



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

24 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>   |                                   |   |
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| <b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br><b>FOLLOWING DIOCESAN GUIDELINES AND UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FR. IGNATIUS WILL BE SAYING SUNDAY / DAILY MASSES WITHOUT A CONGREGATION FOR THE FOLLOWING INTENTIONS.</b><br><b>KINDLY PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT <a href="https://www.olionline.co.uk">https://www.olionline.co.uk</a></b> |                                   |   |
| 23 Sat<br><b>Vigil</b>   | 18.30                             | Margaret Smith – RIP                                |
| 24 Sun<br><b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>  | 10.00                             | Paul Joseph – RIP ( <i>Trutwein</i> )               |
|  | 18.00                             | <i>Cancelled</i>                                    |
| <b>WEEKDAY MASSES</b>  |                                   |   |
| <b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:</b> Monday – Friday at 8.30am  |                                   |   |
| 25 Mon<br><i>St Bede the Venerable</i>   | 9.30                              | Arthur Staussi - WB                                 |
| 26 Tues<br><i>St Philip Neri</i>   | 9.30                              | Francesco Perillo & Family ( <i>A. D'Agostino</i> ) |
|  | 19.00                             | <i>Cancelled</i>                                    |
| 27 Wed<br><i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>  | 9.30                              | Suzanne Godwin – RIP ( <i>MacLeod</i> )             |
|  | 19.00                             | <i>Cancelled</i>                                    |
| 28 Thurs<br><i>Feria</i>   | 7.00                              | <i>Cancelled</i>                                    |
|  | 9.30                              | All Parishioners ( <i>P. Buchanan</i> )             |
| 29 Fri<br><i>Feria</i>   | 9.30                              | Paul Joseph – RIP ( <i>Family</i> )                 |
| 30 Sat<br><i>Feria</i>   | 9.00                              | Roman Szymanski – RIP ( <i>M. Szymanska</i> )       |
| <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>  |                                   |   |
| 30 Sat<br><i>Vigil of Pentecost</i>  | 18.30                             | <i>Pro Populo</i>                                   |
| 31 Sun<br><i>Pentecost Sunday</i>  | 10.00                             | Tony Fazal – RIP, 7th Yr ( <i>P. Fazal</i> )        |
|  | 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         |   |
| <b>COVID-19 PRAYER INTENTION OF THE WEEK</b>   |                                   |   |
| That politicians, the media, social media influencers / users, and all of us, may refrain from “destructive and provocative stories that wear down and break the fragile threads binding us together as a society” (Pope Francis).   |                                   |   |

| <b>THEY ALL JOINED IN CONTINUOUS PRAYER</b>   |                             |
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| <p>Dear friends, on Thursday, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. The forty days after the Resurrection, that is, before the Ascension were very significant for the apostles and disciples of Jesus in two ways. First, his appearances strengthened their faith in his resurrection (Acts 1:3a). Second, he taught them again about the Kingdom, the central focus of his life and mission, reminding them of their mission as his witnesses to the ends of the earth (see Acts 1:3b). But they would need the Holy Spirit to be able to understand this mission more fully and to carry it out effectively.</p> <p>Recounting the experience of the early Church before the first <i>Christian Pentecost</i>, the first reading (Acts 1:12-14) reminds us, among others, of the importance of prayer and unity in the Christian life and mission. As we profess in the Creed, the Holy Spirit is a gift from the Father and the Son to the Church. But to receive and / or experience it, presupposes an openness on the part of the Church and all of us. This openness is expressed especially through prayer (see Lk 11:13; Jn 7:37). True prayer draws us into communion with God and with others; it takes us beyond ourselves and opens us up to a reality beyond and bigger than ourselves. It leads us into an encounter with God which, in turn, enables us to discover (or rediscover) our true worth and needs in relation not only to God and fellow human beings but also to creation as a whole.</p> <p>Jesus exemplifies the importance of communion and encounter through prayer at key moments during his public ministry. He withdrew to fast and pray in the desert before ‘starting’ his mission (see Matt 4:1); withdrew to a lonely place to pray before choosing the twelve apostles (Lk 6:12-14); and at Gethsemane before his passion (Matt 26:36-44). Through prayer, Jesus seeks nothing except the fulfilment of the Father’s will. And it is in the doing of the will of the Father that Jesus (the Son) is glorified. This is a key message in the ‘<i>Priestly Prayer</i>’ of Jesus in today’s Gospel; that, through his paschal mystery, eternal life is given to all who know God and him as the One sent by God (Jn 17:1-11). The same Holy Spirit which is the bond of communion between the Father and the Son, plays a defining role in bestowing eternal life upon those who follow him and in sustaining the relationship that is, consequently, established between God and them. It is also the same Holy Spirit that would make the apostles and successive generations of Christians joyful in hope even in tribulations, persecutions, and martyrdoms (1 Pt 4:13-16).</p> <p>Back from the scene of the Ascension, the apostles with Mary the mother of Jesus and the other disciples adhered to the instruction of Jesus (Acts 1:4). They spent the time before the first <i>Christian Pentecost</i>, tarrying with the Lord in prayer in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Unlike at Gethsemane, they were awake and vigilant, united in faith at one place and no longer scattered by fear.</p> <p>Like Mary, the apostles and the disciples imitated Jesus, we are invited to imitate them as we prepare for Pentecost (see 1 Co 11:1). Let us all return to the <i>Upper Room</i> of our hearts, homes, relationships, Church community etc. May we open them up through prayer, reflection on the word of God, and good works, for the Holy Spirit to fall afresh on them. Let us not be afraid to open our hearts and life to the Holy Spirit. Let us not hesitate to pray, desire, and thirst for a <i>New Pentecost</i> in all aspects of our human, social and Christian life. Lastly, as we mark World Communications Day today, let us not be afraid to share with others the story of what the Holy Spirit is doing in our life and in the world even in this difficult time. <b>IAE</b></p> |                             |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS</b>   |                             |
| <b>1ST READING</b>  | Acts 2: 1-11                |
| <b>2ND READING</b>  | 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 |
| <b>GOSPEL</b>   | John 20: 19-23              |

