



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church  
**TWELTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

21 JUNE 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>TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)</b>		
<b>KINDLY PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT</b> <a href="https://www.olionline.co.uk">https://www.olionline.co.uk</a>		
20 Sat <i>Vigil of Sunday</i>	18.30	Frances Powell – RIP ( <i>E. Powell</i> )
21 Sun <i>Sunday</i>	10.00	Alexius Yap – RIP ( <i>C. Yap</i> ) <b>Day of Prayer for Human Life</b>
	18.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>12TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am</b>		
22 Mon <i>Ss John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</i>	9.30	Delia Kelly –RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
23 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Philomena Effiong – RIP
	19.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
24 Wed <i>Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	9.30	Michael & Orlanza Aletrai ( <i>J. Tanousis</i> )
	19.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
25 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	<b>Cancelled</b>
	9.30	Esther Maude Sice ( <i>FM</i> )
26 Fri <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Paul Joseph– RIP ( <i>Family</i> )
27 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Charmaine Stiffle – WB ( <i>Poulter</i> )
<b>SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER &amp; PAUL</b>		
27 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Ottavio D'Agostino – RIP ( <i>Franco</i> )
28 Sun <i>Ss Peter &amp; Paul</i>	10.00	Joseph Antonisamy – RIP ( <i>Mary</i> )
	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

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

That those who will be visiting our Church as we re-open for private prayers during the week may be kept safe, and that our volunteers who make it possible for us to re-open may be rewarded for the generosity of their time and service.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH**

We have been emailing a limited list of parishioners each week with a copy of the newsletter and any other points of interest or note. We only email once a week. We would like to collect email addresses from anyone not currently receiving this mailing so we can keep in touch with a much larger percentage of the parish. Please email the parish office asking to be added to the weekly newsletter email. Thank you.

**ALL LIVES MATTER, BUT ETERNAL LIFE MATTERS MOST**

The cross is a central image in the Christian faith. Salvation in Christ is intimately tied to his suffering, death, and resurrection. We recall this at the heart of the liturgy of the holy Mass immediately after the consecration, in the proclamation of *the mystery of faith*: "Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us, you are the saviour of the world." That is why, in the Catholic tradition, prayers are normally begun and concluded with the *Sign of the Cross*.







Through his paschal mystery, Jesus Christ, as St Paul declares in the second reading (Rm 5:12-15), not only brings "divine grace...to so many as an abundant free gift." He also empties the cross (suffering) of its shame and defeat. In the light of his salvific suffering, human suffering takes on a new meaning. It is no longer a sign of divine vengeance or punishment, but a participation in the suffering of Christ. Precisely as a participation in the paschal mystery, human suffering becomes salvific. St Paul, for example, speaks about being "happy to suffer" because through his suffering, he strives "to make up all that still has to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church" (Col 1:24). Besides, for St Paul, suffering for the sake of Christ is a privilege (see Phil 1:29), for which Paul himself was happy to sacrifice any of his previous advantages: "All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death" (Phil 3:10).

Without intending to sound triumphalist, St Paul looks back on his many sufferings during his apostolic ministry with thanksgiving for the grace given to him by God to remain steadfast: "Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked." (2 Co 11:24-28). Paul was never afraid of the Jewish and Roman authorities, nor his detractors within the Church. He was preoccupied primarily with spreading the Good News and secondarily with obtaining the "crown of righteousness" at the end, that is, after his earthly life (see 2 Tm 4:6-8; Phil 3:11-13).

Paul's defiance and faithfulness are a model for our response to Jesus' admonition to his apostles / disciples in the Gospel (Matt 10:26-33): "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell." Jesus is speaking as it were autobiographically here. His detractors would scheme against him, falsely accuse and unjustly condemn him, disparage him and kill him. But he would rise again, vindicated by God and made the Saviour of the world (Acts 2:32-36). His vindication / exaltation is a direct consequence of his faithfulness to the Father's will not only by standing up (like Jeremiah) for the truth and confronting the neglect of the covenant by his contemporaries, especially the religious and political authorities, but also by defending the poor, the weak, and the marginalised (see Lk 4:16-22).

