



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

3 November 2019

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)**

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

<b>MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS</b>		
<b>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>		
2 Sat Vigil	18.30	<i>Pro Populo</i>
3 Sun  <b>Blessing of Graves</b>	9.00	Peter Fox ( <i>K. Fox</i> )
	11.00	Roman Szymanski – RIP ( <i>Szymanski Family</i> )
	18.00	Mary McDonagh – RIP ( <i>Bridie, Colin Keane &amp; Family</i> )
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am</b>		
4 Mon <i>St. Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30	Archbishop Michael Bowen - RIP
5 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Martin & John Kennedy ( <i>E. Cullen</i> )
	<b>13.30</b> 19.00	<b>Funeral - Shelia Anderson - RIP</b> Charlie, Elizabeth Lee & Family
6 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Mary Brennan – WB
	19.00	Julia Morris – RIP ( <i>S. Mills</i> )
7 Thurs <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St. George</i>	7.00	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	9.30	Bertha D'Costa – RIP ( <i>D'Costa Family</i> )
8 Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	<i>Holy Souls</i>
	9.30	Fiona Amanpour ( <i>K. Fox</i> )
9 Sat <i>The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica</i>	9.00	Philip Dray – RIP <i>FM</i>
<b>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>		
9 Sat Vigil	18.30	Virginia Pupo – RIP ( <i>G. Sharp</i> )
10 Sun <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>  <b>Inscription for FHC Candidates at 9am Mass</b>	9.00	Vincent N. Ayamnde – RIP ( <i>Ayamnde Family</i> )
	11.00	Jan Leightley – WB ( <i>M. C. Taylor</i> )
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>		
<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	

<b>ETERNAL LIFE – WHAT IS IT?</b>	
<i>A Reflection by Benedict XVI</i>	
<p>We have spoken thus far of faith and hope in the New Testament and in early Christianity; yet it has always been clear that we are referring not only to the past: the entire reflection concerns living and dying in general, and therefore it also concerns us here and now. So now we must ask explicitly: is the Christian faith also for us today a life-changing and life-sustaining hope?</p> <p>Is it “performative” for us — is it a message which shapes our life in a new way, or is it just “information” which, in the meantime, we have set aside and which now seems to us to have been superseded by more recent information? In the search for an answer, I would like to begin with the classical form of the dialogue with which the rite of Baptism expressed the reception of an infant into the community of believers and the infant's rebirth in Christ. First of all the priest asked what name the parents had chosen for the child, and then he continued with the question: “What do you ask of the Church?” Answer: “Faith”. “And what does faith give you?” “Eternal life”. According to this dialogue, the parents were seeking access to the faith for their child, communion with believers, because they saw in faith the key to “eternal life”. Today as in the past, this is what being baptized, becoming Christians, is all about: it is not just an act of socialization within the community, not simply a welcome into the Church. The parents expect more for the one to be baptized: they expect that faith, which includes the corporeal nature of the Church and her sacraments, will give life to their child – eternal life. Faith is the substance of hope. But then the question arises: do we really want this – to live eternally? Perhaps many people reject the faith today simply because they do not find the prospect of eternal life attractive. What they desire is not eternal life at all, but this present life, for which faith in eternal life seems something of an impediment. To continue living for ever – endlessly – appears more like a curse than a gift. Death, admittedly, one would wish to postpone for as long as possible. But to live always, without end – this, all things considered, can only be monotonous and ultimately unbearable. This is precisely the point made, for example, by Saint Ambrose, one of the Church Fathers, in the funeral discourse for his deceased brother <i>Satyrus</i>: “Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life, because of sin ... began to experience the burden of wretchedness in unremitting labour and unbearable sorrow. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing.” A little earlier, Ambrose had said: “Death is, then, no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind's salvation.”</p> <p>Whatever precisely Saint Ambrose may have meant by these words, it is true that to eliminate death or to postpone it more or less indefinitely would place the earth and humanity in an impossible situation, and even for the individual would bring no benefit. Obviously, there is a contradiction in our attitude, which points to an inner contradiction in our very existence. On the one hand, we do not want to die; above all, those who love us do not want us to die. Yet on the other hand, neither do we want to continue living indefinitely, nor was the earth created with that in view. So what do we really want? Our paradoxical attitude gives rise to a deeper question: what in fact is “life”? And what does “eternity” really mean? There are moments when it suddenly seems clear to us: yes, this is what true “life” is – this is what it should be like. Besides, what we call “life” in our everyday language is not real “life” at all....</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Benedict XVI, <i>Spe salvi – On Christian Hope</i> (2007), nos. 10-12</b></p>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</b>	
<b>1ST READING</b>	Second Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14
<b>2ND READING</b>	Second Thessalonians 2: 16 – 3:5
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 20: 27-38

