



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

23 February 2020

## SEVENTH 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

#### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

22 Sat Vigil	18.30	Noel D'Costa – RIP ( <i>D'Costa Family</i> )
23 Sun <i>Day for the Unemployed</i>	9.00	Dec'd Members of D'Agostino & Family ( <i>F. D'Agostino</i> )
	11.00	Louisa D'Abreo – RIP ( <i>D'Abreo Family</i> )
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:</b> Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
24 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Seamus Kelly – WB ( <i>K. Fox</i> )
25 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Sarah Mills - WB
	<b>13.15</b>	<b>Funeral: Rosemary Butcher – RIP</b>
	19.00	<i>Joseph Edet – RIP</i>
26 Wed <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	7.00	Private ( <i>IE</i> )
	9.30	Angelica D'Agostino – RIP ( <i>The Sparrow Family - with OLI Primary attending</i> )
	19.00	Mary Frost – RIP ( <i>Gemma &amp; Carl</i> )
27 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Vincent Burrows – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
	9.30	Gabriel Chungom ( <i>IE</i> )
28 Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Private ( <i>IE</i> )
	9.30	Charlie, Elisabeth Lee & Family - WB
29 Sat <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Rosemary Butcher – RIP ( <i>UCM</i> )
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>		
29 Sat Vigil	18.30	Paul Joseph – RIP ( <i>Joseph Family</i> )
01 Sun	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00	Carlota Fernandes ( <i>J. Fernandes</i> )
	18.00	Xavier Rodrigues – RIP ( <i>R. Rodrigues &amp; Family</i> )

#### OTHER SERVICES

<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

#### CHARITY AS A RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHURCH

Love of neighbour, grounded in the love of God, is first and foremost a responsibility for each individual member of the faithful, but it is also a responsibility for the entire ecclesial community at every level: from the local community to the particular Church and to the Church universal in its entirety. As a community, the Church must practise love. Love thus needs to be organized if it is to be an ordered service to the community. The awareness of this responsibility has had a constitutive relevance in the Church from the beginning: "All who believed were together and had all things in common; and they sold their possessions and goods and distributed them to all, as any had need" (*Acts 2:44-5*). In these words, Saint Luke provides a kind of definition of the Church, whose constitutive elements include fidelity to the "teaching of the Apostles", "communion" (*koinonia*), "the breaking of the bread" and "prayer" (cf. *Acts 2:42*). The element of "communion" (*koinonia*) is not initially defined, but appears concretely in the verses quoted above: it consists in the fact that believers hold all things in common and that among them, there is no longer any distinction between rich and poor (cf. also *Acts 4:32-37*). As the Church grew, this radical form of material communion could not in fact be preserved. But its essential core remained: within the community of believers there can never be room for a poverty that denies anyone what is needed for a dignified life.

A decisive step in the difficult search for ways of putting this fundamental ecclesial principle into practice is illustrated in the choice of the seven, which marked the origin of the diaconal office (cf. *Acts 6:5-6*). In the early Church, in fact, with regard to the daily distribution to widows, a disparity had arisen between Hebrew speakers and Greek speakers. The Apostles, who had been entrusted primarily with "prayer" (the Eucharist and the liturgy) and the "ministry of the word", felt over-burdened by "serving tables", so they decided to reserve to themselves the principal duty and to designate for the other task, also necessary in the Church, a group of seven persons. Nor was this group to carry out a purely mechanical work of distribution: they were to be men "full of the Spirit and of wisdom" (cf. *Acts 6:1-6*). In other words, the social service which they were meant to provide was absolutely concrete, yet at the same time it was also a spiritual service; theirs was a truly spiritual office which carried out an essential responsibility of the Church, namely a well-ordered love of neighbour....

As the years went by and the Church spread further afield, the exercise of charity became established as one of her essential activities, along with the administration of the sacraments and the proclamation of the word: love for widows and orphans, prisoners, and the sick and needy of every kind, is as essential to her as the ministry of the sacraments and preaching of the Gospel. The Church cannot neglect the service of charity any more than she can neglect the Sacraments and the Word. A few references will suffice to demonstrate this. Justin Martyr (†c.155) in speaking of the Christians' celebration of Sunday, also mentions their charitable activity, linked with the Eucharist as such. Those who are able make offerings in accordance with their means, each as he or she wishes; the Bishop in turn makes use of these to support orphans, widows, the sick and those who for other reasons find themselves in need, such as prisoners and foreigners. The great Christian writer Tertullian († after 220) relates how the pagans were struck by the Christians' concern for the needy of every sort. And when Ignatius of Antioch (†c.117) described the Church of Rome as "presiding in charity (*agape*)," we may assume that with this definition he also intended in some sense to express her concrete charitable activity.

