



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church  
**Third Sunday of Easter (Year A)**

26 April 2020

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

<b>MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS</b>		
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b> <b>FOLLOWING DIOCESAN GUIDELINES AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FR. IGNATIUS WILL BE SAYING SUNDAY / DAILY MASSES WITHOUT A CONGREGATION FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS.</b> <b>KINDLY PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT <a href="https://www.churchservices.tv/tolworth">https://www.churchservices.tv/tolworth</a></b>		
25 Sat <b>Vigil</b>	18.30	Patricio Fernandes – RIP <i>(Anthony &amp; Carmelita)</i>
26 Sun <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00	Ottavio D'Agostino <i>(F. D'Agostino)</i>
	18.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:</b> Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
27 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Mary Linstead – RIP <i>(FM)</i>
28 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Miss Bridgette's & Dec'd Family & Friends – RIP <i>(FM)</i>
	19.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
29 Wed <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.30	Joseph Paul – RIP <i>(Family)</i>
	19.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
30 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
	9.30	Eamon Collender – RIP <i>(D. Collender)</i>
01 Fri <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	9.30	Aleykuty Joseph – RIP <i>(A. Shiny)</i> <b>Day of prayer for God's blessing on human work</b>
02 Sat <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.00	Michael Pierson – RIP <i>(Trutwein)</i>
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>		
02 Sat <b>Vigil</b>	18.30	Vincent, Manel <i>(Anne)</i>
03 Sun <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00	Keith Lewis <i>(L. Lewis)</i>
	18.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>OTHER SERVICES - CANCELLED</b>		
<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	
<b>COVID-19 PRAYER INTENTION OF THE WEEK</b>		
That world leaders may place human dignity and welfare before political and economic interest at the centre of their decisions concerning the pandemic.		

**“JESUS HIMSELF CAME UP AND WALKED BY THEIR SIDE”**

My dear sisters and brothers, the narrative of the encounter of the two disciples with the Risen Lord on the way to Emmaus is an amazing story. It is a classic story of the power of the Resurrection and Pentecost at work in the lives of the early followers of Jesus. It is very striking how the clearly depressive and disappointing mood with which the two disciples began that fateful journey out of Jerusalem (apparently *fleeing for safety*) towards a village seven miles away, gradually changes into an obviously joyful and enthusiastic return to Jerusalem. The encounter with the Risen Lord does not only comfort and reassure, it also transforms those who are open to let him encounter them.

The *Emmaus experience*, dear friends, is re-enacted as it were in every eucharistic celebration. Obviously, the twofold structure of the sacrifice of the Mass (the liturgy of the Word and the liturgy of the Eucharist) corresponds to the two components of that experience: “... starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself ... Now, while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him...”







Besides, the *Emmaus experience* stresses the importance of faith in any encounter with God. It is not surprising that the two disciples did not recognise that the stranger “who came up and walked by their side,” explaining the scriptural passages about the paschal mystery to them, was Jesus himself. “Something prevented them from recognising him.” Of course, they were not alone in this predicament. The apostles and the other disciples were still struggling to come to terms with “the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the death” (Jn 20:9). This lack of understanding would be cured gradually as their faith became strengthened especially by the appearances of Jesus to them during which he did not only show himself to them, but also took the pains to enlighten them about the paschal mystery – and ultimately by the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Jn 14:26).

On this note, St Paul would emphasise that the first step towards faith is always made possible through proclamation, the *kerygma*, the preaching and hearing of the Gospel (Romans 10:17). Hence the *confession* of the two disciples: “Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?” That is why, theologically speaking, there can be no Eucharist without the *Word*. For Christ who is sacramentally present in the Eucharist is always the *Word Incarnate*.

Further, the *Emmaus experience* highlights the effect of every authentic encounter with God. First, it transforms us *inwardly*. It fills us with joy, happiness, consolation, etc. Then, very importantly, it sets us forth on *mission*, that is, *outwardly* to others, to invite them to share in the same transformative power and experience. Without this openness to extend to others what we have received ourselves, our encounter remains at best insipid if not at worst dead.

