



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

16 February 2020

SIXTH 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		
SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
15 Sat Vigil	18.30	Patricia & Dennis License – RIP (R. Maranzano)
16 Sun	9.00	
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	18.00	George & Molly Ryde - RIP (FM)
WEEKDAY MASSES		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
17 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Peggy McDonagh – RIP (E. Christie)
	11.00	Funeral – Theo Fernandes - RIP
18 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Tony Faherty – RIP (E. Cullen)
	19.00	
19 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Thanksgiving 25 th Wedding Anniversary (Shuba Joy Varanat)
	19.00	Maria Conroy – RIP (FM)
20 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	
	9.30	Dec'd Members of Hutchinson Family – RIP (R. Hutchinson)
21 Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	
	9.30	Tony Faherty – RIP (S. Cullen)
22 Sat <i>The Chair of St. Peter</i>	9.00	Michael Emmett – RIP (H. Emmett)
	15.00	WEDDING: P. Couch & A. Simmons
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR		
22 Sat Vigil	18.30	Noel D'Costa – RIP (D'Costa Family)
23 Sun <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	9.00	Dec'd Members of D'Agostino & Family (F. D'Agostino)
	11.00	Louisa D'Abreo – RIP (D'Abreo Family)
	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	

JESUS IS THE FULFILMENT OF THE LAW & THE PROPHETS

These two commandments [love of God and love of neighbour], on which “depend all the Law and the Prophets” (Mt 22:40), are profoundly connected and mutually related. *Their inseparable unity* is attested to by Christ in his words and by his very life: his mission culminates in the Cross of our Redemption (cf. Jn 3:14-15), the sign of his indivisible love for the Father and for humanity (cf. Jn 13:1).

Both the Old and the New Testaments explicitly affirm that *without love of neighbour, made concrete in keeping the commandments, genuine love for God is not possible*. Saint John makes the point with extraordinary forcefulness: “If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen” (Jn 4:20). The Evangelist echoes the moral preaching of Christ, expressed in a wonderful and unambiguous way in the parable of the Good Samaritan (cf. Lk 10:30-37) and in his words about the final judgment (cf. Mt 25:31-46).

In the “Sermon on the Mount,” the *magna charta* of Gospel morality, Jesus says: “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law and the Prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them” (Mt 5:17). Christ is the key to the Scriptures: “You search the Scriptures...; and it is they that bear witness to me” (Jn 5:39). Christ is the centre of the economy of salvation, the recapitulation of the Old and New Testaments, of the promises of the Law and of their fulfilment in the Gospel; he is the living and eternal link between the Old and the New Covenants. Commenting on Paul’s statement that “Christ is the end of the law” (Rom 10:4), Saint Ambrose writes: “end not in the sense of a deficiency, but in the sense of the fullness of the Law: a fullness which is achieved in Christ (*plenitudo legis in Christo est*), since he came not to abolish the Law but to bring it to fulfilment. In the same way that there is an Old Testament, but all truth is in the New Testament, so it is for the Law: what was given through Moses is a figure of the true law. Therefore, the Mosaic Law is an image of the truth” (*Exposition on Ps 118*).

Jesus brings God’s commandments to fulfilment, particularly the commandment of love of neighbour, by interiorizing their demands and by bringing out their fullest meaning. Love of neighbour springs from a loving heart which, precisely because it loves, is ready to live out the loftiest challenges. Jesus shows that the commandments must not be understood as a minimum limit not to be gone beyond, but rather as a path involving a moral and spiritual journey towards perfection, at the heart of which is love (cf. Col 3:14). Thus, the commandment “You shall not murder” becomes a call to an attentive love which protects and promotes the life of one’s neighbour. The precept prohibiting adultery becomes an invitation to a pure way of looking at others, capable of respecting the spousal meaning of the body: “You have heard that it was said to the men of old, ‘You shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment’. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment... You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Mt 5:21-22, 27-28). Jesus himself is the living “fulfilment” of the Law inasmuch as he fulfils its authentic meaning by the total gift of himself: *he himself becomes a living and personal Law*, who invites people to follow him; through the Spirit, he gives the grace to share his own life and love and provides the strength to bear witness to that love in personal choices and actions (cf. Jn 13:34-35).

