Confirmation programme. I would, therefore, like to meet with all who have been involved in Confirmation catechesis in the parish or elsewhere else, preferably before the end of the year.

I would appreciate if past, present and prospective Confirmation catechists could, please, contact me as soon as possible. Suggestions are welcomed. Thank you. **Father Ignatius**

TAKE SOME TIME TO REFLECT THIS ADVENT

Advent is a very special season of the year – and yet it can sometimes pass us by, because we're so busy preparing for Christmas. For the past couple of years, our diocesan Spirituality Commission has produced a series of short daily emails, to help us focus on the true meaning of Advent. These have been very well received, so we would like to make more people aware of them.

To sign up, please visit:
www.southwarkdsc.org.uk

UCM ADVENT CELEBRATION

Union of Catholic Mothers Advent Celebration will be on **Tuesday 18th December @ 7.30pm in the Old Chapel**. Husbands, partners & friends are also warmly invited. Please could members bring finger food to share.

Mary's Meals: Rags to Riches:

Mary's Meals will be at our Church this Sunday morning only to collect all your unwanted clothing/bedding (no duvets or pillows). Please bring all your bags before 11.00am

Please ensure all clothing/bedding is put into tied black sacks - 4 full sacks will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Thank you.

OLI CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

The OLI Christingle Service will take place on Thursday 13th December at 5.30pm in the Church. This Service is a special Church Service that is held for children during Advent and celebrates Christ, who is the Light of the World.

Children (and adults) are invited to bring a Christingle to the Service. A Christingle consists of an orange, decorated with a red ribbon, sweets and / or dried fruits, in which a small candle is placed. (Instructions on how to make a Christingle can be found on the Parish website (<http://www.olionline.co.uk>). A candle will be provided when you arrive at the Service).

PARISH CAROL SERVICE:

Wednesday, 19 December at 7.30pm, followed by a Reception in the hall.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Volunteers are needed for all our Christmas Masses i.e. 6.30 pm Christmas Eve, Midnight, 8.00 am, 9.15 am and 11.00 am on Christmas Day. We need Altar Servers, Readers, Gift Bearers, Collectors, Welcomers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you can help at any of these masses please add your name to the appropriate sign-up sheet in the RDJ room. We need a lot of people to ensure these masses are successful so please help if you can and thank you in advance for your assistance. **Jacques Lambert, Parish Master of Ceremonies.**