



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

19 JULY 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>16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>		
<b>YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT <a href="https://www.olionline.co.uk">https://www.olionline.co.uk</a></b>		
18 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Bertha D'Costa – RIP ( <i>Family</i> )
19 Sun	09.00	Children of the Parish ( <i>IE</i> )
	11.00	Annamaria Alexander–RIP ( <i>Dona</i> )
	18.00	Fidelia Oti – RIP
<b>16TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am</b>		
20 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Holy Souls ( <i>Anon</i> )
21 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Alexius Yap – RIP ( <i>C. Yap</i> )
	19.00	Joseph Edet – RIP
22 Wed <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	9.30	Michael Simmons ( <i>C. Andrew</i> )
	19.00	Philomena Effiong – RIP
23 Thurs <i>St Bridget</i>	7.00	Anthony – RIP ( <i>Thomas</i> )
	9.30	Philomena Effiong – RIP
24 Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Joseph Edet – RIP
	9.30	Margaret Wills – RIP ( <i>D. Kidd</i> )
25 Sat <i>St James</i>	9.00	Rev Peter Sebastian – Ordination to the Priesthood
<b>17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>		
25 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Father John Howard – WB ( <i>Fox</i> )
26 Sun	9.00	Babu – RIP ( <i>Family</i> )
	11.00	Colin & Clare Stevens – 49th Wedding Anv. ( <i>Trutwein</i> )
	18.00	Special Intention ( <i>H. Trutwein</i> )

<b>OTHER SERVICES</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

**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

**SAVED BY GOD'S PATIENCE**



Mercy is perhaps the most challenging attribute of God. It is also, to say the least, puzzling, especially when viewed in light of the revelation of divine omnipotence in sacred scriptures. The almighty and all-encompassing power of God is revealed and/or expressed more in his mercy and kindness towards his creatures than by judgement and punishment (see Jonah 4). The author of the book of Wisdom reflects on this truth in the first reading (12:13,16-19): *"Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience..."* This reminds us of God's unfathomable love and mercy, which gives us *"the good hope that after sin [God] will grant repentance."* It also provides us a model to follow in our relationship with others: *"By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men."* In other words, God's mercy and forgiveness is always an invitation and a command to us to be merciful and forgiving ourselves. Jesus establishes this imperative firmly in his parable of the unforgiving servant (Matt. 18:23-35): *"You wicked servant ...I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?"* (v.33). Hence, the fifth beatitude, *"Blessed are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them"* (Matt. 5:7). Also, in the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us to pray: *"And forgive us our debts, as we have forgiven those who are in debt to us"* (Matt 6:12).

God's patience is closely linked to his leniency, mercy and forgiveness. This is expressed differently in the three parables in today's Gospel (Matt 13:24-43), albeit the parable of the wheat and the darnel is more dramatic. It is interesting that the owner of the field and his servants agree that something has to be done, at least to save their crops; that the bad seeds sowed clandestinely by the enemy to sabotage their work would need to be removed and destroyed. However, they differ essentially on when to do so. The servants would like to rush immediately to the farm and get rid of the darnel. Ordinarily, it seems the straightforward and sensible thing to do. But the owner reasons otherwise, *"because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it."* So, he allows them to grow together until harvest. Equally, he is patient with the 'evil' seed! This is, indeed, puzzling. He does not seem to consider the potential danger of allowing the darnel to continue growing alongside his crops. What if it grows faster than the latter, become invasive and, eventually, choke the wheat? (see Matt 13:7). Intriguingly, for him, this risk is trivial compared to the value of each of his plants and, therefore, he would not like to jeopardise their chances prematurely. Implicitly, it also shows that he is confident in the capacity of the good seeds to resist any threat from the enemy's darnel (see Rm 12:21). Similarly, Jesus would rebuke two of his disciples, James and John who wanted him to authorise them to call down fire from heaven to consume the Samaritans who refused him passage through their village (Lk 9:51-56). And also, during his arrest (Matt 26:52-54).


