



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

8 September 2019

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 Tel: 020 8399 9550; E-mail: tolworth@rcaos.org.uk www.olionline.co.uk **Parish Office:** Mon-Fri from 10am to 2pm  
**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-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

7 <sup>th</sup> Sat Vigil	18.30	Bertha D'Costa – RIP ( <i>Family</i> )
8 <sup>th</sup> Sun	9.00	Vincent Ayamnde – RIP ( <i>Family</i> )
<i>Special day of Prayer – Education Day</i>	11.00	Fr. Josaphat Ezenwa – 40 <sup>th</sup> Priestly Anniversary <b>Baptism:</b> Ronald Coshan
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

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

9 <sup>th</sup> Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Sheila Brucelas – RIP ( <i>V. Hemsley</i> )
10 <sup>th</sup> Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Angela McCarthy – RIP
	19.00	Holy Souls
11 <sup>th</sup> Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Joesph Edet Effiong – RIP ( <i>C. Yap</i> )
	19.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
12 <sup>th</sup> Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Charles Augustus Sillem – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
13 <sup>th</sup> Fri <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	7.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	9.30	Catherine Seaward – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
14 <sup>th</sup> Sat <i>The Exhalation of The Holy Cross, (Feast)</i>	9.00	Michael & Catherine Burrows – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

14 <sup>th</sup> Sat Vigil	18.30	Mary O'Mara
15 <sup>th</sup> Sun  <i>Home Mission Day</i>	9.00	Mary Flynn – RIP ( <i>P. Grogan</i> )
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	18.00	H & G Trutwein – WB ( <i>H. Trutwein</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

**THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON**

That son, who receives from the father the portion of the inheritance that is due to him and leaves home to squander it in a far country "in loose living," in a certain sense is the man of every period, beginning with the one who was the first to lose the inheritance of grace and original justice. The analogy at this point is very wide-ranging. The parable indirectly touches upon every breach of the covenant of love, every loss of grace, every sin. In this analogy there is less emphasis than in the prophetic tradition on the unfaithfulness of the whole people of Israel, although the analogy of the prodigal son may extend to this also . . . .

The analogy turns clearly towards man's interior. The inheritance that the son had received from his father was a quantity of material goods, but more important than these goods was his dignity as a son in his father's house. The situation in which he found himself when he lost the material goods should have made him aware of the loss of that dignity. He had not thought about it previously, when he had asked his father to give him the part of the inheritance that was due to him, in order to go away. He seems not to be conscious of it even now, when he says to himself: "How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, but I perish here with hunger." He measures himself by the standard of the goods that he has lost, that he no longer "possesses," while the hired servants of his father's house "possess" them. These words express above all his attitude to material goods; nevertheless, under their surface is concealed the tragedy of lost dignity, the awareness of squandered sonship.

It is at this point that he makes the decision: "I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" These are words that reveal more deeply the essential problem. Through the complex material situation in which the prodigal son found himself because of his folly, because of sin, the sense of lost dignity had matured. When he decides to return to his father's house, to ask his father to be received – no longer by virtue of his right as a son, but as an employee – at first sight he seems to be acting by reason of the hunger and poverty that he had fallen into; this motive, however, is permeated by an awareness of a deeper loss: to be a hired servant in his own father's house is certainly a great humiliation and source of shame. Nevertheless, the prodigal son is ready to undergo that humiliation and shame. He realizes that he no longer has any right except to be an employee in his father's house. His decision is taken in full consciousness of what he has deserved and of what he can still have a right to in accordance with the norms of justice. Precisely this reasoning demonstrates that, at the centre of the prodigal son's consciousness, the sense of lost dignity is emerging, the sense of that dignity that springs from the relationship of the son with the father. And it is with this decision that he sets out.

In the parable of the prodigal son, the term "justice" is not used even once; just as in the original text the term "mercy" is not used either. Nevertheless, the relationship between justice and love, that is manifested as mercy, is inscribed with great exactness in the content of the Gospel parable. It becomes more evident that love is transformed into mercy when it is necessary to go beyond the precise norm of justice – precise and often too narrow... Since this conduct had in his own eyes deprived him of his dignity as a son, it could not be a matter of indifference to his father... The prodigal son is aware of this and it is precisely this awareness that shows him clearly the dignity which he has lost and which makes him honestly evaluate the position that he could still expect in his father's house.

**John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia* (1980), §5**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14
<b>2ND READING</b>	First Timothy 1: 12-17
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 15: 1-32

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



**Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died** Angela McCarthy, Joseph Edet Effiong and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time; and all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.  
May they rest in peace. Amen



**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: £952.62

Gift-aid: £787.38

**Total: £1,740.00**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Today – Catholic Education Service**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Week – Home Mission Sunday**

*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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



**1. Parents Information Meeting:** Wednesday, 11 September at 7.30pm in Main Hall

**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.

### † JOSEPH EDET EFFIONG (1940 – 2019) – RIP

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**

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### PARISH TELEPHONE LINE – 0208 399 3291

Regrettably, our main telephone line is still down. You may contact the Parish Office via the fax line **0208 399 3291** or by the email address. Thank you.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

This Sunday is Education Sunday. 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. The CES represents Catholic education to the Government, Ofsted and other national bodies to ensure Catholic schools are empowered to flourish.

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY - 15 SEPTEMBER

Each year the Church in England and Wales celebrates Home Mission Sunday. This year, we are encouraged to take to heart the invitation to 'Rejoice with me'. This joyful invitation comes from two of the three people mentioned in the Gospel of the day. Through this short phrase, we are invited to experience the joy of finding something, or someone, that had been lost. How wonderful it would be if Catholic parishes responded to this invitation by celebrating with the people who have encountered Christ and come home to their parish community this Home Mission Sunday.

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

This weekend, the Children's Liturgy Group restarts after our summer break. Looking forward to welcoming your children back then. If your child hasn't attended Children's Liturgy before (and is between 4 and 8 years (until the start of First Holy Communion)) do encourage them to come along. It is lots of fun!

### NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

We need at least **20** new servers to help cover all the masses as a number have left to go to College and University. 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. The Training Course for begins on **Sunday 22 September at 12.30** in the Sacristy and will last for about 45 minutes. There are 8 sessions. If you are interested, please come along on **Sunday 22 September 2019 at 12.30pm**. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER SPONSORS

Prayer Sponsor forms are still available in the narthex. Completed forms can be returned to the Presbytery

### HARVEST FESTIVAL 21 & 22 SEPTEMBER

You are invited to bring non-perishable food items to be placed on the sanctuary at any of the weekend Masses. These items will then be distributed to those who are in need in our local area. Thank you.

### DEANERY SCHOOL'S EDUCATION MASS

The Annual Deanery Mass for those who work in Catholic Education will take place here at St. Raphael's on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 4.30pm followed by refreshments in Alexander House. All teachers, classroom assistants, school governors and all those who have any connection with our Catholic Schools are most welcome to attend. (Parking is available for the Mass in the TA Centre next to the Church)

### 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.

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR. GERRY O'BRIEN

Monday 9th September 2019 at 18.00 - St Agatha, King's Road, Kingston upon Thames KT2 5JR, 020 8546 4633. **Vigil Mass** at 19.00. **Funeral Mass** - Tuesday 10 September 2019 at 12.00 at St Agatha's. Burial in Ireland. May he rest in peace

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR. GREGORY MOORE

**Vigil Mass** 7pm, Wednesday 11 September, St. Wilfrid's Catholic Church, 97 Lorrimore Road, London, SE17 3LZ, **Funeral Mass** 12.30pm, Thursday 12 September, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1. May he rest in peace.