



OUR LADY IMMACULATE
TOLWORTH

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year C)

24th March 2019

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School: Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + Headteacher: Mrs. Frances Robertson

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SUNDAY MASSES

23rd Sat Vigil	6.30pm	H & G Truitwein - W. Anniversary
24th Sun	9.00am	Margaret Grogan (<i>P. Grogan</i>)
	11.00am	Stella Tremenheere - Welfare
	6.00pm	<i>Pro Populo</i>

WEEKDAY MASSES

25th Mon	9.30am	Annunciation of the Lord: Freda Sirmon - RIP & Rhoda D'Cruz - RIP
26th Tues Feria	9.30am	Gladys Millard - RIP (<i>S. Howe</i>)
	7.00pm	
27th Wed Feria	9.30am	Monica Tett - Welfare
	7.00pm	
28th Thurs Feria	7.00am	The Victims of the Mosque shootings in New Zealand (<i>C. Andrew</i>)
	9.30am	
29th Fri Feria	7.00am	Laurence Dillon (<i>K. Hashmi</i>)
	9.30am	
30th Sat	9.00am	

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

30th Sat Vigil	6.30pm	Honerine, Adele Newman - 50th Anniversary of Death (<i>G. Newman</i>)
31st Sun	9.00am	Mary Hunt - RIP (<i>R & L Smallwood</i>)
	11.00am	
	6.00pm	

OTHER SERVICES

Eucharistic Exposition	Monday - Friday: 8.30am Saturday: After 9am Mass till 10am
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10.00am & 5.30-6.15pm
Novenas	St Anthony: Tuesday after 9.30am & 7pm Masses Perpetual Help: Wednesday after 7pm Mass
1st Sat of Month	Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK

The Jews were familiar with an image of God who rewards good behaviour and punishes any wrong-doing severely. This led to a perception of natural disasters and human tragedies as some sort of divine punishment for sins. Jesus' response to his interlocutors in the Gospel puts paid to this rather fatalistic and draconian view of God. Instead, it reminds us about the transient nature of human existence here on earth and the need to live each moment of our life responsibly, with gratitude and generosity for the gift that we are and have received. Hence, the psalmist reassures us of God's providence and love, even in the face of suffering, trials, tribulations, and sinfulness. Since "*the Lord is compassion and love,*" he takes no delight in punishing people; rather, being "*slow to anger but rich in mercy,*" he delights in giving all another chance - second, third, fourth, etc., provided they are open to it. In the words of Pope Francis, "*God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy*" (*Evangelii gaudium*, §3). The first reading offers us a telling example. Moses, a fugitive from Egypt is not only offered a second chance; he is sent back to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, as God's instrument for the liberation of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. In this third week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to make good use of the *second chances* that God is always giving us, to grow in grace, in holiness, in charity, and in the service of God and one another. Amen.

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REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Justice & Peace Group	Second Monday of the month at 7.30pm, except August and December Next meeting: 8th April (<i>RDJ Room</i>)
Knights of St Columba	Every 3rd Monday at 4pm (<i>RDJ Room</i>)
Prayer Group	Tuesday at 10.30am-12pm, except 1st Tuesday (<i>RDJ Room</i>)
Afternoon Tea and Chat	2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 2pm (<i>RDJ Room</i>)
Union of Catholic Mothers	Third Tuesday of the month except August at 7:30pm (<i>Old Chapel</i>)
St Vincent de Paul (SVP)	First and third Wednesday at 7:45pm Next meeting: 3rd April (<i>Old Chapel</i>)
Junior SVP	1st and 3rd Sunday of the month before 6pm Mass (<i>Old Chapel</i>)
Library and SVP Coffee Morning	3rd Sunday of the month after 9am Mass (<i>Old Chapel</i>)
The Kingston Franciscan Fraternity	1st Saturday of the month at 3pm (<i>Pastoral Centre</i>)

SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES

- Reconciliation Service:** Friday, 5 April at 7pm
- Last Seven Words on the Cross:** Friday, 12 April at 7pm

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First reading	Joshua 5:9-12
Second reading	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel	Luke 15:1-3,11-32

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially John Matthew, victims of the Ethiopian airline crash, victims of the New Zealand mosque shootings 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, Pat Parker, Thomas Haley, Roisin Loftus, Eileen Pearce, Heather & George Turtwein, Yvonne Norman and Esme Mills.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

LAST WEEKEND

Loose collection: £912.87

Gift-aid: £699.71

Total: £1,612.58

CAFOD: £432.92



INFANT BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the parents course.

Next course: 5th & 12th May, at 10am in the Old Chapel



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Parents Meeting on 25th March 7.30pm has been cancelled. **Next Children's Class: Sat 30th March 10.30am.**



CONFIRMATION

Next session: **Tuesday, 26th March at 7.30pm** in the Catholic Hall. Please, be punctual. Thank you.