**Benedict XVI, *God is Love* (2005), §§ 20-22.**

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

<b>1ST READING</b>	Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7
<b>2ND READING</b>	Romans 5: 12-19
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Matthew 4: 1-11

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died,</b> Theo Fernandes, Rosemary Butcher, Sabina Myszkowska, Annalise Luffingham 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>SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND</b> – to enable the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.	
	<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, 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, Sarah Mills and Samar Staussi.	<b>PARENTS OF ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Thank you to those who have returned the Altar Servers Registration Forms. There are many outstanding so <b>PLEASE</b> fill in and return them to the Presbytery ASAP. It is essential that we have the contact details of all current Servers. Copies, available in the RDJ Room and on the website.	
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION</b>		<b>SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC DIRECTORY 2020</b> – These are now available from the Repository.	
	<b>LAST WEEKEND</b> Cash: £850.11 Gift-aid: £577.95 Total: <b>£1,428.06</b> <b>Second Collection Next Weekend: Poor Parishes</b> <i>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</i>	<b>UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS</b> Tuesday 18 February, 19.30, we look forward to hearing Diane Sims 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.	
<b>INFANT BAPTISM</b>		<b>PARISH LENTEN PROJECT</b> Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. The Parish Lenten Project Committee will be handing out Lenten Boxes as you leave Mass this weekend. Boxes should be returned the first weekend after Easter. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider completing the Gift Aid donation on the box as we receive a further 25% on top of your donation.	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. <b>Next course:</b> 1 and 8 March 2020 at 10am	• <b>FORTHCOMING EVENTS</b>	
<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>		<b>1. UCM / KSC Cake and Book Sale:</b> After Mass on Saturday February 29 or after morning Masses on Sunday March 1, Old Chapel. Home-made cakes & goodies for sale.	
	<b>1. Next Children's Session:</b> Saturday, 7 March 2020 - 10.30-11.30am <b>2. Rehearsal:</b> Saturday, 9 May 2020 at 10.30am in the Church.	<b>2. TABLE-TOP Sale:</b> 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.	
<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020</b>		<b>3. Sponsored Walk:</b> Led by Fr Ignatius, on Saturday 21 March, 7.00am 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.	
	<b>Candidates Meeting:</b> Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.	<b>4. Variety Concert:</b> 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? <b>Auditions:</b> Catholic Hall, 29 February at 11.30am	
<b>MORNING PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH</b> <b>9.00AM – MONDAY TO FRIDAY</b>		<b>5. OLI Annual Lenten Project Family Quiz:</b> 4 April, 19.45 in the Catholic Hall. The Quiz will start at 20.00. £5 per person Under 16 £1. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Come and enjoy a friendly fun evening, whilst raising funds towards our Lenten projects. To book a table call George Hoskins 07949 33 43 49	
	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.	<b>6. Jumble Sale:</b> 9 May, more details to follow.	
<b>THE NEW VOTIVE LIGHT STANDS</b>		<b>LENTEEN PROJECT TOTALS TO DATE</b>	
1. Please <b>FOLLOW</b> the instructions posted beside the stands. 2. Kindly make use of the candles provided 3. Use the <b>lighters</b> provided to light the candles after placing them in the glass socket 4. <b>DO NOT</b> move the glassware for any reason. 5. <b>DO NOT</b> place any other candles or votive lights on them.		<b>1. Sri Lankan Evening:</b> £1,455.00 <b>2. Krispy Kreme Donut Sale:</b> £173.00	
<b>CHURCH PA SYSTEM</b>		<b>FOODBANK DONATIONS</b> Please leave your donations in the box provided at the back of the Church.	
If any Parishioner has expertise in his field, please contact Fr. Ignatius as soon as possible. Thank you.		<b>DUMPING OF ITEMS IN THE PORCH</b> Please do not leave ANY ITEMS in the porch without checking first with Fr. Ignatius or the Parish Office.	
		<b>POSTING OF ITEMS ON THE NOTICE BOARDS:</b> Only authorised posters or publications should be placed on the notice boards. All unauthorised items will be removed.	
		<b>LOST PROPERTY:</b> Please collect any lost property from the RDJ Room this weekend. Any items left will be donated to charity.	
		<b>FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT:</b> 24 February - 8 March. Fairtrade supports farmers all over the world. Please do look out for the Fairtrade symbol when shopping. Thank you ( <i>Justice &amp; Peace group</i> )	
		<b>† ROSEMARY BUTCHER – RIP</b>	
		Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosemary Butcher who died on 11 February. Her funeral will take place on 25 February, 13.15. Our heartfelt condolences to Tony, Jon, Jacqui & family. Donations in memory of Rosemary may be made to Parish Lenten Project. Cheques should be made payable to 'OLI Lenten Project'. Thank you	