



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

18 August 2019

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
17 th Sat Vigil	18.30	Paddy Collen (<i>M & J Hoey</i>)
18 th Sun	9.00	Debbie & Nick Board 35 th Wedding Anni (<i>D Board</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	18.00	Patrick Grogan – RIP (<i>P. Grogan</i>)
WEEKDAY MASSES		
EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
19 th Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Angela McCarthy – RIP (<i>Maranzano</i>)
20 th Tues <i>St. Bernard</i>	9.30	Private Int (<i>Maranzano</i>)
	19.00	Release of Souls in Purgatory (<i>Nikhil</i>)
21 st Wed <i>St. Pius X</i>	9.30	Alexius Yap – RIP
	19.00	Holy Souls in Purgatory (<i>Nikhil</i>)
22 nd Thurs <i>The Queenship of the BVM</i>	7.00	Ann Foley – RIP (<i>M & B Mundy & Family</i>)
	9.30	Kathleen & Frank Tucholski
23 rd Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Joy Ives – RIP (<i>J. O'Grady</i>)
	9.30	Seamus Conmy – WB
24 th Sat <i>St. Bartholomew</i>	9.00	Edith Winifred Eales – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
24 th Sat Vigil	18.30	Elizabeth Coyle – RIP (<i>M.Howley</i>)
25 th Sun	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00	Mary O'Mara
	12.30	Baptism <i>Kenny Humpade & Henry O'Malley</i>
	18.00	Gladys Cameron – RIP (<i>H. Trutwein</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

ON THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

A Homily by Benedict XVI (15 August 2012)

On 1 November 1950, Venerable Pope Pius XII proclaimed as Dogma [*an Article of Faith*] that the Virgin Mary “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory”. This truth of faith was known by Tradition, was affirmed by the Fathers of the Church, and was a particularly important aspect in the veneration of the Mother of Christ. Precisely this devotional element, so to speak, was the driving force behind the formulation of this Dogma. The Dogma appears as an act of praise and exaltation of the Holy Virgin. It also emerges from the text of the Apostolic Constitution, where it affirms that the Dogma is proclaimed for “the honour of her Son... for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church”. What was already celebrated in the veneration and devotion of the People of God as the highest and most permanent glorification of Mary was thus expressed in the form of a dogma; the act of the proclamation of the Assumption was presented almost as a liturgy of faith. And in the Gospel which we have just heard, Mary herself prophetically pronounces a few words that orientate us in this perspective. She says: “For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed” (Lk 1:48). It is a prophecy for the whole history of the Church. These words of the *Magnificat*, recorded by St Luke, indicate that praising the Blessed Virgin, Mother of God, intimately united to Christ her Son, regards the Church of all ages and of all places. The fact that the Evangelist noted these words presupposes that the glorification of Mary was already present in the time of St Luke and he considered it to be a duty and a commitment of the Christian community for all generations. Mary’s words tell us that it is a duty of the Church to remember the greatness of Our Lady for the faith. This Solemnity is an invitation to praise God, and to look upon the greatness of Our Lady, for we know who God is in the faces of those who belong to him.

But why is Mary glorified by her Assumption into Heaven? St Luke, as we have heard, sees the roots of the exaltation and praise of Mary in Elizabeth’s words: “Blessed is she who believed” (Lk 1:45). And the *Magnificat*, this canticle to God, alive and active in history is a hymn of faith and love, which springs from the heart of the Virgin.

She lived with exemplary fidelity and kept in the inmost depths of her heart the words of God to his people, the promises he made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, making them the content of her prayer: the Word of God in the *Magnificat* became the word of Mary, the lamp for her journey, thus preparing her to receive even in her womb the Word of God made flesh. Today’s Gospel passage recalls this presence of God in history and in the unfolding of events; in particular, there is a reference to the Second Book of Samuel Chapter Six (6:1-15), in which David moves the Holy Ark of the Covenant. The comparison is clear to the Evangelist: Mary expecting the birth of her Son Jesus is the Holy Ark that contains the presence of God, a presence that is a source of consolation, of total joy. John, in fact, leaps in Elizabeth’s womb, just as David danced before the Ark. Mary is the “visit” of God that creates joy. Zechariah, in his song of praise says explicitly: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people” (Lk 1:68). The house of Zechariah experienced the visit of God by the unexpected birth of John the Baptist, but above all by the presence of Mary, who bore within her womb the Son of God

