



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A)**

05 April 2020

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<b>MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS</b>		
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</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>		
04 Sat Vigil	18.30	<i>Cancelled</i>
05 Sun	9.00	Armanda Marsella – RIP (Elaine & Family)
	11.00	Tony Faherty – RIP (J & J Kelly)
	18.00	<i>Cancelled</i>
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:</b> Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
06 Mon <i>Holy Week</i>	9.30	Michael Simmonds – RIP (M. Simmonds)
07 Tues <i>Holy Week</i>	9.30	Regina Sellanmah – RIP (M. Kajaruben)
	19.00	<i>Cancelled</i>
08 Wed <i>Holy Week</i>	9.30	Dec'd Members of Fr. Redding's Family (FM)
	19.00	<i>Cancelled</i>
09 Thurs <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	9.00	Office of Readings and Lauds
	20.00	Mass of the Last Supper
10 Fri <b>Good Friday</b>	9.00	Office of Readings & Lauds
	15.00	
11 Sat <b>Holy Saturday</b>	9.00	Office of Readings & Lauds
<b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>		
11 Sat <b>Easter Vigil</b>	21.00	Caroline & Kelvin Andrews - 57 <sup>th</sup> Wed Anni
12 Sun <b>Easter Sunday</b>	9.00	Janaki Gandhimathi - RIP
	11.00	Samar Staussi – WB (Lourdes & Family)
	18.00	<i>Cancelled</i>
<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	

**HOSSANA TO THE SON OF DAVID! ... CRUCIFY HIM!!**

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

Today is the 6<sup>th</sup> and last Sunday of Lent. With the celebration of the Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we mark the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, the mystery of our salvation will be re-enacted and celebrated especially in the liturgy of the *Sacred Triduum* (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday), and ultimately on Easter Sunday.

Today's liturgy illustrates the truth that Jesus' moment of glory does not just consist in the deserved welcome he received from the cheering crowds as he rode on an ass into Jerusalem: "*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*" (Matt 21:1-11). It consists ultimately in the total self-emptying of himself that culminates in his death & resurrection. That is why, as St Paul explains, he is supremely exalted above all other names (Ph 2:6-11).

The scripture readings, particularly the Gospel and the passion narrative (Matt 21:1-11 and 26:14-27:66, respectively) demonstrate, among others, the contrast between human adulation and divine glory. Whereas the former is ephemeral, temporary and short-lived, the latter is eternal, permanent and everlasting. Little wonder how suddenly the shouts of *Hosanna* from the crowds as Jesus made his way into Jerusalem subsequently turn into another stream of deafening shouts from a vengeful mob – *crucify him, crucify!*

The dignity with which Jesus goes through these contrasting moments is more than admirable. He is neither swayed by the well-deserved *hosannas*, the enthusiastic waving of palm branches, etc. by the crowds, nor deterred by the vindictive condemnation by the Jewish authorities, their co-conspirators and Pontus Pilate and his humiliation by the Roman soldiers. Instead, he embraces everything with *good grace* and surrenders himself completely to God, with absolute trust: "*My Father, if this cup cannot pass by without my drinking it, your will be done!*" (Matt 26:42). Thus, re-echoing the *servant of God* who, as Isaiah describes in the first reading, remains "*untouched by the insults*" of his tormentors, because he trusts in the Lord and knows that he "*shall not be shamed.*"

Dear friends, we are entering into this solemn week at a very difficult, unsettling and also unprecedented period. It is indeed a period of mortal anxiety – and sometime also fear – for our safety and the safety of people we know and love – family, friends, fellow parishioners, and people everywhere. For the last two weeks our parish church, like all others all over the country, has not been opened for public worship or private devotions. Certainly, this has been a source of distress to many. We pray and hope that conditions would improve so that we can return to celebrate the divine liturgy together. For the moment, however, we can take real comfort from the fact that the liturgy is still being celebrated in our Church daily and that we are able to participate in the re-enactment of these mysteries spiritually – and for those who are able to, virtually as well.








I want to re-assure you, my dear brothers and sisters, that I will be carrying you all in my heart every step this Holy Week, as I celebrate the sacred liturgies of our redemption. I would like to encourage all of us to make every effort to reflect on the paschal mystery this week, through scripture, prayers, good works and spiritual communion. Wishing you all a grace-filled Holy Week & Sacred *Triduum!* Continue to stay safe and well!!!

**Ignatius, PP**

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Acts 10: 34, 37-43
<b>2ND READING</b>	Colossians 3: 1-4
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 20: 1-9

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died:</b> Archbishop Peter Smith, Armanda Marsella, Michael Callan, Rosa Dziva, Kevin Thomas Kelly, Ann Maria Ryan, Gerard Laneghan, Anton Sabastian, Edmund Okon, 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> 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 <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, Aideen Phillips and Ann-Marie Deasy.	<b>CHILDREN LITURGY WITH CAFOD</b> CAFOD is hosting a live online <a href="#">children's liturgy</a> for families, on <b>Sundays at 10am</b> . 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		<b>COVID-19 PRAYER INTENTION OF THE WEEK</b> As we pray for our various intentions this week, I would like to invite us this week, to pray together as a parish for the Holy Spirit to inspire the work of the medical researchers who are trying to find vaccines.	
	<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. Thank you.</b></i>  <i>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</i>	<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).	
INFANT BAPTISM		<b>LENTEEN 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/OLITLentenProject">https://www.justgiving.com/OLITLentenProject</a>	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. <b>Next course:</b> TBA	<b>LENTEEN PROJECT: FORTHCOMING EVENTS</b> <b>1. Family Quiz:</b> Postponed until further notice <b>2. Jumble Sale: 9 May</b> – More details to follow	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		<b>LENTEEN 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	
	<b>1. Next Children's Session:</b> Next date to be confirmed. <b>2. Rehearsal:</b> Next date to be confirmed.	<b>FOODBANK DONATIONS</b> Suspended till further notice!  Please consider donating to your local Foodbank, who are under immense pressure in this period. Thank you.	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		<b>ANNUAL PARISH MEAL:</b> Postponed	
	<b>Candidates Meeting:</b> Next date to be confirmed.		
MORNING PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH 9.00AM – MONDAY TO FRIDAY			
	Suspended till further notice!		
STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT			
To be done privately by individuals!			