



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

21 July 2019

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
20 th Sat Vigil	18.30	Roisin Loftus RIP (<i>H & G Trutwein</i>)
 21 st Sun	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00	Nan Healy – WB (<i>M. Taylor</i>)
	12.30	Baptism: <i>Daisy Binstead</i>
	18.00	Alexius Yap – RIP
WEEKDAY MASSES		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
22 nd Mon <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i>	9.30	Delia Kelly – FM
23 rd Tues <i>St. Bridget</i>	9.30	Josephine Perry – RIP (<i>E. Cullen</i>)
	19.00	No Evening Mass
24 th Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	George Thomas – WB (<i>D. Thomas</i>)
	19.00	William Lavelle – RIP (<i>Connolly Family</i>)
25 th Thurs <i>St. James</i>	7.00	Archbishop John Wilson - WB
	9.30	Ellen, Charles & All the relations of the Swallow & Jarvis Families (<i>A. Swallow</i>)
	13.30	Funeral: <i>Colin F. Gray - RIP</i>
26 th Fri <i>Ss. Joachim & Anne</i>	7.00	Elizabeth Saunders – WB & Gd Health (<i>Angie & Jeanette</i>)
	9.30	Thanksgiving (<i>M. Fazal</i>)
	13.00	Funeral: <i>Michael Ewens - RIP</i>
27 th Sat <i>BVM Saturday Memorial</i>	9.00	Pat Amanpour (<i>K. Fox</i>)
SEVENTEETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
27 th Sat Vigil	18.30	Richard Trutwein – WB (<i>Mum & Dad</i>)
28 th Sun	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00	Neville Goshan (<i>Lourdes & Stella</i>)
	18.00	Felix Sabastian – WB (<i>Priscilla</i>)
OTHER SERVICES		
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm	
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after AM & PM Masses	
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after PM Mass	
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month	

HOSPITALITY THROUGH CONTEMPLATION AND ACTION

Hospitality is a central message in today's first reading and Gospel. The hospitality of Abraham and Sarah to the three disguised divine visitors is re-echoed in the welcome by the two sisters, Martha and Mary of Bethany to Jesus. It is amazing that the Gospel scene is set before us on the Sanctuary every time we enter our Church, carved into the Ambo (Lectern). I wonder how many of us have noticed this or read about it on our website! Perhaps you might consider taking some time to view it after Mass this weekend. Back to the two stories! The role of the two pairs of generous hosts is very prominent in the two stories. Little wonder it seems to form the central element in them. However, there is a subtlety to both stories, namely, the role of the divine visitors: "*The Lord appeared to Abraham...*" and "*Jesus came to a village...*" The visitors and their action occupy a decisive position in the stories, not least because they point beyond the hospitality of the two sets of hosts, leading us as it were towards the mystery of God's self-revelation – disguisedly in the Old Testament, but fully in Christ in the New Testament as Paul emphasises in in the second reading.

We can draw some parallels between Abraham and Sarah and Martha and Mary. Abraham welcomed the visitors, served and waited upon them, while Sarah provided the meal. Jesus is welcomed by Martha in her capacity as the owner of the home (maybe, the older of the pair). Her sister, Mary was at home too (maybe she was visiting or lives there too). While Martha sets about making provisions for the guest, Mary kept him company, "*sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking.*" Perhaps Martha had made some subtle overtures to her but was ignored. Who knows? Maybe she needed some help, or would have liked to join in their conversation? But her 'naughty' sister seemed to care less; and Jesus also. So, she complained, "Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me." Jesus' response appears challenging if not shocking: "Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part...."

What does Jesus mean by this statement? Was he not grateful for all the trouble that Martha took to host and serve him? Was he insensitive to her need? Certainly, Jesus is not repudiating Martha for her good works, but for her complaint and the apparent jealousy behind it. "There is a variety of gifts," as Paul reminds us, "but always the same Spirit ... The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose" (See 1 Co 12-13). Strictly, we cannot choose between *contemplation* and *action*, yet the former is fundamental to the latter. Besides, though faith without deeds is nothing (see James 2:14-26), we cannot do *the work of God* truly if we are not in communion with *the God of the work*: "I am the vine, you are the branches ... cut off from me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5; see Matt 7:22-23). In other words, making space for God in our lives is fundamental to *doing something for God*; we cannot fulfil the latter in the true sense of it without the former.

There is also a practical human dimension to this truth. The most important and sustainable gift we can give to others (children, parents, siblings, friends, colleagues and strangers) is not material things however dear, but our time, attention, a listening ear, company, understanding, love, etc. – in a word, ourselves!

