



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)

01 March 2020

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT		
29 Sat Vigil	18.30	Paul Joseph – RIP (<i>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 & Family</i>)
WEEKDAY MASSES		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
02 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Peggy McDonagh – RIP (<i>M. Lydon</i>)
03 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Heather & George Trutwein – WB (<i>T. Macleod</i>)
	19.00	Anne Conor – WB (<i>IE</i>)
04 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Shelia Lee – RIP (<i>J. O’Grady</i>)
	19.00	Private (<i>IE</i>)
05 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Freda McKeon - WB (<i>IE</i>)
	9.30	Celine Yeow – WB (<i>R. Lee</i>)
06 Fri <i>Feria</i> <i>Women’s World Day of Prayer</i>	7.00	Private (<i>IE</i>)
	9.30	Brian Duffy – WB (<i>P. Grogan</i>)
07 Sat <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Bola Salami – RIP (<i>IE</i>)
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT		
07 Sat Vigil	18.30	Ivy de Mello – RIP (<i>M. O’Mara</i>)
08 Sun	9.00	Joe Cullinan – RIP (<i>P. Grogan</i>)
	11.00	Josephine Govindarajah – RIP (<i>Lourdes & Family</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	

A SPIRITUAL SPRINGTIME	
<p>Four days ago, we began the solemn season of Lent, marked with the imposition of blessed ashes on our foreheads as a sign of penitence. Lent is made up of forty days, which include the weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Saturday of the Lord’s Passion (Holy Saturday), that is, excluding the six Sundays of Lent, because Sunday is always celebrated as the Day of Resurrection.</p> <p>During this time, the Christian people prepare themselves through <i>prayer, fasting and almsgiving (the Lenten disciplines)</i> for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery of Christ’s saving Death and Resurrection at Easter. Primarily, these forty days remind the Christian people of the Jesus’ prayer and fasting in the desert for forty days and forty nights before the beginning of his public ministry, that is, after he was tempted by the devil (Matt 4:1-11; Mk 1:12-13; Lk 4:1-13). In narrating this episode, Matthew and Luke the evangelists, imply a link between Jesus’ prayer and fasting during his <i>desert experience</i> and his being able to overcome the devil’s temptations.</p> <p>The forty days were indeed a period testing for Jesus. We can imagine how physically hungry, tired, fragile and vulnerable he must have been after those forty days without food and water! Apparently, there was no better time for the devil to try and get at him, to derail him from his mission – from the will of the Father. However, though physically vulnerable, Jesus was spiritually robust. Obviously, his strength came from his total detachment from self (see Ph 2:5-11) and from the distractions and allures of this world – <i>wealth, power and fame</i>. Obviously, the withdrawal from the busyness of the society around him, with all its promises and challenges, provided Jesus a <i>sacred space</i> to deepen his communion with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Through this intimate communion, he was empowered to overcome the devil’s antics. Lent is, therefore, an invitation to all of us to make space for God in our lives, families, and Church community. It is a call to us to withdraw into the desert spiritually – through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It provides us a unique opportunity to deepen our communion with God and with our neighbour. It is, therefore, more than a time of <i>counting down</i> to Easter, but of grace, renewal, spiritual growth, reconciliation, and rebirth. A springtime of the soul – and of the Church!</p> <p>This year’s Lent takes on a very special dimension because of the Year of the Word – <i>The God who Speaks</i> – and the re-dedication of England as the Dowry of Mary on Sunday 29 March 2020. The God who speaks to us in the Scriptures is the same God who in Christ took flesh in the Immaculate womb of the Blessed Virgin: the God who “at various times in the past and in various different ways, spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son, the Son that he has appointed to inherit everything and through whom he made everything there is” (Heb 1:1-3).</p> <p>As part of the celebration of the Year of the Word here in our parish, I would want to invite all of us to rediscover the treasure of God’s Word in the Sacred Scripture (the Bible), in the Liturgy and in our life of Christian witnessing in our parish and wider community. May I invite all to three Wednesdays Lenten talks on this and related themes on 11, 18, and 25 March at 7.30pm (after the Wednesday evening Mass). More details will be provided next weekend!</p> <p>Meanwhile, may I thank the anonymous parishioner who has provided us with resources for the preparation for the celebration of the re-dedication of England as Dowry of Mary. Please collect a copy of the booklets from the Church narthex (porch). In addition, from Monday, we will be saying <i>The Angelus</i> here in the parish before the beginning of every Mass. ©IAE</p>	
NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS	
1ST READING	Genesis 12: 1-4
2ND READING	Second Timothy 1: 8-10
GOSPEL	Matthew 17: 1-9

