



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (Year A)

7 JUNE 2020

401-403 Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7DG
 Tel: 020 8399 9550; E-mail: tolworth@rcaos.org.uk + www.olonline.co.uk + **Parish Office:** Mon-Fri from 10am to 2pm **(BY PHONE)**
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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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>

6 Sat <i>Vigil of Holy Trinity</i>	18.30	Richard & Irene Rodrigues & Family – WB
7 Sun <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	10.00 18.00	Boffa Goggin Baird Family (<i>Kathy</i>) <i>Cancelled</i>

WEEKDAY MASSES

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

8 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Martin Hart – RIP (<i>D. Kidd</i>)
9 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	Michael Kavanagh, Baby Zack Evans & Ron Tandy – RIP <i>Cancelled</i>
10 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	John Richard Cullen –RIP (<i>Family</i>) <i>Cancelled</i>
11 Thurs <i>St Barnabas</i>	7.00 9.30	<i>Cancelled</i> Anton Sebastian – RIP (<i>Swenthie</i>)
12 Fri <i>St Boniface</i>	9.30	A & R Maranzano – WB (<i>MacLeod</i>)
13 Sat <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	9.00	Anton Sebastian – RIP (<i>Raji</i>)

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

13 Sat <i>Vigil of Corpus Christi</i>	18.30	Lourdes D'Souza – WB (<i>Trutwein</i>)
14 Sun <i>Corpus Christi</i>	10.00 18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> <i>Day for Celebrating the Sacredness of Life</i> <i>Cancelled</i>

OTHER SERVICES - CANCELLED

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after AM & PM Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after PM Mass
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month

COVID-19 PRAYER INTENTION OF THE WEEK

That those who were preparing for the Easter Sacraments and Reception into Full Communion in the Church may continue to grow in knowledge and love of God as they wait.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT...

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity is celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost to commemorate the distinctively Christian understanding of the mystery of God's revelation of himself as One and Triune. For, "the sending of the person of the Spirit after Jesus' glorification reveals in its fullness the mystery of the Holy Trinity" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, § 244).

Belief in the Trinity is both central and unique to Christianity. It is the hallmark of the Christian faith. It distinguishes it on the one hand from the other two widely recognised monotheistic 'world' religions (Judaism and Islam) and on the other, from other religions of the world, many of which appear to be more or less polytheistic.

The Trinity is a mystery of faith. Precisely as a mystery, it both fascinates and fills with awe at the same time. Fascination excites the intellect and mind to investigate into its depth in an attempt to understand it or gain as much clarity about it as may be possible. Awe (holy fear) reminds us that we are 'standing on holy ground' and should, therefore, 'take off our shoes' in reverence (see Ex 3:5).

This twofold disposition is required as we celebrate the mystery of God's self-revelation as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. To start with, the complexity of the doctrine of the Trinity should not discourage us from seeking to deepen our understanding of it. A popular mediaeval anecdote about St. Augustine would help us: One day as he was walking on the beach contemplating the mystery of the Trinity, St Augustine saw a boy in front of him who had dug a hole in the sand and was going out to the sea again and again and bringing some water to pour into the hole. St. Augustine asked him, "What are you doing?" "I'm going to pour the entire ocean into this hole." "That is impossible, the whole ocean will not fit in the hole you have made," said St. Augustine. The boy replied, "And what do you think you're doing? You cannot fit the Trinity in your tiny little brain." Nonetheless, St Augustine did write an outstanding treatise on the Trinity! Like him, we should be encouraged to explore creative ways of communicating our faith in the Trinity to both adults and children.








Further, our interest in and fascination with the Trinity should be rooted in and fostered by prayer. This, in turn, should lead us to contemplation. Perhaps we could consider starting with something apparently simple but significantly deeply spiritual: *The Sign of the Cross*. Making the Sign of the Cross is both a confession of faith in and an invocation of the Trinity. We should make every effort to be conscious of this every time we make the Sign of the Cross. Signing ourselves with the Cross is a powerful witness to our Christian faith.

Lastly, our reflection and contemplation on the mystery of the Trinity should not only nurture our intellect (understanding) and soul (prayer / communion). It should, ultimately, inspire and challenge us to imitate the Trinity in all aspects of our lives. The Trinity is not just an abstract doctrine or concept, which invites intellectual and / or psychological engagement. It is the mystery of a personal God who has revealed himself essentially as a *Deity-in-communion*, unity-in-community. Consequently, those who, through Baptism have been stamped by the Trinity, and profess, celebrate and worship the One and Triune God cannot, under any pretext, tolerate, foster, or promote divisiveness or discrimination in whatever shape, shade or scale. Rather, in the words of St Paul in the 2nd reading, they would "try to grow perfect and help one another, be united, [and] live in peace," to the glory of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 10: 16-17
GOSPEL	John 6:51-58

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died: Father Ed Hartley, Father Francis Hartley and Robert Alford, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time, especially Ron Frost and Sebastian Vincent Perinpanayagam. May they rest in peace. Amen	EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION To mark the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (<i>Corpus Christi</i>), there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction next Sunday at 5pm . The service will be live streamed. All are invited to take part.	
	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.	FROM THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT COMMITTEE 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.	
CONTINUING WEEKLY COLLECTIONS			
	<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 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.</i> <i>Please, if you are not a member of the gift aid scheme, kindly add NGA to your payment reference.</i> 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			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Next Children's Session: Next date TBA. Rehearsal: Next date TBA. 		
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020			
	Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA		
	INSPIRED BY THE WORD		
<p>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.</p> <p>Any Question? Please don't hesitate to contact Rosemary McDermott 07557057083!</p> <p>This is the Year of the Word – Corona virus can't stop us celebrating it!</p>			
OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP			
Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: 07384276821			
Methods of making a donation: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Online donation at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olilentenproject 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. Placing a donation into an envelope marked 'Lenten Project Donation' and place through the Presbytery letter box. <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If anyone has any ideas how we can mark our anniversary, please email Phil Townsend at townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk</p> <p>Parish Lenten Project Committee.</p>			
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/			
DONATIONS TO FOODBANK			
Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the following locations: The Old Chapel (9am – 6pm) & 313 Ewell Road. 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 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).			