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	
1ST READING	Genesis 18: 20-32
2ND READING	Colossians 2: 12-14
GOSPEL	Luke 11:1-13

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died; Roisin Loftus, Colin Forsyth Gray, Michael Ewens, Maria Dosantos and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time; 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, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, Eileen Pearce, Heather & George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Nan Healy, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Michael Emmett, Kathleen Sheehy-Gregory, Frances Sullivan, Sally Sheridan Loughrey, Michael Pearson & Joan McGovern

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
	LAST WEEKEND Cash: £770.91 Gift-aid: £677.74 Total: £1,448.65 2 nd Collection Apostleship of the Sea: £482.71 <i>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</i>

INFANT BAPTISM	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the parent's course. Next course: 1 st & 8 th September, at 10am in the Old Chapel.

INSTALLATION OF THE NEW ARCHBISHOP	
	The Installation of the Most Rev. John Wilson as Archbishop of Southwark will take place on Thursday 25 July at 12 noon. LIVE BROADCAST from St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Join us for the first live broadcast on the RC Southwark Youtube Channel: https://youtu.be/wemlCGkP6pA

	Mission Appeal (6/7 July 2019) On behalf of the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers), may I offer our sincere thanks and gratitude for your Parish's kind generosity in response to our Mission Appeal that took place recently at your parish. The £997.56 we have received will greatly increase our ability to bring Christ to the poorest and most neglected, responding to their cries for help. On behalf of Fr Colman, Yours in the Holy Spirit, John Jones (Provincial Bookkeeper).
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HOLIDAY WISHES	
	On behalf of Fr Joseph, Deacon Al and myself, I would like to wish everyone a good and happy holiday. Best wishes and prayers for those traveling. Looking forward to having all return safely, healthier and refreshed after the holiday. Lots of love! Father Ignatius

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS
NO EVENING MASS ON TUESDAY 23 JULY There will be no evening Mass on 23 July due to the Silver Jubilee Mass of Father Uche Njoku at St. Joseph's, New Malden, at 7pm.
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - DAY FOR LIFE This is the day in the Church's Life dedicated to celebrating the Scaredness of Life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection on the last Sunday in July provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre (formally the Linacre Centre of Healthcare ethics), and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of the grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.
DONUT SALE NEXT WEEKEND Ethan Fox will be selling Krispy Kreme donuts after 9.00am & 11am (subject to availability) Masses on the 28th July. To raise money for the skydive that Ethan is doing in aid of the Princess Alice Hospice.
TRAINING DAY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CATECHISTS All FHC catechists are invited to a training day on Saturday, 27 July, from 10.30am to 3.30pm; arrival, 10am. Other catechists and new volunteers are welcome to join the training. Even if you may not yet be sure if this is a ministry you might be called to exercise in the parish, you are welcome to come along. The training will be facilitated by Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau, OP. Please sign up with Father Ignatius via email or through the Parish Office by Friday, 19 July 2019. Thank you.
CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP SUNDAY 9AM MASS We are on summer holiday until Sunday 8 th September. We look forward to welcoming you all back then.
OPEN DAYS – OUR LADY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL Dear Parents, you are invited to visit the school as prospective parents for admission in 2020. We are offering tours of the school an opportunity to meet the Head on Friday 11th October at 9.15am and Friday 22nd November at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you then.
FOODBANK DONATIONS There will be a collection for Kingston Foodbank at each Mass on the weekend of 27 th and 28 th July. Please leave your donations in the box provided at the back of the church. Thank you for your ongoing support. URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: JAMS, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED FRUIT, PASTA SAUCES, INSTANT COFFEE AND CEREALS.
KINGSTON FRIENDS OF LIFE Many thanks to all who supported our concert last Saturday. Thanks to Michael and Nicholas who so generously gave their time and talents. £500 was raised for Life, a National Charity helping mothers and babies.
4TH TOLWORTH AIR SCOUTS There will be a few spaces available in September in the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections, so if your child would like to join us (and are aged between 6 and 14), contact us. We would love to meet you. Please contact Mrs Pat Askey, 07952967930.
SUNRAY RESIDENTS AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURS You are invited to a community Street Party on 3 rd August on Barnsbury Crescent (KT5 9RF). Bring a dish and meet your neighbours and invite those who are on their own to meet their neighbours in a friendly environment. Everyone is welcome. Child friendly. If you need any further information, contact Ajantha on: communitysunray@gmail.com Or alternatively, speak to parishioner: Helen Emmett on 07402327177. Looking forward to seeing you all for a fun day in the Sun ☺
DAVID & DEBBIE DRAY'S 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS The Dray family would be very pleased if anyone would like to join the celebration of their 25 th Wedding Anniversary and renewal of their vows on 3 August at 3pm. The ceremony will be jointly celebrated by Canon Tony Charlton and Father Simon Dray. We wish them a happy celebration and many more happy years!