



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

17 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

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**FOLLOWING DIOCESAN GUIDELINES AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FR. IGNATIUS WILL BE SAYING SUNDAY / DAILY MASSES WITHOUT A CONGREGATION FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS.**

**KINDLY PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT <https://www.olonline.co.uk>**

16 Sat <b>Vigil</b>	18.30	H & G Trutwein – WB
17 Sun <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00	Arthur Bailey – RIP ( <i>1st Anniv</i> )
	18.00	<i>Cancelled</i>

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:** Monday – Friday at 8.30am

18 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Teresa D'Souza – RIP ( <i>Trutwein</i> )
19 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Margo Martin – RIP ( <i>E. Bailey</i> )
	19.00	<i>Cancelled</i>
20 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Anton Sebastian ( <i>Requiem Mass</i> )
	19.00	<i>Cancelled</i>
21 Thurs <b>Ascension of the Lord</b> (A Holyday of Obligation)	7.00	<i>Cancelled</i>
	9.30	Suresh Mary – 16th Wedding Annv
	19.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
22 Fri <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Vincent Ayamnde – RIP ( <i>Annabel</i> )
23 Sat <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Margo Martin – RIP ( <i>E. Bailey</i> )

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

23 Sat <b>Vigil</b>	18.30	<i>Pro Populo</i>
24 Sun <b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	10.00	Paul Joseph – RIP ( <i>Trutwein</i> )
	18.00	<i>Cancelled</i>

**OTHER SERVICES - CANCELLED**

<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

**COVID-19 PRAYER INTENTION OF THE WEEK**

That, as we celebrate *Laudato Si'* Week during this pandemic, we may remember that "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor cannot continue" (Pope Francis).

**I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU ORPHANS**

My dear sisters and brothers, we are fast approaching the end of Easter. In a couple of days from today (Thursday, to be precise) we will be celebrating the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, and nine days after that, the feast of Pentecost and the end of Eastertide. The scriptural readings of the sixth Sunday of Easter, therefore, rightly direct our thoughts toward the Holy Spirit and its influence, power and action in and through the apostles and first disciples.

Within his *farewell discourse*, Jesus promises to the disciples the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. "I shall ask the Father," he reassures them, "and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever." This is important because Jesus would be taken away from them through his death, but he would resurrect and then ascend to heaven, to return at the end of time. The time between his death and resurrection and between his ascension and second coming (*Parousia* in Greek) in particular, will be a time of witnessing to him, a time of propagating his message to people everywhere. It will also be a time of great testing, trials, tribulations, persecutions, etc. Either way, they would need support, since their *master* would no longer be with them physically. That is why Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as *another Advocate*, a *helper*, a *defender*. Without the Holy Spirit, the apostles and their followers would be absolutely unable to witness to the Risen Christ or proclaim the Good News. The importance of the Holy Spirit in the life and mission of the disciples, and also in the Church today, is clearly underscored by the *Ascending Lord* as he says to the apostles: "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The fulfilment of this promise is evident in the first and second readings.

The first reading (Acts 8:5-8) recounts the successful missionary outreach of Philip, one of the seven deacons (Acts 6:5-6) in Samaria, a Gentile territory north of Jerusalem. We may want to contrast the openness of the Samaritans to the Good News with the persecution that was unleashed against the followers of Jesus by Jewish authorities after the gruesome martyrdom of Stephen (Acts 8:1b). The presence and power of the Holy Spirit is manifested through Philip's preaching and the miraculous healings and exorcisms that accompanied it. And this won many Samaritans over to the faith. The great joy that accompanied the conversion of the Samaritans is shared beyond their boundaries. Hence, the sending of Peter and John by the apostles to them to confirm them in the faith through the laying on of hands and impartation of the Holy Spirit (vv.14-16).

The Holy Spirit empowers believers to bear with whatever sufferings may come their way on account of their discipleship and mission (the 2nd reading). It guarantees the indwelling of God within them. That is why Peter admonishes them, "Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts." He also enjoins them to be always ready to respond to those who ask them about the hope they have with courtesy, respect and a clear conscience. Of course, they could do none of these without the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the teacher, guide and counsellor par excellence.

May we be reassured, especially in this time of uncertainty, that we have not been left as orphans, because God has poured his love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that we received both in Baptism and Confirmation. Let us, therefore, pray for a renewal of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives and parish community. **IAE**

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Acts 1: 12-14
<b>2ND READING</b>	1 Peter 4:13-16
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 17: 1-11

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



**Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died:** 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



**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, 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.

## CONTINUING WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



*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 [olionline.co.uk](http://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.*

**Thank you for your generosity to your parish.**

## INFANT BAPTISM



Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course.  
**Next course:** TBA

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



- Next Children's Session:** Next date TBA.
- Rehearsal:** Next date TBA.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020



**Candidates Meeting:** Next date TBA

## DIACONATE PLACEMENT

Deacon John Howard, one of our seminarians from St John's Seminary (Wonerh) has been posted to our parish on pastoral placement. We look forward to welcoming him to the parish on Monday, 18 May and wish him a happy and fruitful stay and ministry in the parish during this unprecedented time.

## OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP

Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: **07384276821**



## NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Praying a novena to the Holy Spirit is an important devotion in preparation for Pentecost. We follow the example of Mary, the apostles, and the disciples who spent nine days between our Lord's Ascension into heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost in "constant prayer" (Acts 1:12-14).

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD: 21 MAY

Thursday, 21 May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a *Holyday of Obligation*. There will be two livestream Masses: **9.30am** and **7.00pm**. Mass sheet is available on the homepage of the parish website for download.

### LAUDATO SI' WEEK: 16-24 MAY

We're living through history-shaping events. *Laudato Si'* teaches us how to build a better world—together.

People everywhere are crying out for hope, and our faith is urgently needed to light the way. For *Laudato Si'* Week, 16-24 May, Catholics are uniting in solidarity for a more just and sustainable future. Join activities at <https://laudatosiweek.org>



## INSPIRED BY THE WORD

Do you have an artistic talent? Perhaps you haven't discovered it yet.

We are spending more time at home and this gives us an opportunity to investigate our hidden talents. Do you like to sketch, paint, sew, practise calligraphy or woodworking? Why not use this lockdown time to create something beautiful by illustrating a passage from the Bible? When we are finally able to celebrate Mass together again it would be wonderful to do so in a Church adorned with the fruits of our labour.

Why not have a go? Encourage your children to use the Bible as a source of inspiration for their drawings. Use any medium to illustrate your favourite verse.

Any Question? Please don't hesitate to contact Rosemary McDermott **07557057083!**

**This is the Year of the Word – Corona virus can't stop us celebrating it!**

### PARTICIPATION AT MASS THIS PERIOD

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 <https://olionline.co.uk/our-parish/home-resources/>

### THANK YOU FOR FOODBANK DONATIONS

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: **The Old Chapel (9am – 6pm) & 313 Ewell Road**. Thank you for your support

**URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:** cereal instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee.

### 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](mailto: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.

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).

### 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. Please sponsor by leaving donations at the presbytery. Or using the **Justgiving site** <https://www.justgiving.com/OLITLentenProject>

### LENTEN PROJECT: FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Family Quiz:** Postponed until further notice
- Jumble Sale:** Postponed until further notice