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	<b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died</b> Joseph Edet Effiong, Carmela Arbia, Antionette Staunton, Tony Chesney, Derrick Butt, Stafen Ciesla, Shelia Anderson, Bernard Furlong, Archbishop Michael Bowen, Sally Sheridan Loughrey Frances Powell 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
	<b>Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community:</b> 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, Michael Pearson, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Frances Powell, Angelica D'Agostino Jan Leightley, Elizabeth Saunders, Marie Turnpenny. Thomas O'Connor & Jimmy Simon

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
	<b>LAST WEEKEND</b> <b>Cash:</b> £846.50 <b>Gift-aid:</b> £628.54 <b>Total: £1,475.04</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection – CAFOD              Total: £639.87 <b>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</b>

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	
	1. <b>Next Children's Session:</b> Saturday, 9 November, 10.30-11.30am 2. <b>Next Parents' Session:</b> Monday, 18 November at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall

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 <b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> , 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

† ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL BOWEN – RIP	
The Funeral Arrangements for Late Archbishop Bowen are as follows:	
<b>Sunday 3rd November:</b>	
➤ <b>5.00 pm:</b> Reception into St George's Cathedral	
➤ <b>6.00 pm:</b> Cathedral Mass	
➤ <b>8.00 PM:</b> Vigil Service.	
<b>Monday 4th November:</b>	
➤ <b>7.30 am:</b> Cathedral Mass	
➤ <b>12.30 pm:</b> <i>Funeral Mass</i>	
Burial in the Cathedral Crypt at the end of the Mass	
<b>Archbishop John Wilson</b>	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
<b>SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – 9 &amp; 10 November</b>	
For the Archbishop's Fund for Diocesan Administration. This collection helps meet the cost of the central administration of the diocese.	
<b>NOVEMBER LIST BOX</b> is available in the narthex. Please place names of departed loved ones in it for prayers & Masses.	
<b>ANNUAL BLESSING OF GRAVES</b>	
This will take place on Sunday 3 November: <b>2.00pm at Surbiton cemetery</b> and <b>3.00pm at Kingston Cemetery.</b>	
<b>DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED DEANERY CLERGY.</b>	
All parishioners are invited to the Requiem Mass for deceased clergy who have served the parish and deanery on 13 Nov, 7pm here at Our Lady Immaculate Church.	
	<b>Parish Lenten Project</b>
The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for 48 years. The aim of the Project is to give the parish a charitable focal point during Lent and give everyone (all groups, clubs and societies) in the parish the opportunity to take part in fundraising for projects in the developing world. <b>The Lenten Project AGM will be held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 7.15pm</b> in the Old Chapel. At that meeting we will select the charities which we will be supporting during Lent 2020. We are now actively seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities. If you have a charity you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2020 then please complete the charity nomination form which can be found at: <a href="http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/">http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/</a> You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of Church or obtain one from the Parish Office. The deadline for forms will be advertised in the newsletter. Once you have completed the form please either email it to <a href="mailto:tolworth@rcaos.org.uk">tolworth@rcaos.org.uk</a> or place it through the Presbytery letter box. If you would like any more information, please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or via <a href="mailto:Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk">Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk</a> .	
<b>GIFT AID DONORS</b> Please note that the Gift Aid envelopes <u>issued by the parish</u> can be used for second collections only when the collection is for a cause sponsored by the Diocese. These have the name of the cause pre-printed at the top. The Diocese is unable to claim back tax on donations to other charities.	
<b>PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING</b>	
Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will hold its next meeting on 1 December 7.00pm for 7.15pm start in the Old Chapel.	
<b>K.C.A.H. (Kingston Churches for Action on Homelessness)</b>	
If you would like to get involved/volunteer to help local homeless people, there will be a training session on 16th November ('The Haven' will be re-opening on Monday 4th Nov) contact Sophie at - <a href="mailto:winternightshelter@kcah.org.uk">winternightshelter@kcah.org.uk</a>	
<b>OLI SCHOOL FOUNDATION GOVERNOR RECRUITMENT</b>	
The Governing Body of Our Lady Immaculate Primary School are looking for new members. Working in partnership with the school to ensure that our children achieve the very best education. We are looking to recruit a new Foundation Governor; If you can spare five to ten hours each term to support the Governors and Headteacher please email Rachel Reid (Clerk to the Governing Body) on <a href="mailto:governors@oli.rbsch.org">governors@oli.rbsch.org</a> to find out more information. Please respond by Friday 8th November	
<b>CAMINO DE SANTIAGO TRAIL</b> - 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: <a href="https://africanvisionmalawi.charitycheckout.co.uk/pf/ahu-camino">https://africanvisionmalawi.charitycheckout.co.uk/pf/ahu-camino</a>	
<b>MASS FOR HEALING</b>	
There will be Mass for healing with praise and worship at 7.45pm on Monday 25th November at St Joseph's Church, I Montem Road New Malden KT3 3QW. All are welcome.	
<b>† FRANCES POWELL – RIP</b>	
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances Powell who died on 27 October. Her funeral will take place on 8 November, 11.30am at St Raphael's. Our heartfelt condolences to Eric and the family.	