



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (Year A)

12 April 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION		
FOLLOWING DIOCESAN GUIDELINES AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FR. IGNATIUS WILL BE SAYING SUNDAY / DAILY MASSES WITHOUT A CONGREGATION FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS:		
11 Sat Easter Vigil	21.00	Caroline & Kelvin Andrews - 57 th Wed Anni
12 Sun Easter Sunday	9.00	Janaki Gandhimathi - RIP
	11.00	Samar Staussi – WB (<i>Lourdes & Fam</i>)
	18.00	Cancelled
WEEKDAY MASSES		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
13 Mon <i>Octave</i>	9.30	<i>Pro Populo</i>
14 Tues <i>Octave</i>	9.30	M B Effiong – WB
	19.00	Cancelled
15 Wed <i>Octave</i>	9.30	Anton Sebastian – RIP
	19.00	Cancelled
16 Thurs <i>Octave</i>	7.00	Cancelled
	9.30	Mariam Joseph – RIP (<i>S. Matthew</i>)
17 Fri <i>Octave</i>	7.00	Cancelled
	9.30	Fr. E Redding – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
18 Sat <i>Octave</i>	9.00	Ann-Marie Conolly – WB
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)		
18 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Cancelled
19 Sun <i>2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)</i>	9.00	Veronica Heaton – RIP (<i>D Heaton</i>)
	11.00	Maria Fernandes – RIP (<i>Anthony & Carmelita</i>)
	18.00	Cancelled
OTHER SERVICES - CANCELLED		
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	
COVID-19 PRAYER INTENTION OF THE WEEK		
That the Holy Spirit may comfort the elderly who are in isolation or care homes and are unable to have visits from their families.		

CELEBRATING EASTER IN THE SHADOW OF COVID-19

My dear brother and sisters, once again, I pray that you are all safe and well.







Celebrating the Paschal Triduum and Easter under the shadow of Covid-19 pandemic is, to say the least, unsettling and difficult. In the last couple of weeks, our parish Church like other places of worship throughout the UK (and some parts of the world), has been closed. We know how sad and painful this unfortunate situation can be for a community that has always had the doors of its Church opened throughout the day, both for public worship and for private visits, prayers and devotions. I share the frustrations and pains of many with whom I have had conversation on this subject. It is not a delightful experience celebrating the liturgy alone, especially during this Triduum, in an *apparently empty* Church. I say *apparently empty Church*, purposely, because I am every step aware of your active participation, spiritually, dear people of God, in these celebrations. In other words, although keeping social distance may separate us physically, we remain *ecclesially* and *spiritually* close, by virtue of our faith in Christ and the communion of his holy Church. Therefore, I always carry all of you in my thoughts and heart, together with your joys and sorrows, hopes and anxieties, happiness and pains, dreams and frustrations, etc., offering them all to Christ who, on the Cross thought of us all, as he offered himself to the Eternal Father on our behalf and for the salvation of the whole world.

Yes, indeed, our *church* (the building / physical sacred space) is closed and, in due course, will be re-opened. But the *Church* (the people of God, you and I) is never and can never be closed. It is always open, alive and active as a sacrament of intimate communion between God and humanity. The bonds of communion, namely, unity in faith, sacraments (worship) and pastoral leadership (apostolic succession) that knit us together as the ecclesial body of Christ, the temple of the holy Spirit, cannot be unravelled by social distancing or the closure of church buildings. Awareness of and openness to presence of the Church in and through each of us can help not just to cope with the current situation but to positively explore creative ways of urgently putting into action our baptismal calling to be salt of the earth and light of the world. I cannot fail to acknowledge in this connection and salute the efforts of the members of our parish Covid-19 volunteering group as well as other parishioners who have made themselves available to reach out to and support / help parishioners and others in our wider community with shopping, picking up medications etc. Together with our daily prayers and devotions at home, the commitments of our parishioners and others who work in the healthcare and social care services, and the huge company of other volunteers etc. these outreaches constitute a veritable sign of hope, light and life. They remind us in no small way that though church buildings are closed to help contain the spread of Covid-19, the Church of Christ is ever open, alive and active to spread the love of God and neighbour without which we cannot overcome Covid-19.

In a way, Covid-19 places us in a situation similar to the followers of Jesus after his arrest and crucifixion – as it were behind locked doors. But our faith in Christ, the Risen Lord, implodes such barriers, as he sends us forth to witness to him and the power of his Resurrection (Jn 20:19-23).

Happy Easter! Continue to stay safe and well!!! **Ignatius, PP**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	
1ST READING	Acts 2:42-47
2ND READING	1 Peter 1: 3-9
GOSPEL	John 20: 19-31

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died: Archbishop Peter Smith, Armanda Marsella, Michael Callan, Rosa Dziva, Kevin Thomas Kelly, Ann Maria Ryan, Gerard Laneghan, Anton Sebastian, Edmund Okon, Aideen Phillips, 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	PARTICIPATION AT MASS THIS PERIOD Although you may not be able to attend Sunday (or weekday) Mass at the moment in person, I would really encourage you to follow a livestreaming of the Mass and, among others, pray with the priest for the victims of this virus, and for a speedy end to it. Visit https://olionline.co.uk/our-parish/home-resources/	
	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, Samar Staussi, and Ann-Marie Deasy.	CHILDREN LITURGY WITH CAFOD CAFOD is hosting a live online children's liturgy for families, on Sundays at 10am . Please join by clicking the above hyperlink and do let families in the parish know about it - it has proved very popular with families over the last two Sundays.	
CONTINUING WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		IF YOU GIVE TO THE CHURCH BY GIFT AID 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 tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk 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.	
	<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 olionline.co.uk), cash donation (envelope through Presbytery door) or by online banking: RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05. Thank you.</i> Thank you for your generosity to your parish.	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).	
INFANT BAPTISM		LENTEN PROJECT: RECENT EVENTS 1. Sponsored Walk: 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 Justgiving site - https://www.justgiving.com/OLITLentenProject	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA	LENTEN PROJECT: FORTHCOMING EVENTS 1. Family Quiz: Postponed until further notice 2. Jumble Sale: 9 May – More details to follow	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		LENTEN PROJECT: TOTALS TO DATE 1. Sri Lankan Evening: £1,455.00 2. Krispy Kreme Donut Sale: £173.00 3. UCM / KSC Cake and Book Sale: £642.00 4. Table-Top Sale: £1,577.00	
	1. Next Children's Session: Next date to be confirmed. 2. Rehearsal: Next date to be confirmed.	FOODBANK DONATIONS Suspended till further notice!	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		Please consider donating to your local Foodbank, who are under immense pressure in this period. Thank you.	
	Candidates Meeting: Next date to be confirmed.	ANNUAL PARISH MEAL: Postponed	
SPECIAL CATHOLIC EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE ON BBC		† ANTON SEBASTIAN – RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anton Sebastian who died on 4 April. Our heartfelt condolences to Vasantha, Maria and Kevin, and family. Funeral to be advised later. An online memorial can be viewed at www.antonsebastian.com May he rest in peace. Amen	
† AIDEEN PHILLIPS – RIP			
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Aideen Phillips who died on 8 April. Funeral to be advised later. Our heartfelt condolences to her niece and family. May she rest in peace. Amen.			