



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

19 January 2020

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
18 Sat Vigil <i>Beginning of Octave of Prayer for the Unity of the Church</i>	18.30	John Morello – RIP 21 st Anni (<i>Mum & Dad</i>)
19 Sun <i>Peace Sunday</i>	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00	Florence & Ethel Eales – RIP (FM)
	13.00 18.00	Baptisms – Josiah Dekyi & Amelia Fearon - Buchanan
WEEKDAY MASSES		
EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
20 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Michael & Orlanza Aletrari (<i>J. Tanousis</i>)
21 Tues <i>St. Agnes</i>	9.30	Alexius Yap – RIP 6 th Anni
	19.00	
22 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Thomas Chivers & Family – RIP (FM)
	19.00	Dec'd Members of the Fraser Family – RIP (FM)
23 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	
	9.30	Rosemary Gribble – RIP (FM)
24 Fri <i>St. Frances de Sales</i>	7.00	George & Patricia Buggie – RIP (FM)
	9.30	Forgotten Souls (<i>L. Lewis</i>)
25 Sat <i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i>	9.00	Patricia O'Neil – RIP (<i>J & M Friel</i>)
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
25 Sat Vigil	18.30	Joe Murphy – WB (<i>Hoey Family</i>)
26 Sun	9.00	Alice & John Burton (<i>C. Burton</i>)
	11.00	Alexius Muzariri - WB
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</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	

PEACE: A JOURNEY OF HOPE IN THE FACE OF OBSTACLES AND TRIAL

Pope Francis

Peace is a great and precious value, the object of our hope and the aspiration of the entire human family. As a human attitude, our hope for peace is marked by an existential tension that makes it possible for the present, with all its difficulties, to be "lived and accepted if it leads towards a goal, if we can be sure of this goal, and if this goal is great enough to justify the effort of the journey".[1] Hope is thus the virtue that inspires us and keeps us moving forward, even when obstacles seem insurmountable.

Our human community bears, in its memory and its flesh, the scars of ever more devastating wars and conflicts that affect especially the poor and the vulnerable. Entire nations find it difficult to break free of the chains of exploitation and corruption that fuel hatred and violence. Even today, dignity, physical integrity, freedom, including religious freedom, communal solidarity and hope in the future are denied to great numbers of men and women, young and old. Many are the innocent victims of painful humiliation and exclusion, sorrow and injustice, to say nothing of the trauma born of systematic attacks on their people and their loved ones.

The terrible trials of internal and international conflicts, often aggravated by ruthless acts of violence, have an enduring effect on the body and soul of humanity. Every war is a form of fratricide that destroys the human family's innate vocation to brotherhood.

War, as we know, often begins with the inability to accept the diversity of others, which then fosters attitudes of aggrandizement and domination born of selfishness and pride, hatred and the desire to caricature, exclude and even destroy the other. War is fuelled by a perversion of relationships, by hegemonic ambitions, by abuses of power, by fear of others and by seeing diversity as an obstacle. And these, in turn, are aggravated by the experience of war.

As I observed during my recent Apostolic Journey to Japan, our world is paradoxically marked by "a perverse dichotomy that tries to defend and ensure stability and peace through a false sense of security sustained by a mentality of fear and mistrust, one that ends up poisoning relationships between peoples and obstructing any form of dialogue. Peace and international stability are incompatible with attempts to build upon the fear of mutual destruction or the threat of total annihilation. They can be achieved only on the basis of a global ethic of solidarity and cooperation in the service of a future shaped by interdependence and shared responsibility in the whole human family of today and tomorrow".[2]

Every threatening situation feeds mistrust and leads people to withdraw into their own safety zone. Mistrust and fear weaken relationships and increase the risk of violence, creating a vicious circle that can never lead to a relationship of peace. Even nuclear deterrence can only produce the illusion of security.








We cannot claim to maintain stability in the world through the fear of annihilation, in a volatile situation, suspended on the brink of a nuclear abyss and enclosed behind walls of indifference. As a result, social and economic decisions are being made that lead to tragic situations where human beings and creation itself are discarded rather than protected and preserved.[3] How, then, do we undertake a journey of peace and mutual respect? How do we break the unhealthy mentality of threats and fear? How do we break the current dynamic of distrust?

We need to pursue a genuine fraternity based on our common origin from God and exercised in dialogue and mutual trust. The desire for peace lies deep within the human heart, and we should not resign ourselves to seeking anything less than this.