Oftentimes, we can be very impatient with ourselves, with others, and even with God. We would like to see God intervene with unmistakable power, act decisively to rid our world of any and all evil! "The world is redeemed," as Benedict XVI puts it, "by the patience of God [and] destroyed by the impatience of man." This is not surprising since patience, as St Paul explains, is one of the qualities of love (see 1 Co 13:4-8). Certainly, God does not just love us. He is love itself (1 Jn 4:8). Like the farmer's, "the Lord's patience," according to 1 Peter, is our "opportunity to be saved" (3:15). **IAE**


**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	1 Kings 3:5,7-12
<b>2ND READING</b>	Romans 8:28-30
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Matthew 13:44-52

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	<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>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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	
	<p><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></p> <p><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 <a href="http://olionline.co.uk">olionline.co.uk</a>), or by online banking: <b>RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.</b></i></p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> 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.</p> <p>Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook, email: <a href="mailto:tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk">tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk</a> or phone: 020 8399 4368</p> <p><b>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</b></p>

INFANT BAPTISM	
	<p>Please contact the Parish Office for information pack &amp; to register for the pre-baptism course.</p> <p><b>Next course:</b> TBA</p>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Next Children's Session:</b> Next date TBA.</li> <li><b>Rehearsal:</b> Next date TBA.</li> </ol>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020	
	<b>Candidates Meeting:</b> Next date TBA

FAREWELL TO THE ZEMPLENI'S	
<p>We are sad to announce that Martin and Maria Zempleni and their children, Daniel and Sarah, will be leaving the parish after this weekend. They are going back home to Hungary. We would like to thank them for their priceless contributions to the parish, especially through their active participation in the 9am Mass choir on Sundays. Maria was also a music teacher in OLI Primary. We will miss them. May God bless all of them. Amen.</p>	

STEWARDS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES	
<p>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 <a href="mailto:tolworth@rcaos.org.uk">tolworth@rcaos.org.uk</a> to let us know if you can help. Thank you.</p>	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
<p><b>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS</b></p> <p><b>Sunday (19/07):</b> 2pm – 3.30pm  <b>Monday (20/07):</b> 5pm – 6.30pm  <b>Tuesday (21/07):</b> 5.30pm – 7pm  <b>Wednesday (22/07):</b> 10.30am – 12pm &amp; 3pm – 6.30pm  <b>Thursday (23/07):</b> 6.45am – 12pm &amp; 1pm – 4pm  <b>Friday (24/07):</b> 4.30pm – 6pm  <b>Saturday (25/07):</b> 9.45am – 11.15am</p>	
<p><b>HABEMUS NOVUM SACERDOS – WE HAVE A NEW PRIEST!</b></p> <p>Congratulations to Father John Howard who has been ordained to the sacred priesthood this afternoon (18 July) by Archbishop John Wilson at St George's Cathedral, Southwark. We wish him many happy years of service to God and his holy people as he looks forward to his first pastoral assignment at St. Thomas, Canterbury.</p>	
<p> <b>Celebrating the Year of the Word despite Covid-19</b></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 <b>07557057083!</b></p> <p><b>Corona virus can't stop us celebrating the Year of the Word!</b></p>	
<p><b>FROM THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT COMMITTEE</b></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><b>Methods of making a donation:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online donation at <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olilentenproject">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olilentenproject</a></li> <li>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.</li> <li>Placing a donation into an envelope marked 'Lenten Project Donation' and place through the Presbytery letter box.</li> </ol> <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 <a href="mailto:townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk">townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk</a></p> <p><b>Parish Lenten Project Committee.</b></p>	
<p><b>DONATIONS TO FOODBANK</b></p> <p>Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the following locations: <b>The Old Chapel (9am – 6pm) &amp; 313 Ewell Road.</b></p> <p><b>URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:</b> cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish &amp; spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thank you for your generosity.</p> <p><b>OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP</b></p> <p>Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: <b>07384276821</b></p> <p><b>† LEONORA DeMELLO – RIP</b></p> <p>Please pray for the repose of the soul of Late Leonora DeMello of Kingfisher Court, 187 Ewell Road, who died on 17 July. Our condolences to Arthur &amp; Alwin D'Costa (sons) and other family members. May she rest in peace. Amen</p>	