The full text is available at <http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/homilies/2012/documents>

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS	
1ST READING	Isaiah 66:18-21
2ND READING	Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13
GOSPEL	Luke 13: 22-30

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died Kathleen Sheehy-Gregory, Fr. Paul Offu (Enugu Diocese, Nigeria), Coleen Whiteley, Ned Walsh, Angela McCarthy 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, Frances Sullivan, Sally Sheridan Loughrey, Michael Pearson, Antonio Lima, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald & Frances Powell

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
	LAST WEEKEND Cash: £860.57 Gift-aid: £629.43 Total: £1,490.00 <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.

FINAL REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	
	Is your child due to make his or her First Holy Communion but is yet to register for 2019/2020 programme? You have one last chance to do so. Please bring your child to a drop-in evening on 30th August 7pm- 8pm. at the presbytery, with a copy of their Baptismal Certificate. Fr. Ignatius would also like your child to write a personal letter to him to say why he / she would like to receive First Holy Communion.

SPONSOR A CIBORIUM	
	At least two of our ciboria have come to the end of their long service and are now completely broken. There is an opportunity, should you wish to partially or completely sponsor the cost of a new ciborium for the parish, maybe in memory of a loved one. Please see Fr. Ignatius or contact the Parish Office. Many thanks for your continued generosity to your parish.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING	
	Thank you to all who have indicated interest to serve the parish through the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The inaugural meeting is scheduled for after the 6pm Mass on Sunday, 15 September in the OLD CHAPEL. Agenda and some relevant materials will be distributed to all concerned by the end of this month. Let us continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our brothers and sisters.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS
<p>PARISH TELEPHONE LINE – 0208 399 3291 Regrettably, our main telephone line is still down. We are working hard to rectify it, hopefully, by the end of the month. In the meantime, you may contact the Parish Office via the fax line 0208 399 3291 or by the email address. Thank you.</p> <p>Fr. JOSEPH Fr. Joseph is supplying at the Church of the Resurrection of our Lord, Sydenham Kirkdale until 29th August.</p> <p>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER SPONSORS Prayer Sponsor forms are still available in the narthex. Completed forms can be returned to the Presbytery</p> <p>CONSIDER BECOMING A CATHOLIC? Are you interested in the catholic church and want to know more Have you ever thought of becoming a catholic? Are you an adult, baptised catholic but not yet confirmed? If you, or someone you know, would say 'Yes' to one of these questions, Fr Ignatius would be glad to hear from you. The parish has a small group that will meet informally every week from September that may help answer your questions about the Church and, if you wish, enable you to take further steps.</p> <p>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 and 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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>THE ANNUAL DAY FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION The annual day of recollection for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers for South West Area will take place at St Boniface, Tooting SW17 9PG, on Saturday 26th October 2019. Please collect an invitation and programme sheet from the Narthex, fill in the booking form slip and return to Denise at the Parish Office. All the Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are requested to attend the day.</p> <p>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 mflkent@rcaos.org.uk</p> <p>OPEN DAYS: THE URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL Dear Parents, you are invited to the following events: Wednesday 18th September 6.30-8.30pm; 23rd-27th September (appointments are for Yr. 6 students only with a parent and can be made from Monday 9th September) For any further inquiries please contact; Admissions Officer, Mrs Salvina Barcellona: 020 8908 3167; salvina.barcellona@ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk Ursuline High School and Wimbledon College Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 10th October 5.00-7.00pm at UHS Site (SW20 8HA) www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/sixth-form</p> <p>† JOSEPH EDET EFFIONG (1940 – 2019) – RIP I regret to announce the passing of my dad during the week. Please, kindly remember him in your prayers – and my mum and family. IAE</p>