



OUR LADY IMMACULATE
TOLWORTH

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

31st March 2019

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Parish Priest: Fr. Ignatius Edet + **Curate:** Fr. Joseph Edem + **Deacon:** Rev. Al Callan + **Secretary:** Mrs Denise Kidd

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

1st Mon Feria	9.30am	Maria & Felicia Conway RIP
2nd Tues Feria	9.30am	Luke & Josephine Nolan
	7.00pm	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory Joseph Hutchinson RIP (<i>R. Lee</i>)
3rd Wed Feria	9.30am	Peace & Blessings for Ubald Family (<i>N. Ubald</i>)
	7.00pm	
4th Thurs Feria	7.00am	
	9.30am	Norah Savage RIP (<i>D. Linehan</i>)
5th Fri Feria	7.00am	
	9.30am	Protection of Fr. Ignatius & the Souls of 2 Priests Killed in Nigeria (<i>K. Fox</i>)
6th Sat	9.00am	Michael Pearson - BD (<i>H&G Trutwein</i>)

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

6th Sat Vigil	6.30pm	Susanna Chin RIP (<i>Teresa Bredl</i>)
7th Sun	9.00am	
	11.00am	Bertha D'Costa - RIP (<i>Family</i>)
	6.00pm	Jenny Sathirasegaram RIP (<i>H&G Trutwein</i>)

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 4th Sunday of Lent is traditionally called *Lætare*. *Lætare* is the singular of the Latin imperative, *Lætari*, which means *Rejoice*. The name is inspired by the opening words of the entrance antiphon of the Mass: "*Lætare... Rejoice Jerusalem ... be joyful...*" God's unconditional love and mercy is the reason for this joy. It is a joy that flows from the deep sense of being forgiven, of being "reconciled with God," of being transformed into "a new creation" (see the 2nd Reading), and the "shame of Egypt" (slavery to sin) wiped away (see the 1st Reading). Jesus emphasises this point in the Gospel, in the parable of the prodigal son. The returned *Prodigal* is reconciled not only with his apparently *prodigal Father*, but also, presumably, with his elder brother who seem rather self-righteous and jealous of their father's prodigality.

Surely, we cannot fail to recognise the baptismal undertones of today's readings - and liturgy. Traditionally, the 4th Sunday of Lent marks an important step in the progress of catechumen towards the Easter Sacraments with the celebration of the second scrutiny during which the minister prays, among others, for the elect, to be freed from the "false values that surround them." Thus, *Lætare Sunday* anticipates the joy of Easter, howbeit in a provisional and/or reduced manner. The use of Rose coloured vestment instead of the more sombre violet/purple, or the more exuberant white / gold (as in Easter) serves to highlight this. Lastly, we also rejoice and thank God today for the gift of mothers, grandmothers and all who play motherly roles in the Church and our society. **IAE**

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First reading	Isaiah 43:16-21
Second reading	Philippians 3:8-14
Gospel	John 8:1-11

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially John Matthew, and victims of violence and wars, 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: £973.59

Gift-aid: £625.98

Total: £1,599.57



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 next **Parents Meeting:** 29th April 7.30pm. The next **Childrens Class:** 4th May 10.30am



CONFIRMATION

Next session: **Tuesday, 2nd April 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)

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.

LENTEN REFLECTION ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS ON THE CROSS

Please, kindly join us in a special Lenten Service of Reflection, Prayer and Hymns on the Seven Last Words of Our Lord on the Cross, on Friday, 12 April at 7pm. All are warmly welcome!

UPCOMING PARISH LENTEN PROJECT EVENTS

1. **Sponsored Walk and Bike Ride** - Amount raised to follow.

2. **Table Top Sale - £1,239**

Last Sunday's sale was a resounding success and raised an amazing £1,239 for the Lenten Project. Many thanks to all those who donated, helped with and supported the fun event. In particular, many thanks to all the lovely children/young people who helped at the event – it was lovely to see so many getting involved.

3. **UCM/KSC Cake and Book Sale - THIS WEEKEND**

Delicious home-made cakes and scones and an assortment of books will be on sale in the old chapel this weekend after 6.30pm and 9am and 11am Masses.

Come and buy a cake or book for Mum on Mother's Day or just give yourself a treat. If you have cakes or books to donate please bring them to the old chapel before Mass. All proceeds to the Parish Project

4. **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.

5. **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.

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

FOODBANK COLLECTION

There will be a foodbank collection after each Mass **30th & 31st March. THIS WEEKEND** 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.

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for all our Holy Week Services i.e. Maundy Thursday 18 April @ 8.00 pm, Good Friday 19 April @ 3.00 pm and Holy Saturday 20 April @ 8.00pm. We need Altar Servers, Gift Bearers, Collectors, Welcomers/Ushers 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.

SENIOR / MC ALTAR SERVERS PLEASE NOTE: Holy Week Practice is on Sunday 14 April at 12.30 pm in the Sacristy if you have volunteered for any of the Holy week services you need to attend this practice and jobs will be allocated then.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. Jacques Lambert, Parish Master of Ceremonies. The rota sheets will be in the RDJ room by the weekend

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.

DO YOU NEED A CARER FOR THE ELDERLY?

Irene is a parishioner and a carer who works for the elderly in their own homes. She has 18 years experience and is looking for clients. Please contact on 07966698331

BETTINA DOVER

We have heard of the death of a parishioner of St. George's Church who attended some OLI functions. Her funeral will be on 9th April - 12pm at St. George's Church, Hamilton Avenue.