



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

1 September 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		
TWENTY- SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
31 st Sat Vigil	18.30	Elizabeth Saunders – WB (Jeanette)
1 st Sun World Day of Prayer – Care of Creation Special Memorial Mass	9.00	Elizabeth Mary Powell – RIP (FM)
	11.00	Pro Populo
	13.00	Fr. James J. Pathinathan – RIP
	18.00	Helen Dias – RIP (Keely Family)
WEEKDAY MASSES		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
2 nd Mon Feria	9.30	Favour Obtained (R. Joubert)
3 rd Tues St. Gregory the Great	9.30	Peace in Kashmir, India/Pakistan
	19.00	Joseph Edet Effiong – RIP (Ayamnde Family)
4 th Wed Feria	9.30	Arlanda McNally (K. Fox)
	11.30	Funeral: Angela McCarthy – RIP
	19.00	Holy Souls
5 th Thurs Feria	7.00	Pro Populo
	9.30	David Gwyther (K. Fox)
6 th Fri Feria	7.00	Pro Populo
	9.30	Shelia Brockman (Josie)
7 th Sat BVM Saturday Memorial	9.00	Florence Edith Elmslie – RIP (FM)
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
7 th Sat Vigil	18.30	Bertha D'Costa – RIP (Family)
8 th Sun Special day of Prayer – Education Day	9.00	Vincent Ayamnde – RIP (Family)
	11.00	Fr. Josaphat Ezenwa – 40 th Priestly Anniversary Baptism: Ronald Coshan
	18.00	Pro Populo
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	

LAUDATO SI': On Care for Our Common Home

Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us ...

The created things of this world are not free of ownership: "For they are yours, O Lord, who love the living" (Wis 11:26). This is the basis of our conviction that, as part of the universe, called into being by one Father, all of us are linked by unseen bonds and together form a kind of universal family, a sublime communion which fills us with a sacred, affectionate and humble respect. Here I would reiterate that "God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement" (Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 215).]

This is not to put all living beings on the same level nor to deprive human beings of their unique worth and the tremendous responsibility it entails. Nor does it imply a divinization of the earth which would prevent us from working on it and protecting it in its fragility. Such notions would end up creating new imbalances which would deflect us from the reality which challenges us (Benedict XVI, *Caritas in Veritate*, 14). At times we see an obsession with denying any pre-eminence to the human person; more zeal is shown in protecting other species than in defending the dignity which all human beings share in equal measure. Certainly, we should be concerned lest other living beings be treated irresponsibly. But we should be particularly indignant at the enormous inequalities in our midst, whereby we continue to tolerate some considering themselves more worthy than others. We fail to see that some are mired in desperate and degrading poverty, with no way out, while others have not the faintest idea of what to do with their possessions, vainly showing off their supposed superiority and leaving behind them so much waste which, if it were the case everywhere, would destroy the planet. In practice, we continue to tolerate that some consider themselves more human than others, as if they had been born with greater rights.

A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. It is clearly inconsistent to combat trafficking in endangered species while remaining completely indifferent to human trafficking, unconcerned about the poor, or undertaking to destroy another human being deemed unwanted. This compromises the very meaning of our struggle for the sake of the environment. It is no coincidence that, in the canticle in which Saint Francis praises God for his creatures, he goes on to say: "Praised be you my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love". Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.

Moreover, when our hearts are authentically open to universal communion, this sense of fraternity excludes nothing and no one. It follows that our indifference or cruelty towards fellow creatures of this world sooner or later affects the treatment we mete out to other human beings. We have only one heart, and the same wretchedness which leads us to mistreat an animal will not be long in showing itself in our relationships with other people. Every act of cruelty towards any creature is "contrary to human dignity" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2418). We can hardly consider ourselves to be fully loving if we disregard any aspect of reality: "Peace, justice and the preservation of creation are three absolutely interconnected themes, which cannot be separated and treated individually without once again falling into reductionism" (Conference of Dominican Bishops, Pastoral Letter *Sobre la relación del hombre con la naturaleza*). Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth.

Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter, *Laudato si'* – On Care for our Common Home (2015), §§1, 89-92

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Wisdom 9: 13-18
2ND READING	Philemon 9-10, 12-17
GOSPEL	Luke 14: 25-33

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, Joseph Edet Effiong 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: £465.75 Gift-aid: £588.39 Total: £1,054.14 2nd Collection Next Weekend Catholic Education Service <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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	
	1. Parents Information Meeting: Wednesday, 11 September 2. Children's First session: Saturday, 14 September

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, 06 October (Pls note the date change) 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.

<p align="center">† JOSEPH EDET EFFIONG (1940 – 2019) – RIP</p> <p>I regret to announce the passing of my dad. Please, kindly remember him in your prayers – and my mum and family. Funeral: Wednesday, 11 September in Nigeria. Memorial (Month's Mind) Mass: Friday, 11 October at 7pm, followed by reception in the Catholic Hall. All are warmly welcome. IAE</p>	
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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS
<p>SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – 8th SEPTEMBER</p> <p>Next Sunday, 8th September is this year's Education Sunday. On Education Sunday, Catholics are encouraged to reflect on the Church's enormous contribution to education in this country and pray for all those involved in Catholic education. The Catholic Education Service (CES) is the agency of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales charged with safeguarding and promoting our remarkable network of successful Catholic schools. It represents Catholic education to the Government, Ofsted and other national bodies to ensure Catholic schools are empowered to flourish.</p> <p>PARISH TELEPHONE LINE – 0208 399 3291</p> <p>Regrettably, our main telephone line is still down. We are working hard to rectify it. 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>CONSIDER BECOMING A CATHOLIC?</p> <p>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>NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!</p> <p>We urgently need more altar servers, to help with all our Sunday Masses. We need at least 20 new servers if at all possible, to help cover all the masses as a number have left to go to College and University this year. Age is no barrier both young people and adults equally welcome. The only requirement is that you have made your First Holy Communion. Adults will need to complete a DBS check before being added to the Rota. We need servers for all the weekend masses. The Training Course for new servers begins on Sunday 22 September at 12.30 in the Sacristy and will last for about 45 minutes. There are 8 sessions in all. The course enables those wishing to serve at Mass to get a basic understanding of the Mass itself and to get familiar with all the actions and skills required. All would be servers must complete the course before being admitted to the serving team. So, if you are interested in becoming an altar server please come along on Sunday 22 September 2019 at 12.30pm. Please help if you can in this very important and vital ministry in our parish. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact our Parish Master of Ceremonies Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793 and he will be only too happy to help you.</p> <p>OPEN DAYS: OUR LADY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>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</p> <p>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 the Parish Office know if you wish to attend. Thank you</p> <p>THE ANNUAL DAY FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</p> <p>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</p> <p>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@caos.org.uk</p>