



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

26 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>17TH 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>		
25 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Father John Howard – WB ( <i>Fox</i> )
26 Sun	09.00	Babu – RIP ( <i>Family</i> )
	11.00	Colin & Clare Stevens – 49 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv. ( <i>Trutwein</i> )
	18.00	Special Intention ( <i>H. Trutwein</i> )
<b>17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am</b>		
27 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Wilfredo Parado – RIP ( <i>Kasilag's</i> )
28 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Thanksgiving ( <i>B. Roy</i> )
	19.00	Joseph Edet – RIP
29 Wed <i>St Martha</i>	9.30	Paul Joseph – RIP ( <i>Family</i> )
	19.00	Antionette Mills – Safe Delivery
30 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	A. Mills – Safe Delivery ( <i>S. Mills</i> )
	9.30	Mr & Mrs Benjamin Baldonado – RIP ( <i>Donald Family</i> )
31 Fri <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	7.00	Joseph Edet – RIP
	9.30	Holy Souls – RIP ( <i>Anon</i> )
1 Sat <i>St Alphonsus</i>	9.00	Mary Tong – RIP ( <i>M. Ho</i> )
<b>18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>		
1 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	
2 Sun	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	11.00	Thanksgiving – James & Loretta Fernandes
	18.00	Charles Rau – RIP
<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	
<b>LIVESTREAMING CONTINUES</b>		
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		

<b>OUR ULTIMATE TREASURE IN LIFE</b>	
<p>Following Isaiah 11:2-3, the Catholic Tradition lists wisdom as the first of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit. <i>“Wisdom is a gift that allows a person to understand things from God’s point of view. In other words, Wisdom allows a person to recognize truth. A person with the Gift of Wisdom is able to take this truth and use it to glorify God by choosing Godly solutions to problems.”</i> The Hebrew Scripture links it with the fear of God (<i>awe and wonder</i>), which is the seventh: <i>“The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom”</i> (Pr 1:7; 9:10; see Job 28:28). The connection between wisdom and the fear of God in the Hebrew tradition can help us understand the request of the young King Solomon in today’s first reading (1 Kgs 3:5,7-12): <i>“Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?”</i></p> <p>It is noteworthy that Solomon does not just ask for wisdom for the sake of it or for selfish motives such as fame, power, personal aggrandizement, etc. He asks for it to help him <i>discern between good and evil</i>; in other words, to help govern the people entrusted to him by God, to lead the people of Israel in a manner pleasing to God. Because of this selflessness, God promises him abundance of material things and power besides. Jesus re-enacts a similar promise in the New Testament when he encouraged his disciples to trust in divine providence: <i>“Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well”</i> (Matt 6:25-34, at v. 33; see Lk 12:22-32).</p> <p>Solomon, in his request, exhibits the virtues of humility and trust before God. Of course, he is not appealing to his disadvantage (youthfulness, inexperience) as an excuse (cf. Ex 4:10-12; Is 6:5-7; Jr 1:7). Instead, through this self-acceptance, he places himself completely at the disposal of God, who grants him infinitely more than he dares to ask or imagine (see Eph 3:20). Thus, he lets go of every possible advantage that would have attended his status as king and, by implication, relies ultimately on God’s guidance and help. Solomon’s humility and complete trust in God is clearly displayed in his prayer for divine wisdom as recorded in the book of Wisdom chapter 9. <i>“With you is wisdom, she who knows your works and was present when you made the world; she understands what is pleasing in your sight and what is right according to your commandments”</i> (v.9). The personification of wisdom in the prayer of Solomon is indicative of the identification of God’s wisdom, like his word (<i>Logos</i>) with God (see Jn 1:1). Asking for divine wisdom, therefore, implies choosing God above all other things.</p> <p>This point is reiterated by Jesus in the Gospel (Matt 13:44-52), especially in the first two parables (vv.44-46). God is the priceless treasure or pearl that the seeker sells everything they hitherto had in order to acquire. Detachment, self-abasement, self-abnegation, letting go of oneself is a precondition for discipleship, for being a follower of Christ, a candidate for and messenger of the kingdom of God (see Matt 16:24; Lk 5:11; 18:22). The discovery of this treasure requires discernment. This can only come about by the help of the Holy Spirit (Jn 6:44; see Matt. 16:17). We should pray for it too!</p> <p>Reflecting on this in the light of the example of Solomon will help us to order our priorities properly as Christians, sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Christ who are called and commissioned to be Christ’s missionary disciples in the world. We need to discern what our ultimate treasure in life is. Imitating Christ and working for his kingdom should be the ultimate goal of the Christian life and mission. Striving after this goal, Paul reassures us accordingly in the second reading (Rm 8:28-30) <i>“that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose.”</i> <b>IAE</b></p>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS</b>	
<b>1ST READING</b>	Isaiah 55:1-3
<b>2ND READING</b>	Romans 8:35,37-39
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Matthew 14:13-21

<b>PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE</b>		<b>PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS</b>	
	<b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died</b> , especially John Joseph Reddan, Lucy Mulcahy, Philomena Effiong, Leonora DeMello, Catherine Thérèse Dulac, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen	<b>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS</b>	
	<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>Sunday (26/07):</b> 2pm – 3.30pm <b>Monday (27/07):</b> 5pm – 6.30pm <b>Tuesday (28/07):</b> 10.15am – 12pm & 5.30pm – 7pm <b>Wednesday (29/07):</b> 10.30am – 12pm & 3pm – 6.30pm <b>Thursday (30/07):</b> 1pm – 4pm <b>Friday (31/07):</b> 4.30pm – 6pm <b>Saturday (1/08):</b> 9.45am – 10.45am & 4pm – 5.30pm	
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>			
	<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. 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>	<b>Celebrating the Year of the Word despite Covid-19</b>	
		<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>	
<b>INFANT BAPTISM</b>		<b>FROM THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT COMMITTEE</b>	
	<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>	<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>1. Online donation at <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olilentenproject">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/olilentenproject</a></li> <li>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.</li> <li>3. 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>	
<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>			
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Next Children's Session:</b> Next date TBA.</li> <li>2. <b>Rehearsal:</b> Next date TBA.</li> </ol>		
<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020</b>			
	<b>Candidates Meeting:</b> Next date TBA		
<b>HABEMUS NOVUM SACERDOS – WE HAVE A NEW PRIEST!</b>			
<p>Congratulations to <b>Father Peter Sebastian</b> who has been ordained to the sacred priesthood this afternoon (25 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 Our Lady's, West Croydon. Fr Peter lives in the parish but has been a permanent deacon at St Raphael's prior to his enrolling to train for the ministerial priesthood.</p>			
<b>STEWARDS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES</b>			
<p>Volunteers are still needed as stewards for each of the four weekend Masses. 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>			
<b>† LEONORA DeMELLO – RIP</b>			
<p>Please pray for the repose of the soul of Late Leonora DeMello of Kingfisher Court, 187 Ewell Road, who died on 17 July. <b>Funeral:</b> 10 August, 1pm at Kingston Crematorium. Our condolences to Arthur &amp; Alwin D'Costa (sons) and other family members. May she rest in peace. Amen</p>			