



OUR LADY IMMACULATE
TOLWORTH

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Year C)

14th April 2019

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

13th Sat Vigil	6.30pm	Maria Sebastian - Special Intention
14th Sun	9.00am	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00am	Pasanalino Pozella (<i>C. Pozella</i>)
	6.00pm	Deceased Members of Trutwein Family (<i>H & G Trutwein</i>)

HOLY WEEK

15th Mon Feria	9.30am	Eileen Spellman - RIP
16th Tues Feria	9.30am 6.00pm	Maria Kutty - RIP 1st Anv (<i>Matthew</i>)
17th Wed Feria	9.30am 7.00pm	Rose & Catherine Cusiack - RIP Ann-Marie Connolly - Welfare
18th Thurs Maundy Thursday	9.00am 5.00pm 8.00pm	Office of Readings & Lauds Chrism Mass: St George's Cathedral Mass for Children & Elderly: <i>Rosy Varanat - RIP (S. Varanat)</i> Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
19th Fri Good Friday	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 7.00pm	Office of Readings & Lauds Passion Service with Children Solemn Liturgy of the Passion Stations of the Cross
20th Sat	9.00am	Office of Readings & Lauds

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

20th Sat Easter Vigil	8.00pm	Easter Vigil <i>Pro Populo</i>
21st Sun Easter Sunday	9.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 6.00pm	<i>Pro Populo</i> Alexius Yap - RIP BAPTISM: Harry Ellis

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

Jesus enters Jerusalem. The liturgy invites us to share in the joy and celebration of the people who cry out in praise of their Lord; a joy that will fade and leaves a bitter and sorrowful taste by the end of the account of the Passion. This celebration seems to combine stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples. It somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love... but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment; the capacity for loyalty, but also for great abandonment and betrayal.

We also see clearly throughout the Gospel account that the joy Jesus awakens is, for some, a source of anger and irritation... That outcry is the song and the spontaneous joy of all those left behind and overlooked, who, having been touched by Jesus, can now shout: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord". How could they not praise the one who had restored their dignity and hope? ... All this joy and praise is a source of unease, scandal and upset for those who consider themselves righteous and "faithful" to the law and its ritual precepts... And so here is where another kind of shouting comes from, the fierce cry of those who shout out: "Crucify him!" It is not spontaneous but already armed with disparagement, slander and false witness...

Faced with such people, the best remedy is to look at Christ's cross and let ourselves be challenged by his final cry. He died crying out his love for each of us: young and old, saints and sinners, the people of his times and of our own. We have been saved by his cross, and no one can repress the joy of the Gospel; no one, in any situation whatsoever, is far from the Father's merciful gaze - **Pope Francis, Homily on Palm Sunday 2018.**

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

Justice & Peace Group	Second Monday of the month at 7.30pm, except August and December Next meeting: 13th May (<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: 17th 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>)

SACRED TRIDUUM: Corrections to Programme

Please collect a copy of the programme of services for the Sacred Triduum. Kindly take note that: 1) the Passion Service for Children on Good Friday is at 11am; 2) the evening Mass on Easter Sunday is at **6.00pm**, and NOT 6.30pm. Thank you.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First reading	Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Second reading	Colossians 3:1-4 or 1st Corinth 5:6b-8
Gospel	Luke 24: 13-35

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially John Matthew and Bettina Dover. 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: £891.38

Gift-aid: £735.74

Total: £1,627.12

Maundy Thursday - Lenten Project
Good Friday - Holy Places

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, 23rd April at 7.30pm** in the Catholic Hall.
Please, be punctual. Thank you.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

As discussed during the meeting of last December, all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will have their statutory Renewal of Commitment to ministry during the Solemn Mass of Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday) at 8pm. **Please, may all endeavour to arrive at 7.30pm for a short briefing in the RDJ Room.** Thank you.



SPECIAL EASTER OFFERING

By custom in the diocese, the Easter offering will be your personal gift to Father Ignatius and Father Joseph. Envelopes are available at Narthex if you would like to use them. Together with the Christmas Offering, the Easter offering constitutes the main income of priests who serve in parish ministries in the diocese.

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)

UPCOMING PARISH LENTEN PROJECT EVENTS

1. **Sponsored Walk and Bike Ride** - Amount raised to follow.
2. **The Lenten Project Quiz 2019** - Amount raised to follow.

3. FILM SHOWING - SATURDAY 13th APRIL

Allan & Marie-Helene Cook will show a film of **Archbishop Oscar Romero** who was canonised last October. Come and see the story of his battle for the persecuted poor of his country and his martyrdom while saying Mass in his Cathedral 24th March 1980. **This celebrated film will be shown in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 13th April at 7.30 pm.** No tickets required but please give generously for the Lenten Project.

4. Raffle tickets for the Lenten Project Grand Draw **1st prize £200 cash, 2nd prize £150 John Lewis Voucher, 3rd prize £100 Marks & Spencer Voucher, 4th prize 5 x £10 cash.** All counterfoils and cash to be returned by **8th May 2019.** Please put envelope through the Presbytery letterbox. **Draw date: 12th May 2019 at 12.00 noon.** All raffle prizes are generously donated by Greenfields Estate Agents.

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 18th May.** Doors Open at 1.30pm. Admission £1

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting is on April 16th at 7.30pm in the old chapel. This will be an evening of recollection on Holy Week. Please bring a prayer, reading or piece of music to share. All ladies in the parish are welcome to join us.

NB: Our Treasurer reminds us that annual subs (£16) are now due. Saturday April 27th walk with Kate Boyle around Clerkenwell

HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are still needed for all our Holy Week Services i.e. Maundy Thursday 18 April @ 5.00pm & 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 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you can help, please add your name to the appropriate sign-up sheet in the RDJ room. J. Lambert, Parish MC

PARISH GARAGE CLEARANCE

The Parish garage, which is next to the Parish Bungalow (Noah's Ark), is currently completely full of a range of items, some of which, I understand, have been there for years. I would like this space to be completely cleared out. Could I please ask anyone who owns items in the garage to move them by **21 April 2019**? Any unclaimed items will then be either sold at the forthcoming jumble sale, taken to a charity shop or skipped. Many thanks for your support. IAE

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.

INVITATION TO A DISCOVERY HOUR WITH HCPT

HCPT is a national charity organising Easter and Summer Pilgrimages to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged children and adults. HCPT is trying to get the word out into the community about their pilgrimages. They'll be offering an hour introduction to their work called "Discovery Hour" here in the parish on **Thursday, 9 May at 8pm in the Catholic Hall.** You won't be asked to make any financial contributions at this event, but HCPT may contact you once afterwards to request a feedback. All are Welcome!