



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

12 JULY 2020

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT https://www.olionline.co.uk		
11 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Michael Kavanagh, Ron Tandy & Baby Zak Evans – RIP
12 Sun	09.00	<i>Rossetta & Giuseppe Petruccio – 50th Wedding Aniv. (Linda & Sergio)</i>
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo (For the People)</i>
	12.30	Baptism: <i>Joanne Olivia Pereira</i>
	18.00	Mother Rita – RIP (<i>Poulter</i>)
15TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
13 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Mark Davies – WB
14 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Douglas Stephenson–RIP
	19.00	Dcn Al & Trudy – WB
15 Wed <i>St Bonaventure</i>	9.30	Sr Fathima – RIP (<i>B. Roy</i>)
	19.00	Marcus Coller – WB
16 Thurs <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	7.00	Ogbom Ekeigwe – RIP
	9.30	Holy Souls – RIP (<i>Anon</i>)
17 Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Joseph Edet – RIP
	9.30	Rosemary Durkin – RIP(<i>C. Andrew</i>)
18 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Dcn J Howard & Co – Priestly Ordination / Ministry
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
18 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Bertha D’Costa – RIP (<i>Family</i>)
19 Sun	9.00	Children of the Parish (<i>IE</i>)
	11.00	Annamaria Alexander–RIP(<i>Dona F</i>)
	18.00	
OTHER SERVICES		
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	
LIVESTREAMING CONTINUES		
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 yet consider it safe for them to attend Mass in person, especially over the weekend, can participate virtually		

THE WORD THAT GOES OUT FROM MY MOUTH DOES NOT RETURN TO ME EMPTY	
<p>The power of God’s word is evident throughout Sacred Scriptures. The first account of creation in Genesis chapter 1 highlights among other things the efficacy of the divine word: “<i>God said, ‘Let there be light,’ and there was light ... God said ... God said ... God said ...</i>” – and, from nothing, everything came into being.</p> <p>The call of the patriarchs, the judges, the prophets and many others in the Bible, is always linked to the word of God, to an initial encounter with <i>‘the God who speaks’</i> (cf. the Year of the Word). God simply gives the word, the command if you like, and these men and women, our heroic forebears in faith, oblige! Tellingly, the dramatic event of the deliverance of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt is set in motion not by the attendant signs and wonders that eventually would, literally speaking, force Pharaoh’s hands (see Ex 7-12), but by the announcement of God’s word to Pharaoh: “<i>This is what Yahweh, the God of Israel has said, ‘Let my people go...’</i>” (Ex 5:1). The ministry of Israel’s prophets also highlights in various ways and with different intensity the power of God’s word, which makes it irresistible: “<i>The Lord God speaks, who can refuse to prophesy?</i>” (Amos 3:8); “<i>When your words came, I devoured them; your word was my delight and the joy of my heart</i>” (Jr 15:16; see Ez 3:1-3; also Rev 10:9-10). Behind these prophetic declarations is the belief in the reliability of the word of God and its multifarious capacity – encourage, counsel, correct, reprimand, motivate, etc. (see 2 Tim 3:16-17; Hb 4:12).</p> <p>The assurances of Isaiah in today’s first reading (Is 55:10-11) is rooted in the above conviction. The context of the whole chapter – namely, as the concluding chapter to the ‘<i>second part</i>’ of Isaiah (40-55) – further emphasises this point. The general description of this section of Isaiah as the <i>Book of Consolation</i> because of the opening words of chapter 40, “<i>Console my people, console them,</i>” says the Lord,” is noteworthy. Fittingly, the message of hope spoken by the Lord to the people of Israel from within the circumstances of their afflictions and sufferings in Exile in Babylon and after the Exile, is wrapped up with an appeal to the people to turn to God in this time of grace. To reassure them (and us) that God’s promise is not mere fantasy, Isaiah appeals to a parallel between God’s word and the rains and the snow. God’s word is not only powerful, efficacious, and efficient. It is also reliable, dependable, and trustworthy.</p> <p>The power, efficacy, efficiency and dependability of the word of God are not external qualities or attributes of the word as an extrinsic object. They are intrinsic attributes of the word. And the word itself is integral to the being of God. In other words, God and his word is identical. God’s word is omnipotence, omniscience, and omnipresence. “<i>In the beginning was the Word; the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through him. All that came to be had life in him ... The Word was made flesh, he lived among us...</i>” (Jn 1:1-4,14; see Hb 1:1-2).</p> <p>The mystery of the incarnation is not only the zenith of the manifestation of the performative efficacy of God’s word. It also accentuates its precariousness as it were (see Jn 1:9-11; Lk 24:19-20). Of course, such vulnerability does not belong to the word as such. It has to do with its addressees and hearers. Like the seeds sown by the sower in Jesus’ parable in the Gospel (Matt 13:1-23), the intrinsic power, efficacy, efficiency and dependability of the word of God can be frustrated, undermined and stifled not only by our lack of faith and openness to him, but also by our neglect or outright rejection of the Good News. Whenever this is allowed to happen, it impoverishes us personally and our relationship with God and with others. Yet, God’s words and promises remain irrevocable. IAE</p>	
NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS	
1ST READING	Wisdom 12:13,16-19
2ND READING	Romans 8:26-27
GOSPEL	Matthew 13:24-43

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	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	CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (12/07): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (13/07): 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (14/07): 10.15am – 12pm & 5.30pm – 7pm Wednesday (15/07): 10.30am – 12pm & 3pm – 6.30pm Thursday (16/07): 1pm – 4pm Friday (17/07): 6.45am – 12pm & 4.30pm – 6pm Saturday (18/07): 9.45am – 11.15am	
	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.	 Celebrating the Year of the Word despite Covid-19 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! 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. 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!	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		FROM THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT COMMITTEE	
	<i>Due to current social distancing measures at Mass, the weekly collection will be taken as you leave the church or in an envelope through the Presbytery door.</i> <i>I am grateful to those of you who have started to make your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), or by online banking: RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05. IMPORTANT: If you would normally have given by Gift Aid envelopes, please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. If you are not in the Gift Aid scheme, please include the letters NGA in the instruction to the bank. Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook, email: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or phone: 020 8399 4368 Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</i>	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. Methods of making a donation: 1. Online donation at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olilentenproject 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. 3. Placing a donation into an envelope marked 'Lenten Project Donation' and place through the Presbytery letter box. 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. 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. If anyone has any ideas how we can mark our anniversary, please email Phil Townsend at townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk Parish Lenten Project Committee.	
INFANT BAPTISM		DONATIONS TO FOODBANK	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA	Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the following locations: The Old Chapel (9am – 6pm) & 313 Ewell Road. URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thank you for your generosity.	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP	
	1. Next Children's Session: Next date TBA. 2. Rehearsal: Next date TBA.	Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: 07384276821	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		SILVER JUBILEE OF MARRIAGE	
	Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA	Congratulations to Jeffrey and Dilini Rathnayake on their 25 th anniversary of marriage. With best wishes for many more happy years and God's bountiful blessings on them and their family.	
PLEASE ENROL IN THE PARISH MAILING LIST			
We have been emailing a limited list of parishioners once each week with a copy of the newsletter. 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.			
STEWARDS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES			
At least 3 volunteers are needed as stewards for each of the 4 weekend Masses: Saturday, 6.30pm and Sunday, 9am, 11am and 6pm. Please, kindly send an email to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk to let us know if you can help. Thank you.			