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| <b>PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE</b>   |  | <b>PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS</b>  |  |
|   | <b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died:</b> Anton Sebastian, Aideen Phillips, 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, Margaret Smith and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen  | <b>GREETINGS FROM FR CHRIS O'BRIEN</b><br>Father Chris sent greetings to all parishioners during the week. He is well and is praying for everyone during this difficult time. Kindly remember him in your prayers too.   |  |
|    | <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>POPE'S MESSAGE ON WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY</b><br><a href="http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communicatio ns/documents/papa-francesco_20200124_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html">http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communicatio ns/documents/papa-francesco_20200124_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html</a>   |  |
| <b>CONTINUING WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>   |  |  <b>INSPIRED BY THE WORD</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="http://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><br><br><b>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</b>   | Do you have an artistic talent? Perhaps you haven't discovered it yet.<br>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.<br>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.<br>Any Question? Please don't hesitate to contact Rosemary McDermott <b>07557057083!</b><br><b>This is the Year of the Word – Corona virus can't stop us celebrating it!</b> |  |
| <b>INFANT BAPTISM</b>  |  | <b>PARTICIPATION AT MASS THIS PERIOD</b>   |  |
|    | Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course.<br><b>Next course: TBA</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>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>  |  | <b>THANK YOU FOR FOODBANK DONATIONS</b>  |  |
|    | <b>1. Next Children's Session:</b> Next date TBA.<br><b>2. Rehearsal:</b> Next date TBA.   | 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> <b>URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:</b> cereal instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee.  |  |
| <b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020</b>  |  | <b>IF YOU GIVE TO THE CHURCH BY GIFT AID</b>   |  |
|    | <b>Candidates Meeting:</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.<br>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>WELCOME TO REV JOHN HOWARD</b>  |  | <b>LENENT PROJECT: RECENT EVENTS</b>   |  |
| A warm welcome to Deacon John Howard, as we wish him a happy and fruitful stay and pastoral ministry in the parish during this unprecedented time. |  | <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. 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>OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP</b>  |  | <b>LENENT PROJECT: FORTHCOMING EVENTS</b>  |  |
| Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: <b>07384276821</b>   |  | <b>1. Family Quiz:</b> Postponed until further notice<br><b>2. Jumble Sale:</b> Postponed until further notice   |  |
|    | <b>NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT</b><br>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).<br><i>Prayer is text available for download on the website.</i>  |  <b>GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY</b>  |  |
|  |  | Congratulations to Susan and Joe Staff ( <i>parents of Caroline Howe</i> ) on their 50 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sunday, 24 May. Wishing them many more happy years and God's blessings!  |  |