What could be more re-assuring to us in this difficult, uncertain and unsettling time than the truth that God is always walking beside every one of us even if we may not always be aware of his presence and actions in and through us? What could be more challenging for us as Catholics and a Catholic community than to make concrete this truth in the lives of people around us and in our wider society? **IAE**

<b>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</b>	
<b>1ST READING</b>	Acts 2: 14, 22-33
<b>2ND READING</b>	1 Peter 1: 17-21
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 24: 13-35

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died:</b> Father Gerry Flood, Gerard Laneghan, Anton Sebastian, Edmund Okon, Aideen Phillips, Alfredo Cardemil, Eamon Collender, Aurelio Reyes, Patricia Birse, Michael Pierson, Roy Gear, Rosaria Civitillo, 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>PARTICIPATION AT MASS THIS PERIOD</b> I would really encourage you during this lockdown, to follow a livestreaming of the Mass in the parish and, among others, pray with me and all our parishioners for all who are affected by the spread of this virus, and for a speedy end to it. Visit <a href="https://olionline.co.uk/our-parish/home-resources/">https://olionline.co.uk/our-parish/home-resources/</a>	
	<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, Samar Staussi, and Ann-Marie Deasy.	<b>FOODBANK DONATIONS</b> In response to increased need during this difficult time, the OLI Covid-19 Volunteer Group is organising daily collection of food items for Kingston Foodbank. Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the following locations: <b>The Old Chapel (9am – 6pm) &amp; 313 Ewell Road.</b> Thank you for your support. <u>URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:</u> cereal instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. <b>Please, see attached poster for collection points around the Sunray &amp; Egmont Estate.</b>	
CONTINUING WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		<b>IF YOU GIVE TO THE CHURCH BY GIFT AID</b> If you give to the Church by weekly envelopes, we encourage you to switch to monthly standing orders from your bank. A bank mandate form can be downloaded from the Gift Aid section of the Parish website or obtained from Allan Cook <a href="mailto:tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk">tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk</a> or telephone 020 8399 4368. For 2nd collections and to give to the clergy at Easter and Christmas, you can make individual online payments to the same account quoting your Gift Aid number and the cause to which you are giving. Parishioners who do not belong to the Gift Aid scheme can give to the Church by online transfer from their bank (account details on the left column); please, kindly add the reference NGA (Non-Gift Aid).	
	<i>In this time of uncertainty and as we will no longer have a weekly collection, please seriously consider making your regular contribution to the Church via; standing order (form available on <a href="https://olionline.co.uk">olionline.co.uk</a>), cash donation (envelope through Presbytery door) or by online banking: <b>RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.</b> Thank you.</i>  <b>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</b>	<b>LENTEN PROJECT: RECENT EVENTS</b> <b>1. Sponsored Walk:</b> Was led by Fr Ignatius, on Saturday 21 March, 7.00am the Tolworth Trekkers embarked on a challenging 38 km (24 mile) walk. Setting off from OLI Church, we walked along the river to Richmond and then walked a circuit of Richmond Park, before retracing our steps. We want to thank Parishioners (including children) who were able join us for all or part of the walk. Due to the recent partial lockdown because of the Covid-19 pandemic, we had to walk in family groups and in pairs / solo. Please sponsor by leaving donations at the presbytery. Or using the <b>Justgiving site</b> - <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/OLILentenProject">https://www.justgiving.com/OLILentenProject</a>	
INFANT BAPTISM		<b>LENTEN PROJECT: FORTHCOMING EVENTS</b> <b>1. Family Quiz:</b> Postponed until further notice <b>2. Jumble Sale: 9 May –</b> Postponed until further notice	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. <b>Next course:</b> TBA	<b>LENTEN PROJECT: TOTALS TO DATE</b> <b>1. Sri Lankan Evening:</b> £1,455.00 <b>2. Krispy Kreme Donut Sale:</b> £173.00 <b>3. UCM / KSC Cake and Book Sale:</b> £642.00 <b>4. Table-Top Sale:</b> £1,577.00	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		<b>ANNUAL PARISH MEAL:</b> Postponed	
	<b>1. Next Children's Session:</b> Next date to be confirmed. <b>2. Rehearsal:</b> Next date to be confirmed.	<b>† ROSARIA CIVITILLO – RIP</b> Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rosaria Civitillo who died during the week at Bourne House Nursing Home. Funeral: May 6 at Surbiton Cemetery. Our condolences to the family. May she rest in peace. Amen	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		<b>† MICHAEL PIERSON – RIP</b> Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Pierson who died 20 April, aged 96. Funeral to be advised later. May he rest in peace. Amen	
	<b>Candidates Meeting:</b> Next date to be confirmed.		
† EAMON COLLENDER – RIP			
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eamon Collender who died on 15 April at Langley Court Home. <b>Funeral:</b> at Capoquin, Co. Waterford (Ireland). Our condolences to his nephew David Collender and his extended family. May he rest in peace. Amen.			
† ROY PHILIP JOHN GEAR – RIP			
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roy Gear who died on 19 April. Our heartfelt condolences to Jean Gear (wife) and family. <b>Funeral:</b> 4 May at Kingston Crematorium at 5pm. May he rest in peace. Amen.			