John Paul II, *The Splendour of Truth* (1993), §§14-15.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS	
1ST READING	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18
2ND READING	First Corinthians 3: 16-23
GOSPEL	Matthew 5: 38-48

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, Angelica D'Agostino, Theo Fernandes, Fr Cosmas Ekwuribe, Rosemary Butcher 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	SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND – Poor Parishes, this collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.	
	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 Pearson, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Jan Leightley, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone and Sarah Mills.	PARENTS OF ALTARS SERVERS – URGENT ACTION NEEDED It is vital that we have details on the Parish Database of ALL those who serve at the Altar (as with other parish ministries and groups). We are fortunate to have such a large number of young people who volunteer their services to the Parish in this way. However, we MUST have their contact details in case of emergencies or any incidents. Would the parents of ALL servers please complete the form, which is available on the Website, on the Rotas page, under 'News' and return ASAP to the Parish Office? Hard copies are available in the Parish Office. Many thanks. Monica Tett (Parish Safeguarding Rep).	
WEEKLY COLLECTION		SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 2020 – These are now available from the Repository.	
	LAST WEEKEND Cash: £850.04 Gift-aid: £619.92 Total: £1,469.96 2nd Collection for Racial Justice Total: £384.05 TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JANUARY Cash: £3,439.78 Gift-aid: £2,581.31 Direct Debit: £970.00 (include Gift-aid) Total: £6,991.09 <i>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</i>	UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS Tuesday February 18th at 7.30pm we look forward to hearing Diane Sims who will talk to us about Banking Scams. There will also be a raffle. All ladies in the parish are welcome to join us in the old chapel.	
INFANT BAPTISM		PARISH LENTEN PROJECT Ash Wednesday is 26 February 2020. This means the Parish Lenten Project Committee will be handing out Lenten Boxes as you leave Mass on the weekends of 15 & 16 and 22 & 23 February. Boxes should be returned the first weekend after Easter. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider completing the Giftaid donation on the box as we receive a further 25% on top of your donation. Please see the noticeboard in the Narthex and the Newsletter for forthcoming Lenten Project Events. Please support OLI Lenten Project which has now been running for 49 years.	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: 1 and 8 March 2020 at 10am	FORTHCOMING PARISH LENTEN PROJECT EVENTS	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		1. Sri Lankan Evening - Saturday 15 February 7.30-11.30pm. The evening includes Sri Lankan food & entertainment.	
	1. Next Children's Session: Saturday, 7 March 2020 - 10.30-11.30am 2. Rehearsal: Saturday, 9 May 2020 at 10.30am in the Church.	2. Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale - On Sunday, February 16 , there will be a doughnut sale after the 9am and 11am Masses.	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		3. UCM / KSC Cake and Book Sale - After Mass on Saturday February 29 or after morning Masses on Sunday March 1, Old Chapel . Home-made cakes & goodies for sale. Old Chapel before one of the Masses.	
	Candidates Meeting: Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.	4. TABLE-TOP SALE - After 9.00 and 11.00 Masses on Sunday 15 March . Items for sale new, top quality china, glass and kitchen items. Plants; toys, games; books and much, much more! Refreshments will be provided, and it will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends.	
MORNING PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH 9.00AM – MONDAY TO FRIDAY		5. Sponsored Walk - Led by Fr Ignatius, on Saturday 21 March, the Tolworth Trekkers are embarking on a challenging 38 km (24 mile) walk. Setting off from OLI Church, we plan to walk along the river to Richmond and then walk a circuit of Richmond Park, before retracing our steps. We are very keen to encourage as many Parishioners (including children) as possible to join us for all or part of the walk. Please contact Elspeth (elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com) Sponsorship information soon.	
	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.	6. Variety Concert - Saturday 28 March 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall. Can you dance (Irish, Polish, Indian, Sri Lankan etc), make people laugh, mimic, play a musical instrument, recite a poem? Auditions – Main Hall, 29 February at 11.30pm	
THE NEW VOTIVE LIGHT STANDS		FOODBANK DONATIONS There will be a collection for Kingston Foodbank at each Mass next weekend – 22 & 23 February. 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.	
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.		THANK YOU - From Stella Joseph & Family for all the sympathy, Masses & prayers they have received since the sad loss of Paul Joseph. They very much appreciate your support at this difficult time	
THE NEW VOTIVE LIGHT STANDS		† THEO FERNANDES – RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Theo Fernandes who died on 3 February. His funeral will take place on 17 February, 11.00am. Our heartfelt condolences to Prisca, Patrick and family.	
		† ROSEMARY BUTCHER – RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemary Butcher who died on 11 February. Our heartfelt condolences to Tony, Jon, Jacqui & family. Funeral details to follow	