



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

08 March 2020

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
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>
WEEKDAY MASSES		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
09 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Frances Powell - RIP
10 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Margaret Finn – RIP (<i>T. Lydon</i>)
	19.00	Cyril Edem Okon – RIP (<i>IE</i>)
11 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Archbishop Peter Smith - RIP
	19.00	Mary Trussler – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
12 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Stephen Fleming – RIP (<i>S. Fleming</i>)
	9.30	Joseph Edet – RIP
13 Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Cyril Joseph Okon – RIP (<i>IE</i>)
	9.30	Heather & George Trutwein – WB (<i>T. Macleod</i>)
	12.30	Funeral: Armanda Marsella RIP
14 Sat <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Archbishop Peter Smith – RIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT		
14 Sat Vigil	18.30	Mick Finnigan – WB (<i>Seamus & Irene</i>)
15 Sun	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00	Theo Fernandes – RIP (<i>Lourdes & Family</i>)
	18.00	Mary Langton & Mary Campbell – RIP (<i>M. Campbell</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	

DO NOT BE AFRAID

The recent outbreak of the Coronavirus (Covid-19) epidemic has triggered so much anxiety and fears globally. From 'far away' Wuhan in China, the epidemic has spread rapidly all over the world, and has claimed its first two victims here in the homeland this week. Our thoughts and prayers go to all who are affected by this epidemic. Of course, that includes all of us who are in one way or the other anxious about our safety and those of people we know and love, especially those who are most at risk due to old age or pre-existing health conditions.

As a Christian community, we have a duty to support those affected, both spiritually (with our prayers) and materially (that is, whenever the need may arise). Besides, it is also binding on each and all of us to take proactive steps to control the spread of the virus by, among others, following the guidelines issued by the government. These can be found on the NHS website. Our Bishops Conference has also emphasised that "the best way of protecting us ... is for everyone to use universal good hygiene, which will effectively disrupt spread of the virus." The 'CATCH IT – BIN IT – KILL IT' protocol should be followed (see NHS poster around the Church).

So far, no case is reported in our parish / community. However, the following steps have already been taken in the parish and will remain in place till the danger of spreading the epidemic is over:

1. Holy Communion only in one kind, and from hand to hand; no reception on the tongue. Ministers and extraordinary ministers will sanitise their hands before and after distributing holy communion.
2. Suspension of physical sign of peace
3. Emptying of holy water stoups; it would suffice to bless oneself with the Sign of the Cross upon entering and exiting the Church.
4. Parishioners are encouraged to clean their hands with sanitisers or alcohol gel when entering the Church; unfortunately, we have not been able to provide sanitisers due to shortage of supply in shops.
5. Those who use toilet facilities in the Church and meeting rooms / halls, are requested to maintain maximum hygiene: toilets should be properly flushed after use; nappies should be wrapped and taken away; the surfaces should be sanitised before and after use.

I believe that adhering to the above and other relevant practices of good hygiene will go a long way to keep everyone who uses our Church and its facilities during this period, as much as possible, protected from the danger of contracting or of being cross-contaminated with Covid-19.

Certainly, the current epidemic has struck so much fear in our lives and community. This is quite understandable given its rapid spread and impact on individuals, families, whole communities, and not to mention the global economy. Nonetheless, Jesus' words to the disciples in today's Gospel remains hugely reassuring: "Do not be afraid." Instead, trusting in God's unconditional love and goodness, as proclaimed by the psalmist, we are encouraged to turn to him for wisdom, guidance and strength at such a moment of great testing as we are currently experiencing due to this epidemic. Besides, we need to intensify our prayers for scientists who are researching tirelessly into possible vaccine, the healthcare professionals who are treating and caring for patients, the social workers, policy makers and all who are working round the clock to deal with the aftermaths of this deadly outbreak. Whether directly affected or not, we cannot afford to stay aloof. Like Timothy, in the second reading, the current global situation impels us all to bear these hardships with our brothers and sisters. In a way, Covid-19 outbreak provides us another opportunity to be each other's keeper during this Lent. Let's not be afraid but courageous and reasonable. © IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Exodus 17: 3-7
2ND READING	Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8
GOSPEL	John 4: 5-42

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died: Archbishop Peter Smith, Rosemary Butcher, Sabina Myszkowska, Annalise Luffingham, Armanda 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: CAFOD Family Fast Day. Your donations will go to highly-trained, highly-skilled local experts around the world who save and support the health of the world's poorest families. <i>Annalisa Prizzon, CAFOD's Volunteer Speaker will give a short speech at the end of Mass.</i>	
	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.	LENTEEN PROJECT: FORTHCOMING EVENTS	
WEEKLY COLLECTION		1. 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. 2. 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/OLITLentenProject 4. Family Quiz: 4 April at 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 5. Jumble Sale: 9 May: More details to follow	
	LAST WEEKEND Cash: £729.38 Gift-aid: £611.38 Total: £1,340.76 Second Collection: Poor Parishes: £586.77 Second Collection this Weekend: CAFOD Thank you for your generosity to your parish.	LENTEEN PROJECT: TOTALS TO DATE	
INFANT BAPTISM		1. Sri Lankan Evening: £1,455.00 2. Krispy Kreme Donut Sale: £173.00 3. UCM / KSC Cake and Book Sale: £642.00 KINGSTON FRIENDS OF LIFE: Thank you to all who supported the Musical Evening. Donations of £300 were received. DEANERY SCHOOLS LENTEEN 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. LENTEEN TALKS The first of three Parish Lenten Talks will hold on Wednesday, 11 March at 7.30pm, after evening Mass. All are warmly welcome. Theme: "Your Words are Spirit and Life" (see Jn 6:63). 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. 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 Wed, 15 April (the restaurant will not be taking bookings directly). THE PASSAGE DAY CENTRE is the opportunity for homeless people to wash and change their clothing. Shelves in the Men's clothing store are stocked by donations of second-hand clothing, but as no-one donates old underwear, that shelf is most often empty. <u>The most urgent, and ongoing demand is specifically for Men's' Boxer Shorts - new size M</u> , but any new/second-hand T-shirts, jeans, tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirts and jumpers will always be gratefully received. Please help if you can - multipacks of boxer shorts are available from most supermarkets. A box will be available to collect donations at every Mass next weekend, March. URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL: Year 10 & 11 Digital T Information Evening on Tuesday 24 March 6.30-7.30pm at Ursuline High School, SW20 8HA	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: 3 and 10 May 2020 at 10am	† ARMANDA MARSELLA – RIP	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		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.	
	1. Next Children's Session: Saturday, 28 March 2020 - 10.30-11.30am 2. Rehearsal: Saturday, 9 May 2020 at 10.30am in the Church.	† ARCHBISHOP PETER SMITH – RIP	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Archbishop Emeritus, Archbishop Peter Smith (1943 – 2020) who died last night after a short battle with cancer, aged 76. Masses will be offered for his repose in the parish on Wednesday, 11/03 at 9.30am and Saturday, 14/03 at 9am . May he rest in peace. Amen.	
	Candidates Meeting: Tuesday 10 March at 7.30pm in the Catholic Hall.	† ARMANDA MARSELLA – RIP	
MORNING PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH 9.00AM – MONDAY TO FRIDAY		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.	
	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.	† ARMANDA MARSELLA – RIP	
STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT		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.	
1. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after 9.30am Mass 2. Friday at 6pm (led by Syro-Malabar Community)		† ARMANDA MARSELLA – RIP	
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