



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

5 JULY 2020

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT <https://www.olionline.co.uk>

4 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Walter Ed Chester – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
5 Sun	09.00	James McGrath – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> (For the People)
	18.00	<i>Roisin Loftus – RIP (Trutwein)</i>

14TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

6 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Those who feel abandoned (<i>Macleod</i>)
7 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Christopher Powell–RIP (<i>E Powell</i>)
	19.00	
8 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Paul Joseph – RIP (<i>Celine</i>)
	19.00	
9 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Martha Ekeigwe – RIP
	9.30	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10 Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Joseph Edet – RIP
	9.30	Michael Connolly – WB (<i>Kidd</i>)
11 Sat <i>St Benedict</i>	9.00	

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

11 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Michael Kavanagh, Ron Tandy & Baby Zak Evans – RIP
12 Sun	9.00	Children of the Parish (<i>IE</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> (For the People)
	18.00	Mother Rita – RIP (<i>Poulter</i>)

OTHER SERVICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm - Cancelled
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

PLEASE ENROL IN THE PARISH MAILING LIST

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.

IT IS WONDERFUL TO BE BACK AT MASS TOGETHER!

Welcome brothers and sisters! It is wonderful to be able to gather again in our church to worship together. To listen together to God's holy word. To 'raise' our voices together in prayers, although we are for the time being unable to do so in songs. And, above all, to be able to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, the *source and summit* of our faith and Christian life. It is, indeed, truly right and just!

Like most of you, when the directives for the suspension of public liturgy was initially issued by the bishops of England and Wales, to commence from 6pm on Friday, 20 March, I had no idea that we were going into a long one. Reality began setting in slowly but steadily when the complete closure of churches and other places of worship was mandated by the Government on Tuesday, 23 March. The rest, as they say it, is now part of our shared experience and history.

The last three months plus have been very difficult, challenging, uncertain, and unprecedented. None of us could have envisaged it. Therefore, no one seemed adequately prepared for it. Though we have all been affected in varying ways by the pandemic, some in have been affected more: the elderly, those with underlying health issues, etc. Particularly, we remember those who have lost loved ones during this period, to the virus or to other ailments. May light eternal shine upon them and may they rest in peace. Amen!

Nonetheless, a lot of good has also come out of this difficult moment of testing, anxiety, pain, and death. Many people I've talked to, have humbly shared how the uncertainty and isolation have drawn them closer to God, to their spouses, family. Some spoke about the rediscovery of what it means to live more simply. Some mentioned how it helped them to pause and think about their life as a precious and precarious gift and privilege, what they value most about and in life as well as thinking about others especially those worst hit by the deadly virus or uncertain lockdown, etc. Of course, we cannot overlook reports of rising cases of domestic violence by the police / social workers during this period! Perhaps we could try and reflect on (and possibly write down) the impact of this period on us personally.



To say the least, despite the negatives, the many positives that have come out of our last three months of *exile experience* are, in the words of today's Entrance Antiphon, certainly part of the *merciful love of God that we have received* in the midst of the pandemic and the unprecedented lockdown. Among others, these give us a serious cause for joy and praise as invited by God through the prophet Zechariah (9:9-10) in the first reading: *"Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!"*


Like the post-Babylonian exiles, the threat to our safety, comfort and future occasioned by the pandemic can draw us to rely firmly on the Lord. Hence, the psalmist inspires us today and always: *"The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down."* Though the threat of the virus is still very much with and around us, we remain hopeful through our faith in God *"who raised Jesus from the dead [and] will give life to [our] own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in [us]"* (Rm 8:9,11-13). So, we reassure our brothers and sisters who are unable to join us yet of our love, solidarity and prayers as we gather with joy around the table of the Word and of the Body and Blood.

While at church, I would like to plead that we be charitable to our neighbour and cooperate with all directives that have been put in place to overcome the risk of transmitting the virus before, during and after our liturgical celebrations. If you happen to find some of them stressful, please do not hesitate to ask the Lord for the strength to diligently observe them. He will certainly oblige. For he reassures us in the Gospel: *"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."* **IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 55:10-11
2ND READING	Romans 8:18-23
GOSPEL	Matthew 13:1-23

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially John Joseph Reddan, Lucy Mulcahy, Philomena Effiong, 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	
	<i>Due to social distancing measures at Mass, the weekly collection will be taken as you leave the church. Alternatively, 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>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.</i>


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

IF YOU GIVE TO THE CHURCH BY GIFT AID	
<p>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.</p> <p>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)</p>	

CONSIDER BRINGING YOUR SUNDAY MISSAL TO MASS	
<p>As part of safety measures as we resume Mass with a congregation on 4 July, Mass Books will not be provided till further notice. And for environmental reasons, we would not supply single-use Mass Sheets. If you would like to consider purchasing your own Sunday Missal, there are a couple of options at https://www.rpbooks.co – the Redemptorists Sunday Missal "Your Sunday Missal" is around £19 or https://www.ctsbooks.org – CTS Sunday Missal is around the same price.</p>	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
<p>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Monday (06/07): 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (07/07): 10.15am – 12pm & 5.30pm – 7pm Wednesday (08/07): 10.30am – 12pm & 3pm – 6.30pm Thursday (09/07): 1pm – 4pm Friday (10/07): 4.30pm – 6pm Saturday (11/07): 9.45am – 11.15am Sunday (12/07): 2pm – 3.30pm</p>	
<p>LIVESTREAMING CONTINUES Please, kindly note that the dispensation from Sunday obligation granted by the Bishops at the onset of the lockdown is still in place till further notice. Livestreaming of all weekday and Sunday Masses will also continue so that those who may not consider it safe for them to attend Mass in person, especially over the weekend, can participate virtually.</p>	
<p> Celebrating the Year of the Word despite Covid-19</p> <p>Were you able to find time during the lockdown to sketch, paint, sew, practise calligraphy or woodworking, to create something beautiful by illustrating a passage from the Bible? Were you able to encourage your children to use the Bible as a source of inspiration for their drawings? Or to illustrate your favourite Bible verse? You still have some time to consider doing something!</p> <p>We are happy to be finally able to celebrate Mass together again and it would be wonderful to do so in a church adorned with the fruits of our labour during the lockdown.</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>	
<p>FROM THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT COMMITTEE</p> <p>Due to Covid-19, we are not able to complete the events we had planned. 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.</p> <p>Methods of making a donation:</p> <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>	
<p>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.</p> <p>OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP: Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: 07384276821</p>	