



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

13 October 2019

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

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School: Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mrs. Frances Robertson

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
12 Sat Vigil	18.30	John & David Doyle (<i>Doyle-Hall</i>)
13 Sun <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants</i>	9.00	John Cook – RIP (<i>B & D Marley</i>)
	11.00	Thanksgiving (<i>Percy-Lister Family</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
WEEKDAY MASSES		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
14 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	John McAndrew – Rip (<i>M-J Gray</i>)
15 Tues <i>St. Teresa of Jesus (Avila)</i>	9.30	Joseph Edet Effiong – RIP (<i>Afternoon Tea Club</i>)
	14.00	OLI School – Harvest Assembly
	19.00	Jan Leightley – WB
16 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Jack & Family – WB (<i>K. Jankowski</i>)
	19.00	Ann Doherty
17 Thurs <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>	7.00	Thanksgiving for Private Intention
	9.30	Matty, Becky & Smith Family (<i>B Smith</i>)
18 Fri <i>St. Luke, Evangelist</i>	7.00	Personal Int – <i>Going to Uni</i>
	9.30	Joseph Edet Effiong – RIP (<i>Roy & Thomas Family</i>)
19 Sat <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Pat Amanpour & Family
TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
19 Sat Vigil	18.30	<i>Pro Populo</i>
20 Sun <i>World Mission Day</i>	9.00	Thomas & Margaret Kane – RIP (<i>K. Jankowski</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	13.00	Baptisms: John Egbeniyi & Deborah Inoko
	18.00	Peter & Joseph Campbell (<i>M. Campbell</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

“FOR ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS...” (1 TH 5:18)

The above statement from St Paul in his first epistle to the Thessalonians sums up one of the main themes in today’s liturgy. **Gratitude!** For Paul, gratitude is not merely a human value, a virtue among ‘civilised’ peoples, but, above all, a divine imperative – “because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus.”

This is reflected in the life of Jesus himself. He gave thanks to the Father for “revealing [the mysteries of the Kingdom] to mere children” (Matt 11:25; Lk 10:2). When he taught his disciples how to pray, the first petition was essentially thanksgiving, “*Hallowed be thy name*” (see Matt 6:9; Lk 11:2). Some of his significant miracles were preceded by a prayer of thanksgiving. For example, in the narratives of the multiplication of foods (bread and fish), the careful mention of the fact of *blessing* [giving thanks] over the meagre resources that would subsequently feed the multitude with huge leftovers, is indicative of the evangelists’ conviction that there was a necessary link between the prayer (of thanksgiving) and the resulting miracle (see Matt 14:13-21; Jn 6:1-15). Also, his raising of Lazarus from death was preceded by thanksgiving: “*Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer ...*” (Jn 11:41b). Moreover, the climax of Jesus’ life of thanksgiving is reached during his last Passover meal during which he instituted the Holy Eucharist; “he took some bread and said the blessing ...and took the cup and *returned thanks*” and distributed it among his disciples, saying to them, “*this is my body, this is my blood,*” eat and drink of it in memory of me (Matt 26:26-29; Mk 14:22-25; Lk 22:19-20; see 1 Co 11:23-26).

This *act of thanksgiving* has provided the name for the central act of Christian worship based on its Greek name, *Eucharistia*. In other words, every Mass, precisely as a *Eucharistic celebration*, is a mystery of thanksgiving by the whole Church *to the Father through Christ her head by the power of the Holy Spirit*. It is a celebration that encompasses the entire and mission of the Church. Consequently, this supreme act of thanksgiving should not just start, occur and end in the Church or within the gathered assembly. It should flow outward into all ramifications of our daily lives, and into our families, our homes, and the wider community. That is why every Eucharistic celebration always *ends* with a *mission* (cf. the root of the Latin word *missa*). Thus, in the strict sense, the *Mass is never ended*; for the ‘*end of the Mass*’ is indeed *an end of the beginning* and *not the end of the end*. Unfortunately, this sense of mission, which seems more clearly expressed in the Latin dismissal mandate – *Ite, missa est* – had become somewhat obscured in the English translation – *Go, the mass is ended*. Hopefully, the new translation of the Mass has largely remedied this in 2nd and 3rd options provided in English: “*Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord*” or “*Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.*” So, let us remember not to drop *the Mass* behind in the Church at the ‘end of the Mass’. Instead, let us take the Mass with us as we go into the world as witnesses to the joy of the Gospel, so that through us, and through our words and actions this week and always, the ends of the earth (the disengaged, lukewarm, un-churched, agnostics, atheists, etc.) might encounter the salvation of God.

