



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

26 January 2020

THIRD 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		
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
25 Sat Vigil <i>End of Octave of Prayer for the Unity of the Church</i>	18.30	Joe Murphy – WB (<i>Hoey Family</i>)
26 Sun <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	9.00	Alice & John Burton (<i>C. Burton</i>)
	11.00	Alexius Muzariri - WB
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
WEEKDAY MASSES		
EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
27 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Peggy McDonagh – RIP (<i>B. Kirley</i>)
28 Tues <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	9.30	Dorothy Hawes – RIP (FM)
	19.00	Sp. Intention (<i>Tissera</i>)
29 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Liam Curran – RIP (<i>M. Tett</i>)
	19.00	Thanksgiving for the Clergy in 2019 (<i>SVP & YSVP OLI Conference</i>)
30 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Jeanette Bonfield - WB
	9.30	Paul Joseph – RIP (<i>Rosary Group</i>)
31 Fri <i>St. John Bosco</i>	7.00	
	9.30	Pat McDonagh – RIP (<i>McDonagh Family</i>)
01 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Patrick Joseph Shea - RIP
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas)		
01 Sat Vigil	18.30	Mary Rose Boyle – RIP (<i>J. Friel</i>)
02 Sun <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.00	Marie McCusker (<i>E. McCusker</i>)
	11.00	Dec'd Members of Rosaria & Papa Family (<i>F. D'Agostino</i>)
	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	

THE COURAGE TO TAKE A RISK FOR GOD'S PROMISE	
Pope Francis	
<p>As with every call, the Gospel speaks of an encounter. Jesus walks by, sees those fishermen, and walks up to them... The same thing happened when we met the person we wanted to marry, or when we first felt the attraction of a life of consecration: we were surprised by an encounter, and at that moment we glimpsed the promise of a joy capable of bringing fulfilment to our lives. That day, by the sea of Galilee, Jesus drew near to those fishermen, breaking through the "paralysis of routine" (<i>Homily for the XXII World Day for Consecrated Life, 2 February 2018</i>). And he immediately made them a promise: "I will make you fishers of men" (<i>Mk 1:17</i>).</p> <p>The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a "cage" or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking. He opens before our eyes the horizon of a greater sea and an abundant catch.</p> <p>God in fact desires that our lives not become banal and predictable, imprisoned by daily routine, or unresponsive before decisions that could give it meaning. The Lord does not want us to live from day to day, thinking that nothing is worth fighting for, slowly losing our desire to set out on new and exciting paths. If at times he makes us experience a "miraculous catch", it is because he wants us to discover that each of us is called – in a variety of ways – to something grand, and that our lives should not grow entangled in the nets of an ennui that dulls the heart. Every vocation is a summons not to stand on the shore, nets in hand, but to follow Jesus on the path he has marked out for us, for our own happiness and for the good of those around us.</p> <p>Embracing this promise naturally demands the courage to risk making a decision. The first disciples, called by Jesus to be part of something greater, "immediately left their nets and followed him" (<i>Mk 1:18</i>). Responding to the Lord's call involves putting ourselves on the line and facing a great challenge. It means being ready to leave behind whatever would keep us tied to our little boat and prevent us from making a definitive choice. We are called to be bold and decisive in seeking God's plan for our lives. Gazing out at the vast "ocean" of vocation, we cannot remain content to repair our nets on the boat that gives us security but must trust instead in the Lord's promise.</p> <p>I think primarily of the call to the Christian life which all of us received at Baptism. It teaches us that our life is not a fluke but rather a gift: that of being God's beloved children, gathered in the great family of the Church. It is precisely in the ecclesial community that the Christian life is born and develops, especially through the liturgy. The liturgy introduces us to God's word and the grace of the sacraments; from an early age, we are taught the art of prayer and fraternal sharing. In the end, the Church is our mother because she brings us to new life and leads us to Christ. So we must love her, even when we see her face marred by human frailty and sin, and we must help to make her ever more beautiful and radiant, so that she can bear witness to God's love in the world.</p> <p>The Christian life thus finds expression in those decisions that, while giving a precise direction to our personal journey, also contribute to the growth of God's kingdom in our world. I think of the decision to marry in Christ and to form a family, as well as all those other vocations associated with work and professional life, with the commitment to charity and solidarity, with social and political responsibilities, and so forth. These vocations make us bearers of a promise of goodness, love and justice, not only for ourselves but also for our societies and cultures, which need courageous Christians and authentic witnesses of the kingdom of God.</p> <p>Excerpt from <i>THE COURAGE TO TAKE A RISK FOR GOD'S PROMISE. A message for the 2019 World Day of Vocations. 31 January 2019.</i></p>	
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	
1ST READING	Malachi 3: 1-4
2ND READING	Hebrews 2: 14-18
GOSPEL	Luke 2: 22-40

