



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

10 MAY 2020

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Ignatius Edet + **Curate:** Fr. Joseph Edem + **Deacon:** Rev. Al Callan + **Secretary:** Mrs Denise Kidd

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

<b>MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS</b>		
<b>FIFTH 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.olonline.co.uk">https://www.olonline.co.uk</a></b>		
9 Sat <b>Vigil</b>	18.30	Margaret & Peter Crawford – RIP (FM)
10 Sun <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00	Dec'd of Francesco Perillo & Family (F. D'Agostino)
	18.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:</b> Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
11 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Anton Sebastian – RIP (Family)
12 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Anton Sebastian – RIP (Family)
	19.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
13 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Anton Sebastian – RIP (Family)
	19.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
14 Thurs <i>St Matthew</i>	7.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
	9.30	Anton Sebastian – RIP (Family)
15 Fri <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Anton Sebastian – RIP (Family)
16 Sat <i>St Simon Stock</i>	9.00	Anton Sebastian – RIP (Family)
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>		
16 Sat <b>Vigil</b>	18.30	H & G Trutwein – WB
17 Sun <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00	Arthur Bailey – RIP (1st Anniv)
	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 in the face of this pandemic, "Christ our peace [may] enlighten all who have responsibility in conflicts, that they may have the courage to support the appeal for an immediate global ceasefire in all corners of the world" (Pope Francis, 12 April 2020)		

<b>YOU ARE A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD</b>	
<p>My dear sisters and brothers, the scriptural readings of the fifth Sunday of Easter are, in different ways, resourceful for understanding the identity and mission of the Church, for understanding who we are or called to be and what we are or called to do as followers of Christ. In this light, Peter addresses us in the second reading (1 Pt 2:4-9): <i>"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light."</i> This vision is deeply rooted in our common baptism, through which we are constituted like <i>living stones</i> into a <i>spiritual house</i> founded on Jesus Christ, <i>"the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him."</i></p> <p>As a spiritual house, the Church transcends space and time. Yet it is concretely realised and experienced on earth within space and time. Its earthly membership is drawn from men and women of different nations, classes, tongues etc. Yet they remain one in Christ by virtue of their common baptism. The unity of the Church is ultimately a gift from God. That is why Jesus would pray: <i>"Father, may they be one just as you and I are one"</i> (Jn 17:21). Though given from <i>above</i>, this gratuitous gift presupposes cooperation from <i>below</i>. This would require both faith and trust in God – the Trinity (<i>"Trust in God still and trust in me"</i>) – and openness, sensitivity, and honesty in dealing with whatever might undermine it – disagreements, conflicts, etc. The first reading offers us a good example in the early Church (Acts 6:1-7).</p> <p>The complaints of the Hellenist members were not only listened to but were treated in an honest and transparent manner. After careful consideration, the apostles gathered the <i>whole assembly</i> together and shared with them their idea for resolving the conflict, namely, the designation of seven men from among them to handle the distribution of food while they would concentrate on the ministry of worship and teaching. That the <i>proposal</i> was approved by the <i>whole community</i> is worth noting, not only in relation to the apostles as leaders but also with regard to the agreement of their Jewish counterparts as well, bearing in mind that the two groups were involved in the dispute. We see here an insipid model for decision making by consensus in the early Church, a precedence that would be applied later on to resolve the <i>Gentile-covert question</i> at the so-called <i>Council of Jerusalem</i> (Acts 15). The importance of this collective step is evident in the concluding passage (v.7): <i>"The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith."</i> In other words, the growth in membership is apparently a consequence of the unity fostered by the decision of the apostles and the whole assembly. Again, we may recall the prayer of Jesus: <i>"may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me"</i> (Jn 17:23). That is why any division within the Church or between churches, not only contradicts the will of Christ, but also undermines the Church's mission of witnessing to the Kingdom as light of the world and salt of the earth (see John Paul II, <i>That They May Be One</i>, 1995, §98).</p> <p>What may hinder, threaten, undermine or destroy the unity for which Christ prayed, in our parish? What can we do to overcome such hindrances, threats or dangers, individually and as a community? Positively, what can we do, individually and as a community, to enhance unity in faith, worship and service in our parish? How may we work together to fulfil our shared royal priesthood? <b>IAE</b></p>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</b>	
<b>1ST READING</b>	Acts 8: 5-8,14-17
<b>2ND READING</b>	1 Peter 3: 15-18
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 14: 15-21