Excerpt from *PEACE AS A JOURNEY OF HOPE: DIALOGUE, RECONCILIATION AND ECOLOGICAL CONVERSION, A Message for the Celebration of the 53rd World Day of Peace, 1 January 2020.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 8: 23 - 9: 3
2ND READING	First Corinthians 1: 10-13, 17
GOSPEL	Matthew 4: 12-23

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died Paul Joseph, Una Midford, Peggy McDonagh 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	CHRISTIAN UNITY OCTAVE The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be observed from 18—25 January 2020 on the theme: “they showed us unusual kindness” (Acts 28:2) This year’s prayer for unity has been prepared by Christians from Malta. For prayer resources, please visit http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/it/settimana-di-preghiera-per-l-unita/suggerimenti-per-l-organizzazione-della-settimana-di-preghiera-p.html	
	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, , Heather & George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Irene Keane, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Michael Emmett, Frances Sullivan, Michael Pearson, Antonio Cialola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Angelica D’Agostino Jan Leightley, Elizabeth Saunders,. Thomas O’Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone, and Rosemarie Butcher.	MARY’S MEALS Mary’s Meals will be at our church on the morning of Sunday 26 January please remember to bring along all your unwanted clothing/bedding (no duvets or pillows please). Put all clothing/bedding into tied black sacks and bring them with you when you come to church – the cut off time is 11am Mary’s Meals is a no-frills charity committed to spending 93p in every £1 received on its charitable activities with only 6p spent on Fundraising and 1p on Governance.	
WEEKLY COLLECTION		ALTAR SERVERS GUILD. Would All Servers please note that the new servers rota is now available on the parish website. Please also remember to tick your name off in the rota in the sacristy each time you serve. Thank you for your cooperation and help.	
	LAST WEEKEND Cash: £665.26 Gift-aid: £894.38 Total: £1,559.64 2nd Collection – SPUC: Total: £369.83 Christmas Crib Collection Total: £834.89 <i>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</i>	UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS Our first meeting of the New Year will be on Tuesday January 21st at 7.30 pm in the old chapel. We shall discuss our calendar for the year ahead. Any suggestions you have will be appreciated. There will also be a raffle. All ladies in the parish are welcome to this meeting and to any of our events.	
INFANT BAPTISM		FOODBANK DONATIONS There will be a collection for Kingston Foodbank at each Mass next weekend – 25 & 26 Jan. Please leave your donations in the box provided at the back of the church. Thank you for your ongoing support. URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: CEREAL INSTANT MASH, JUICE, TINNED MEAT, FISH & SPAGHETTI, BISCUITS, NOODLES, RICE, PASTA, TEA AND COFFEE.	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: 1 and 8 March 2020 at 10am	CHURCH CLEANERS More volunteers are needed to keep the church looking its best. If you feel you can help, please contact macvick@gmail.com or 07958683304 for more information.	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		FORTHCOMING PARISH LENTEN PROJECT EVENT Sri Lankan Evening There will be a Sri Lankan evening in aid of the Parish Lenten Project on Sat. 15 February 7.30-11.30pm . The evening includes Sri Lankan food & entertainment. Tickets: Adult £10 each. £5.00 for children 7-12 years old. Contact Joe or Antoinette: 0208 399 6491 or 07956891504	
	1. Next Children’s Session: Saturday, 25 January 2020 - 10.30-11.30am 2. Next Parents’ Session: Monday, 3 February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.	SOLL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Are you sick, disabled, or frail and elderly and would like to offer your disabilities to Our Lady in a pilgrimage to Lourdes? Are you a doctor, nurse, carer, or simply someone prepared to be a general helper? The Society of Our Lady of Lourdes (SOLL) invites you to join its annual Pilgrimage of the Sick. Other pilgrims, not seeking to be helpers, are also welcome. <i>Flights from Stansted to Lourdes: Friday 22 – Friday 29 May</i> Subsidies available for the sick and limited grants for helpers <i>There is also a more leisurely option by rail from St Pancras to Lourdes via Paris: Thursday 21 – Saturday 30 May.</i> Costs vary according to accommodation chosen. Enquiries to the Society Office 020 8848 9833, enquiries@soll-lourdes.com or to Allan Cook 020 8399 4368. See also poster in narthex for information on the programme for the week.	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		THE NEW VOTIVE LIGHT STANDS 1. Please FOLLOW the instructions posted beside the stands. 2. Kindly make use of the candles provided 3. Use the lighters provided to light the candles after placing them in the glass socket 4. DO NOT move the glassware for any reason. 5. DO NOT place any other candles or votive lights on them.	
	Candidates Meeting: Tuesday 21 January at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.	THE NEW VOTIVE LIGHT STANDS 1. Please FOLLOW the instructions posted beside the stands. 2. Kindly make use of the candles provided 3. Use the lighters provided to light the candles after placing them in the glass socket 4. DO NOT move the glassware for any reason. 5. DO NOT place any other candles or votive lights on them.	
MORNING PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH		† LOUISA NJOKU - RIP	
	Please join us every morning at 9.00am, from Monday to Friday, to pray the Morning Prayer of the Church, from the Divine Office, during the daily Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction before Mass.	Please pray for the repose of the soul of Louisa Njoku (Fr. Uche’s Mother) who died in November 2019. Her funeral was on Wednesday 15 January in Nigeria. Our heartfelt condolences to Fr. Uche Njoku and family.	
MORNING PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH			
9.00AM – MONDAY TO FRIDAY			