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died Rosemary Butcher, Sabina Myszkowska, Annalise Luffingham, Armada Marsella 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 THIS WEEKEND: To enable 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, Sarah Mills and Samar Staussi.	SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: CAFOD Family Fast Day is on 6 March. Annalisa Prizzon, CAFOD's Volunteer Speaker will give a short speech at the end of Mass.	
WEEKLY COLLECTION		URGENT: Thank you to those who have returned the Altar Servers Registration Form. But there are many still outstanding. PLEASE fill in one ASAP. Copies, available in the RDJ Room and on the website.	
	LAST WEEKEND Cash: £725.56 Gift-aid: £690.46 Total: £1,416.02 Second Collection This Weekend: Poor Parishes <i>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</i>	REPOSITORY NEWS The Repository is now stocked with new products for St. Patrick's Day and Easter. We also have a bigger selection of books, cards, Rosary beads, The Southwark Catholic Directory 2020 and statues. We want to take this opportunity to thank Aideen Phillips who has been a long serving volunteer and is now unable to continue. God bless!	
INFANT BAPTISM		• FORTHCOMING EVENTS	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: 1 and 8 March 2020 at 10am	1. UCM / KSC Cake and Book Sale: After Mass on Saturday February 29 and after morning Masses on Sunday March 1, Old Chapel. Home-made cakes & goodies for sale.	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		2. 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.	
	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.	3. Sponsored Walk: 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) Please sponsor us using the Justgiving site - https://www.justgiving.com/OLILentenProject	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		4. Variety Concert: Saturday 28 March 7.30 pm in the Church Hall. Can you dance (Irish, Polish, Indian, Sri Lankan etc), make people laugh, mimic, play a musical instrument, recite a poem?	
	Candidates Meeting: Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.	5. OLI Annual Lenten Project Family Quiz: 4 April, 7.45pm in the Catholic Hall. The Quiz will start at 8.00pm. £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 334349	
MORNING PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH 9.00AM – MONDAY TO FRIDAY		6. Jumble Sale: 9 May: More details to follow	
	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.	LENTEEN PROJECT TOTALS TO DATE 1. Sri Lankan Evening: £1,455.00 2. Krispy Kreme Donut Sale: £173.00	
THE NEW VOTIVE LIGHT STANDS		DEANERY SCHOOLS LENTEN SERVICE: Students & staff from Catholic Schools in the Kingston Deanery will be leading a Lenten Service on 12 March at 7.00pm, Our Lady Immaculate Church. The Service will include scripture readings, poems and music items with a Lenten Theme. The Service is open to parents & parishioners from all the parishes in the area.	
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.		DUMPING OF ITEMS IN THE PORCH Please do not leave ANY ITEMS in the porch without checking first with Fr. Ignatius or the Parish Office.	
CHURCH PA SYSTEM		POSTING OF ITEMS ON THE NOTICE BOARDS: Only AUTHORISED posters or publications should be placed on the notice boards. All unauthorised items will be removed.	
If any Parishioner has expertise in this field, please contact Fr. Ignatius as soon as possible. Thank you.		ANNUAL PARISH MEAL: On behalf of the Pastoral Team, I would like to invite you to this year's meal on Friday 1 May at 7.00pm in Sorrento's restaurant. A three-course meal including service will be £18.65 per head (drinks extra). To secure your place, please place cash or a cheque (payable to OLI) in an envelope (addressed to Andrew Richardson) through the presbytery door with your contact details and a list of the people who are covered by your payment. Please also include the names of any others you wish to share a table with so you can be grouped together. Closing date for payments (so the restaurant can be secured and not opened to the general public), is Wednesday 15 April (the restaurant will not be taking bookings directly)	
		† ARMANDA MARSELLA – RIP	
		Please pray for the repose of the soul of Armanda Marsella who died on 22 February. Her funeral will take place on 13 March, 12.30pm. Our heartfelt condolences to Linda, Richard, Tony & family.	