



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

28 July 2019

# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

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## MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

### SEVENTEETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

27 <sup>th</sup> Sat Vigil	18.30	Richard Trutwein – WB ( <i>Mum &amp; Dad</i> )
28 <sup>th</sup> Sun	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00	Neville Goshan ( <i>Lourdes &amp; Stella</i> )
	18.00	Felix Sabastian – WB

### WEEKDAY MASSES

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:** Monday – Friday at 8.30am

29 <sup>th</sup> Mon <i>St. Martha</i>	9.30	Roisin Loftus – RIP ( <i>Tea &amp; Chat Gr</i> )
30 <sup>th</sup> Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Private Intention
	19.00	Special Intention ( <i>Anne</i> )
31 <sup>st</sup> Wed <i>St. Ignatius of Loyola</i>	9.30	Elizabeth Coyle – RIP ( <i>Howley Family</i> )
	19.00	Thelma D'Costa – WB
1 <sup>st</sup> Thurs <i>St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>	7.00	Private Intention ( <i>Lynette</i> )
	9.30	<i>Stanley &amp; Florence DeSilva</i> - RIP
2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat <i>BVM Saturday Memorial</i>	9.00	Holy Souls
	15.00	<b>David &amp; Debbie Dray's 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Mass</b>

### EIGHTEETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat Vigil	18.30	<i>Pro Populo</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	9.00	Vincent N. Ayamnde – RIP ( <i>Ayamnde Family</i> )
	11.00	Private Intention
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>

### OTHER SERVICES

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
<b>St Anthony of Padua</b>	Tuesday: after AM & PM Masses
<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	Wednesday: after PM Mass
<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	1st Saturday of the month

## LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY

Prayer was an integral part of Jesus' life and mission. Besides the episode in today's Gospel, significant moments of his earthly life and ministry were always punctuated with prayer: before the descent of the Holy Spirit on him during his baptism (Lk 3:21); before the tempting by the devil and the commencement of public ministry (Matt 4:1-2); before the choice of the twelve apostles (Lk 6:12-16); after the feeding of the five thousand (Mk 6:46); at the raising of Lazarus (Jn 11:41-42); before his passion (Matt 26:20-35; Mk 14:32-42) etc.

Through prayer, Jesus was always in intimate communion with the Father. Abraham's conversation with God in the first reading prefigures this intimate relationship; evidently, it gives Abraham the audacity even to haggle as it were with God, and can be seen as a prefiguration of the mediatory role of Christ.

As a *pious Jew*, a rabbi, Jesus observed the customs of prayer and worship of the Jewish people, both privately and publicly. But he was also concerned about a tendency promoted especially by the Pharisees in the Judaism of his time which largely reduced prayer and worship to the observance of external rituals and laws. This rather minimalist and fundamentalist view, of course, fell short of the ideal of prayer and worship as an expression of intimate communion with God, and not a revelling in pompous show of words, gestures or actions.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples against such tendencies in their prayer: "And when you pray, do not imitate the hypocrites: they love to say their prayers standing up in the synagogues and at the streets corners *for people to see them* ... "do not babble as the pagans do, *for they think that by using many words they will make themselves heard* (Matt 6:5-8; cf. 1 Kgs 18:26<sup>b</sup>-29, 36-39). The context of the above directives, namely, before teaching them how to pray is quite telling. The additional information given by Matthew, therefore, sheds further light not only on the content of the Lord's Prayer which is, unarguably, the model of the truly Christian prayer, but also on the nature and purpose of Christian prayer.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (nos.2779 – 2796) offers us a very succinct explanation of this beautiful prayer. According to the *Catechism*, the "power of the Spirit who introduces us to the Lord's Prayer is expressed in the liturgies of East and of West by the beautiful, characteristically Christian expression: *parrhesia*, straightforward simplicity, filial trust, joyous assurance, humble boldness, the certainty of being loved" (CCC, no. 2778).

I would highly recommend that we take a few minutes to read and reflect on this short but very rich catechesis. It can be accessed at [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc\\_css/archive/catechism](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism)

Knowing the immensity of what we do whenever we say the Lord's Prayer can help us draw into closer union with God. Also, conscious of the fact that, "Praying to our Father should develop in us the will to become like him and foster in us a humble and trusting heart" (CCC, no. 2800), will help us to nurture and grow a deep prayer life since our prayer life can potentially encourage others to learn to pray just like the disciples were inspired by Jesus' example. Of course, we cannot pray well without the help of the Holy Spirit (see Rm 8:26-27).

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### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

<b>1ST READING</b>	Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23
<b>2ND READING</b>	Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 12: 13-21

## 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: £766.04

Gift-aid: £694.04

**Total: £1,460.08**

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection today for Day for Life

*Thank you for your generosity to your parish.*

## INFANT BAPTISM



Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the parent's course.

**Next course:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> September, at 10am in the Old Chapel.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP



The new archbishop of Southwark, Archbishop John Wilson was installed on Thursday, 25 July 2019 at St George's Cathedral in very moving installation ceremony, followed by a Solemn eucharistic celebration presided by the new archbishop who also delivered a very inspiring homily to the teeming crowd of faithful, comprising of bishops, priests, deacons, religious, the laity, ecumenical and civil representatives.

We wish Archbishop John a happy and fruitful ministry in Southwark.

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### DAVID & DEBBIE DRAY'S 25<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Dray family would be very pleased if anyone would like to join the celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> 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!

## 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

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - DAY FOR LIFE

*Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

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.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP SUNDAY 9AM MASS

We are on summer holiday until Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you then.

### 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.

### DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS - SAT 28 SEPT 2019

All catechists and children's liturgists are invited by our new Archbishop, John Wilson, to attend the annual diocesan Day for Catechists on **Saturday 28 September 2019** at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HR. This Day is for all the Catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word and the RCIA process. This year, as with last year, will feature an additional workshop slot and a catered sandwich lunch.

In order that all our catechists do not miss this **important training day**, please put this date in your diaries now and let Denise in the Parish Office know if you wish to attend. Thank you

### BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

You are invited to a celebration of your marriage. However long you have been married, come along to St Columba's, Selsdon, South Croydon, from 9.45am till 4.30pm on Saturday 28 September. The day is for couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to make them a bit better. Booking is essential: phone 07983 524 727 or email [milkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:milkent@rcaos.org.uk)

### SUNRAY RESIDENTS AND SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURS

You are invited to a community Street Party on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 ☺