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died:</b> Father Gerry Flood, Anton Sebastian, Aideen Phillips, Alfredo Cardemil, Eamon Collender, Aurelio Reyes, Patricia Birse, Michael Pierson, Roy Gear, Rosaria Civitillo, Margo Martin, Patricia Simms, Rev Peter Holmes, Roy Watkins, Suzanne Godwin, Shelagh Crook and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. 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, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Jan Leightley, Elizabeth Saunders, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Ron Malone, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, and Ann-Marie Deasy.	<b>OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP:</b> Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: <b>07384276821</b>	
<b>CONTINUING WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>		<b>FOODBANK DONATIONS</b>	
	<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 at <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>	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</b> (9am – 6pm) & <b>313 Ewell Road</b> . Thank you for your support <b>URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:</b> cereal instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee.	
<b>INFANT BAPTISM</b>		<b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOOD DONATIONS</b>	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. <b>Next course:</b> TBA	Thank you to all who donated items last week. There was a good collection at the above-mentioned two locations. Cecilia & Paul delivered from 313 on Thursday and a second delivery from the Presbytery will be done on Monday.	
<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>		<b>IF YOU GIVE TO THE CHURCH BY GIFT AID</b>	
	1. <b>Next Children's Session:</b> Next date TBA. 2. <b>Rehearsal:</b> Next date TBA.	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 (details on the left column); please, kindly add the reference NGA (Non-Gift Aid).	
<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020</b>		<b>LENLEN PROJECT: RECENT EVENTS</b>	
	<b>Candidates Meeting:</b> Next date TBA	1. <b>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. 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>	
<b>GREETINGS FROM FATHER JOSEPH</b>		<b>LENLEN PROJECT: FORTHCOMING EVENTS</b>	
Father Joseph has sent warm wishes to all parishioners from home in Nigeria where he has been since mid-February. He is safe and well and is looking forward to returning to the UK as soon as travels resume between Nigeria and the UK.		1. <b>Family Quiz:</b> Postponed until further notice 2. <b>Jumble Sale: 9 May</b> – Postponed until further notice	
<b>† PATRICIA SIMMS – RIP</b>		<b>LENLEN PROJECT: TOTALS TO DATE</b>	
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Simms who died on 23 April, aged 78. <b>Funeral:</b> 13 May. Our condolences to Claire Jefferies (niece) and other extended family members. May she rest in peace. Amen		1. <b>Sri Lankan Evening:</b> £1,455.00 2. <b>Krispy Kreme Donut Sale:</b> £173.00 3. <b>UCM / KSC Cake and Book Sale:</b> £642.00 4. <b>Table-Top Sale:</b> £1,577.00	
<b>† MICHAEL PIERSON – RIP</b>		<b>ANNUAL PARISH MEAL:</b> Postponed	
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Pierson who died on 20 April, aged 96. <b>Funeral:</b> TBA. May he rest in peace. Amen		<b>BECOME PRAYER BUDDY</b>	
		Join a prayer ministry for our invaluable NHS staff – an idea conceived by Rebekah O'Keeffe and Deacon Alfred. Any member of the NHS who wants to be prayed for at this difficult time will be held in prayer. The power of prayer is essential now more than ever.  <b>The idea:</b> Staff in hospitals will write their first name and job title in a book in the Chaplaincy and will be then paired with people from throughout the Diocese who will be given only the person's first name and their Parish.  If you would like to become a prayer partner/buddy, email Rebekah O'Keeffe directly: <a href="mailto:rebekah.okeeffe@gmail.com">rebekah.okeeffe@gmail.com</a>	