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died Paul Joseph, Una Midford, Peggy McDonagh, Michael Emmett, Josephine Govindarajah 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, Heather & George Trutwein, Yvonne Norman, Esme Mills, Sharon Kelly, Irene Keane, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Frances Sullivan, Michael Pearson, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Angelica D'Agostino Jan Leightley, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone, and Rosemarie Butcher.

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
	<p>LAST WEEKEND</p> <p>Cash: £910.11</p> <p>Gift-aid: £632.81 Total: £1542.92</p> <p><i>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</i></p>

INFANT BAPTISM	
	<p>Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course.</p> <p>Next course: 1 and 8 March 2020 at 10am</p>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Next Children's Session: Saturday, 1 February 2020 - 10.30-11.30am Next Parents' Session: Monday, 3 February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020	
	Candidates Meeting: Tuesday 28 January at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.

MORNING PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH 9.00AM – MONDAY TO FRIDAY	
	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.

THE NEW VOTIVE LIGHT STANDS	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Please FOLLOW the instructions posted beside the stands. Kindly make use of the candles provided Use the lighters provided to light the candles after placing them in the glass socket DO NOT move the glassware for any reason. DO NOT place any other candles or votive lights on them. 	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	
<p>MARY'S MEALS</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>ALTAR SERVERS GUILD.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>FOODBANK DONATIONS</p> <p>There will be a collection for Kingston Foodbank at each Mass this 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.</p>	
<p>CHURCH CLEANERS</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p>PIANIST / ORGANIST FOR 11.00 MASS</p> <p>Do you play or know someone who may be interested? If yes, please contact Adele Parker on 07917420483</p>	
<p>FORTHCOMING PARISH LENTEN PROJECT EVENTS</p>	
<p>1. Sri Lankan Evening</p> <p>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</p>	
<p>2. Kispy Kreme Doughnut Sale</p> <p>On Sunday, February 16, there will be a doughnut sale after the 9am and 11am Masses.</p>	
<p>3. UCM / KSC Cake and Book Sale</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p>Come to the old chapel after Mass on Saturday February 29 or after 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday March 1 when you can purchase delicious home-made cakes and biscuits and browse through a selection of fine books. Whatever your reading interests there will be something for you.</p> <p>If you have any books to donate or would like to bake a cake or two, please bring them to the old chapel before one of the Masses mentioned.</p> <p>All proceeds from the sale will go to the Parish Project.</p>	
<p>SOLL PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES</p> <p>Are you sick, disabled, or frail and elderly and would like to offer your disabilities to Our Lady in a pilgrimage to Lourdes?</p> <p>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.</p> <p><i>Flights from Stansted to Lourdes: Friday 22 – Friday 29 May</i></p> <p>Subsidies available for the sick and limited grants for helpers</p> <p><i>There is also a more leisurely option by rail from St Pancras to Lourdes via Paris: Thursday 21 – Saturday 30 May.</i></p> <p>Costs vary according to accommodation chosen.</p> <p>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.</p>	