



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT <https://www.olionline.co.uk>

1 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Maureen Richardson – WB
2 Sun	09.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	11.00	Thanksgiving – James & Loretta Fernandes
	18.00	Charles Rau – RIP

18TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

3 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Francisco D’Costa– RIP (<i>B Lordan</i>)
4 Tues <i>St. John Vianney</i>	9.30	Thanksgiving – Debbie & John McLoughlin (<i>Emmett & SVP</i>)
	19.00	Joseph Edet – RIP
5 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Celine Yeow – WB (<i>R Lee</i>)
	19.00	Joseph Edet – RIP
6 Thurs <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	7.00	A. Mills – Safe Delivery (<i>S. Mills</i>)
	9.30	Thanksgiving – R Challoner (<i>Emmett’s Family</i>)
7 Fri <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Fr Martin Griffin – WB
	9.30	Florencio Cabuslay -RIP (<i>Espiritu</i>)
8 Sat <i>St Dominic</i>	9.00	James & Loretta Fernandes – Private Intention

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

8 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	
9 Sun	9.00	Joanita Rodrigues
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	18.00	Sandracanthy David – RIP (12 th)

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

GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT YOURSELVES

One of the important characteristics of Jesus’ miracles is that they always flow from his deep empathy with those in need. This is evident in the feeding of the five thousand in today’s Gospel (Matt 14:13-21). The context of this miracle is quite revealing in this regard.

Upon receiving the terrible news of the tragic murder of his cousin and precursor, John the Baptist, Jesus is humanly troubled – and perhaps also anxious or even afraid about his own safety. Therefore, he withdraws with his disciples to a safe place. The evangelist emphasises the purpose for their withdrawal, namely, to “be alone,” to meet a deep human need. It is not uncommon in our society for people who have lost a loved one in similar circumstances, to ask to be given the space to be on their own for a while, obviously to be able to mourn and, hopefully, try to come to terms as much as possible with their loss. To intrude into such space can be, at best, hurtful if not, at worst, offensive; besides, the intruder(s) could be considered rude or uncharitable. But this did not happen in Jesus’ case. He was ‘ambushed’ by a large crowd when he arrived his supposed getaway.








It is quite telling that Jesus’ response to this apparently intruding large crowd is not based on the logic of social conventions. Rather, his reaction is motivated by selfless and self-sacrificial love – “*he took pity on them,*” as the evangelist recounts, “*and healed their sick.*” It is noteworthy that the healing (an outward manifestation) flows from – and is rooted in – his interior disposition towards the crowd, namely, of identifying with them. He places himself in their shoes as it were. This is the deep meaning of the word *compassion* – *suffer with*. Mark’s account of this miracle (6:30-44), adds that “*he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd*” (v.14). And “*the good shepherd,*” says Jesus, “*is one who lays down his life for his sheep*” (Jn 10:11). We can perceive a link with the Eucharist here!

This same interior disposition of feeling with the crowds is manifested when the disciples came to ask him to consider sending the people away so that they could cater for themselves. While their intention may not be questioned, the disciples’ concern for the crowds evidently does not go as far as their master’s. It seems Jesus’ teaching about the hired person compared to the good shepherd can, to some extent, be applied to the disciples’ attitude. Like the hired person who runs away from the sheep on sighting a wolf, the disciples seem to want to flee from taking any responsibility for the crowd beyond drawing Jesus’ attention to their plight. So, they asked Jesus, “*send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.*” Jesus’ response is, to say the least, very challenging: “*There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.*” Our concern for others is not good enough until it moves us to act (see Jm 2:14-17). It is not just enough to idealise about what might be done to help people in various needs, especially the poor, marginalised, homeless, unemployed, lonely, addicted, persecuted, etc. without taking concrete steps to do something. We do not need to have much (wealth, knowledge, or power etc.) to be able to make a difference in people’s lives or in the family, community and wider society. All we need is to recognise the enormous potentials in whatever we can give or do. How can we forget the widow’s mite? Or the little way of St Thérèse of Lisieux?

At every Mass, we gather around the same Jesus who multiplied bread to feed the multitude. At the eucharistic table, he feeds us with his Body and Blood. As bread and wine, the fruits of our human labour, are transformed into the precious Body and Blood of Christ for our spiritual nourishment, may we allow ourselves to be transformed by what we receive into the living body and blood of Christ for others – and for the world. He is the one who commands us today and always, “Give them something to eat yourselves.” **IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	1 Kings 19:9,11-13
2ND READING	Romans 9:1-5
GOSPEL	Matthew 14:22-33

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, Leonora D'Mello, Catherine Thérèse Dulac, Diane Mazza, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen	CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (2/08): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (3/08): 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (4/08): 10.15am – 12pm & 6pm – 7pm Wednesday (5/08): 10.30am – 12pm & 3pm – 6.30pm Thursday (6/08): 6.45am – 11.30am & 1pm – 3pm Friday (7/08): 4.30pm – 6pm Saturday (8/08): 9.45am – 10.45am	
	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.	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST The parish office will be closed from Monday, 3 August till Monday, 31 August . While Father Ignatius is available in the parish and will continue to provide pastoral care to parishioners, he would appreciate if non-essential and non-urgent matters are kept until September. Please, kindly see the parish website www.olionline.co.uk for information on Mass and Confession times, etc. You can also send an email to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk Thank you for your understanding.	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		 Celebrating the Year of the Word despite Covid-19	
	<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 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.	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! Corona virus can't stop us celebrating the Year of the Word!	
INFANT BAPTISM		FROM THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT COMMITTEE	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA	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 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.	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		DONATIONS TO FOODBANK	
	1. Next Children's Session: Next date TBA. 2. Rehearsal: Next date TBA.	Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the following locations: The Old Chapel (9am – 6pm). URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS: cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thank you for your generosity. OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: 07384276821 STEWARDS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES: Volunteers are still needed as stewards for each of the four weekend Masses. Please, kindly send an email to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk to let us know if you can help. Thank you	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		OLI COVID-19 VOLUNTEER GROUP	
	Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA	Please if you need help in this difficult time contact: 07384276821 STEWARDS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES: Volunteers are still needed as stewards for each of the four weekend Masses. Please, kindly send an email to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk to let us know if you can help. Thank you	
† LEONORA D'MELLO – RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Late Leonora D'Mello of Kingfisher Court, 187 Ewell Road, who died on 17 July. Funeral: 10 August, 1pm at Kingston Crematorium. Our condolences to Arthur & Alwin D'Costa (sons) and other family members. May she rest in peace. Amen.			
† DIANA MAZZA – RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Late Diana Mazza of 1 Ditton Grange Close, Surbiton who died on 31 July. Details of funeral to be announced later. Our condolences to Luigi & Stefano (sons). May she rest in peace. Amen			