RCIA PROGRAMME

Are you an adult who is not yet baptised? Or an adult who was baptised in another Church? Or an adult baptised Catholic who has not been confirmed? Kindly consider joining The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) programme towards full incorporation into the Catholic Church. For more information, please contact Father Ignatius.



FR CHRIS O'BRIEN

Fr Chris O'Brien's new address is: Lady of the Vale, Grange Road, Bowden Vale, Bowdon, Altrincham WA14 3HA. Once he has settled in and has established what his new rooms may need, we aim to have a collection to provide him with a gift on behalf of the parish.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

1. Monday-Friday after 9.30am Mass
2. Friday at 6pm (led by Syro-Malabar Community)

24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 29th March starting at 11.00am This is an opportunity to spend some time with Jesus during Lent. Please sign the form at the back of the Church. At least 2 people are required to be with Jesus at all times.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

All are warmly welcomed to the Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service on Friday, 5 April at 7pm. There will be visiting priests to help in the administration of the Sacrament of Penance. This will be a good opportunity for parishioners to go to Confessions in view of the Holy Week and Easter..

UPCOMING PARISH LENTEN PROJECT EVENTS

1. **St. Patrick's Day Coffee Morning** - Raised £76.60

2. **Sponsored Walk and Bike Ride**

Last Sunday, the Tolworth Trekkers embarked on an epic walk from OLI Church over the Surrey Hills to Worth Abbey, near Crawley. The 31 mile (69,000 step) walk took 11.5 hours (with no stops) and Worth Abbey was reached at 6.30pm, just before dark. The walk was a considerable challenge due to the slippery muddy conditions and waterlogged pathways. At the same time, the Tolworth Tornadoes determinedly cycled the 62 miles to Worth Abbey (and back). They pedalled very fast over hilly terrain and arrived back at OLI Church at 4.30pm. It was an amazing achievement! It's not too late to sponsor us!!! The easiest way to do this is to use the Justgiving site, which has been set up for the Lenten Project <https://www.justgiving.com/OLILentenProject>. Alternatively, please pop a cheque / cash through the Presbytery door. Many thanks! Photos can be viewed in the gallery on the website.

3. **Table Top Sale** - after the 9.00 and 11.00 Masses this **Sunday 24th March. THIS WEEKEND** Items sold will include brand new, top quality china, glass and kitchen items; a wide range of plants; toys and games; books and much much more! Refreshments will be provided and it will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends and support the Lenten Project.

4. **UCM/KSC Cake and Book Sale** - **Sat, 30th March** after 6:30pm Mass and **Sunday 31st March (Mothering Sunday)** after the morning Masses in Old Chapel. Why not come and purchase an edible gift for your Mum on Mother's Day! Please could we ask for cakes donation and books to brought into the Old Chapel before the Masses.

5. **The Lenten Project Quiz 2019** - **Sat, 6th April at 8pm** Time to exercise those little grey cells!! The hall will be open from 7.30 . £5 per adult. £1 per child under 16. You are welcome to bring your own food and drink, and all proceeds will go to support the Lenten project charities. Please come and have fun, and support these great causes. To book a table call George 07949334349.

6. **South Indian Event** - **Sat 27th April 7.30pm** You are cordially invited to taste a homemade three course Indian dinner; with Indian talent, culture and entertainment organised by the Syro Malabar Community. Church Hall, £10n per adult, children under 5, £5 & family £30. To book a table contact Jommy 07738652931 or Rosamma 07961444865.

7. **Jumble Sale** - **Sat 4th May**. Doors Open at 1.30pm. Admission £1

GIVE YOUR TAX TO THE CHURCH

If you pay tax you can increase your weekly donations by 25% at no cost to you. Come to RDJ Room after Mass today to learn more. **GIFT AID MEMBERS**, please collect your envelope boxes after Mass today from the RDJ Room.

FOODBANK COLLECTION

There will be a foodbank collection after each Mass next weekend **30th & 31st March**. We need undamaged, non perishable food. Donations can be left in the box in the church porch. Most needed items are: tinned soup, tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, fruit juices/squash, pasta sauce, biscuits and tinned meat. If you have any queries of need support, please contact the Food Bank Coordinator 07402327177.

SOCIAL AND GAMES scheduled for the 31st March 2019 is cancelled. Please note the next Social and Games will be on 28th April 2019. Apologies for inconvenience caused.

ANNUAL PARISH MEAL

On behalf of Fr Joseph and Deacon Al, I would like to invite you to this year's meal on **Friday 10th May** at 7pm in Sorrento's restaurant. A three course meal including service will be £18.64 per head (drinks extra). To secure your place, please place cash or a cheque (payable to OLI) in an envelope (addressed to Andrew Richardson) through the presbytery door with your contact details and a list of the people who are covered by your payment. Please also include the names of any others you wish to share a table with. Closing date for payments, (so the restaurant can be secured and not opened up to the general public), is Wednesday 17th April.

REPOSITORY VOLUNTEERS

Can all current volunteers come to the repository and fill out an updated contact information? It is in a black folder. Thank you for your continued service. God Bless.