Generations of Christians have responded courageously and generously to the above call and challenge of Jesus. This Monday, we will be celebrating the memorial of two of such illustrious witnesses in this land, Ss John Fisher and Thomas More. Both men chose to defy an earthly king in order to be welcomed by the heavenly King. St Thomas More's last words before his execution on 6 July 1535 remains noteworthy: "The king's good servant, but God's first." As we pray today particularly for all human life, these words also remind us that, 'All lives matter, but eternal life (that is, life in and with God) matters most!' **IAE**

<b>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</b>	
<b>1ST READING</b>	Acts 12:1-11
<b>2ND READING</b>	2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Matthew 16:13-19

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died</b> , especially John Joseph Reddan, Lucy Mulcahy, Philomena Effiong, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen	<b>CHURCH OPENING TIMES</b> <b>Monday (22/06):</b> 5pm – 6.30pm <b>Tuesday (23/06):</b> 10.15am – 12pm & 5.30pm – 7pm <b>Wednesday (24/06):</b> 10.30am – 12pm & 3pm – 5pm <b>Thursday (25/06):</b> Volunteers needed <b>Friday (26/06):</b> 4.30pm – 6pm <b>Saturday (27/06):</b> 9.45am – 11.15am <b>Sunday (28/06):</b> Volunteers needed	
	<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>HELP STILL NEEDED:</b> One of the requirements for opening the Church is that we must have two stewards (NB not those classed as "vulnerable" to Covid-19) in the building at all times to make sure people adhere to social distancing, use hand sanitiser on entry and exit, and so on (full instructions would be provided). If you can help, please email / phone the Parish Office (tolworth@rcaos.org.uk) or Andrew (akr@andrewkrichardson.co.uk) with the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your contact details (name, email address &amp; phone number).</li> <li>• What day (Monday – Sunday) and time (morning, afternoon or evening) you can help.</li> <li>• Any particular day of the week you can commit to.</li> </ul> It would be easier if people could generally commit to the same slot each week (but not essential).	
CONTINUING WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		<b>FROM THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT COMMITTEE</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>Please, if you are not a member of the gift aid scheme, kindly add NGA to your payment reference.</i>  <b>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</b></i>	Once again, the Parish has supported the Lenten Project with characteristic generosity and enthusiasm. In a typical year we have around 24 different events and activities. Due to Covid-19, however, we are not now able to complete the events we had planned. We had hoped only to postpone them and proceed with them when the current restrictions are over. On current advice, it does not look like there will be a sufficient relaxation of social distancing to allow large events to take place. If, later in the year, there is a relaxation we are going to organise a large multi-cultural event to give thanks to all those who have worked selflessly to care for us and provide us with sustenance.  We are still keen to support the charities we adopted this year and so, if you would like to make a donation equivalent to what you would have spent at the events, or on the raffle, you will see below the various methods by which you can do so.	
	<b>INFANT BAPTISM</b>	<b>Methods of making a donation:</b>	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. <b>Next course:</b> TBA	1. Online donation at <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olilentenproject">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olilentenproject</a>	
	<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>	2. Making a donation through the Lenten Boxes. To do this you will need to put the contents of your box into an envelope, carefully flatten the box and place that in the envelope too and put through the Presbytery letter box. The envelope needs to be marked 'Lenten Project Box'. If Gift-aiding the donation the label on the box needs to be completed.	
	1. <b>Next Children's Session:</b> Next date TBA. 2. <b>Rehearsal:</b> Next date TBA.	3. Placing a donation into an envelope marked 'Lenten Project Donation' and place through the Presbytery letter box.	
	<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020</b>	The raffle too has been cancelled. If you are a parent of OLI School and you received a book of raffle tickets in school bags, please DO NOT return them. You are, of course, welcome to donate the same amount should you wish to.	
	<b>Candidates Meeting:</b> Next date TBA	The Parish Lenten Project began in 1971 as the focal point to assist parish groups with Lenten observances. Many charities have benefited from the £427,300 raised to 2019. Next year is our 50th anniversary.	
	<b>IF YOU GIVE TO THE CHURCH BY GIFT AID</b>	If anyone has any ideas how we can mark our anniversary, please email Phil Townsend at <a href="mailto:townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk">townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk</a>	
	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>Parish Lenten Project Committee.</b>	
	<b>OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP</b>	<b>DONATIONS TO FOODBANK</b>	
	Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: <b>07384276821</b>	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>† Lucy Mulcahy – RIP</b>		
	Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lucy Mulcahy who died on 4 June. Our heartfelt condolences to Bill Mulcahy (husband) and family. May she rest in peace. Amen.		