On a more personal note, like the grateful foreigner in the Gospel, I want to thank all parishioners for the kind welcome and generous cooperation extended to me since I arrived here at OLI on 18 September last year. How time flies! Thank you for your patience with me as we continue to journey together as co-workers in the Lord’s vineyard. Delightfully, we had the inaugural meeting of the *Parish Pastoral Council (PPC)* last Sunday, composed of ten enthusiastic volunteers and Fr Joseph and me. Soon you would be able to access the minutes of the PPC meeting on the parish website and will be informed of ways of contributing to the work of the PPC. **IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS	
1ST READING	Exodus 17: 8-13
2ND READING	Second Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 2
GOSPEL	Luke 18: 1-8

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died Angela McCarthy, Joseph Edet Effiong, Carmela Arbia, Antionette Staunton, Tony Chesney, Derrick Butt, Stafen Ciesla 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 Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Frances Powell, Angelica D'Agostino Jan Leightley & Elizabeth Saunders

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
	LAST WEEKEND Cash: £897.62 Gift-aid: £788.21 Total: £1,685.83 <i>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</i>

INFANT BAPTISM	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: 3 & 10 November, at 10am in the Old Chapel.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	
	1. Next Children's Session: Saturday, 19 October, Main Hall, 10.30-11.30am 2. Next Parents' Session: Monday, 21 October at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020	
	If you have a son / daughter in school year 9, and they would like to be included in the programme next year, then please download an application form from our website (under Sacraments) and follow the directions on the covering letter. The final date for applications for next year is Sunday 3rd November , which will not be extended. Important dates are contained in the application form, so please do not delay downloading it! Those older than Year 9 should speak with the PP

† JOSEPH EDET EFFIONG (1940 – 2019) – RIP	
I want to thank all parishioners for your kind condolences, prayers and support to me on the death of my father, Joseph. My mum and siblings have also sent their heartfelt appreciation. Special thanks to all who were able to attend the <i>Month's Mind</i> Requiem Mass for his repose and the celebration of his life afterwards in the Catholic Hall on Friday. God bless you all! IAE	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – 20 OCT – MISSIO Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. Missio ignites God's love by helping missionaries to work alongside communities globally that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Together we are training tomorrow's generation of Priests and Sisters and giving hope to the world's poorest children. By supporting Missio, you play a valuable part in creating a vibrant Catholic Church for the future.	
SUBMISSION OF ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWSLETTER For inclusion in parish newsletter, notices need to be received by 2pm on Wednesday at the latest. Please remember to keep them VERY BRIEF as space is limited. Thank you.	
PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE ON WEDNESDAYS For the foreseeable future the Parish Secretary will not be available on Wednesdays. The Parish Office will be closed on that day. Thank you.	
REQUESTING MASS INTENTIONS If you require a specific date for a Mass intention, please request it as soon as possible and we will endeavour to accommodate the date requested. If an urgent need for a prayer is required, we will attempt to change an existing Intention, with the agreement of the donor.	
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will hold its next meeting on 1 December 7.00pm in the Old Chapel.	
THE LENTEN PROJECT 2019 TOTAL: £15,552.37 The monies have now been distributed to the adopted charities: The Indian Diocese of Nellore Chapel repairs £3,855 The St Joseph's Boys Hostel, Sri Lanka £3,855 The St Kizito Primary School, Buwoola, Uganda £3,855 The Daughters of Divine Love, Nigeria £3,855 Thank you for your continued support and generosity. We will shortly be meeting for the Lenten Project AGM – details to follow. If you have a charity nomination for 2020 please see the criteria and an application form on the Parish website. <i>The Lenten Project Committee.</i>	
UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS Tues Oct 15 at 7.30pm in the old chapel Margaret will be giving an illustrated talk on the Scottish Borders. Come and bring a friend. All are welcome.	
PARISH LIBRARY Opening on 20 October after 9am Mass. Tea and coffee will be offered by the SVP. Please bring back your books and DVDs. Please note: There are still over a hundred missing items, mostly DVDs and children's books. Please return asap. Thank you.	
KINGSTON FRIENDS OF LIFE Sun 20 Oct there will be another opportunity to hear the talented Michael Bevan (pianist) and Nicholas Armour (baritone) in concert. Please see poster in the narthex. Venue - St Raphael's church hall, Portsmouth Road, Surbiton. Time - 6pm, Duration- approx. one hour. Entry is free. There will be a retiring collection for Life Charity helping mothers and babies.	
KINGSTON CATENIANS If you would like to find out more about Kingston Catenians following their recent presentations at mass, they have arranged an informal "get together" in the OLD CHAPEL at 7.30pm on Tues 22 October.	
PLACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR: THE ANNUAL DAY FOR READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: Saturday 26 October 2019 at St Boniface, Tooting. Please contact the Parish Office.	
RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING: 23 October 2019. External students – 6.15pm. Richard Challoner students – 7.00pm.	
CAMINO DE SANTIAGO TRAIL In September, OLI parishioner Ahu Guray walked 111km for 5 days in silence along the Camino de Santiago trail in support of African Vision Malawi. Should you wish to donate to her cause please either get in touch with Ahu on 07415 401 717 or contribute at: https://africanvisionmalawi.charitycheckout.co.uk/pf/ahu-camino	