



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

09 AUGUST 2020

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVINGSTREAMING AT <https://www.olionline.co.uk>

8 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	David & Janet Mulholland – 50 th Wedding Anniversary
9 Sun	09.00	Joanita Rodrigues
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	18.00	Sandracanthy David – RIP (12 th)

19TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

10 Mon <i>St Laurence</i>	9.30	Sarah Jane McGedy– RIP (<i>FM</i>)
11 Tues <i>St. Clare</i>	9.30	Joy Ives – RIP (<i>O’Grady</i>)
	19.00	Sheila Somerlinck – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
12 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Joseph Edet – RIP (<i>C. Yap</i>)
	19.00	Joseph Edet – RIP (<i>1st Anniversary</i>)
13 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Thanksgiving (<i>Anon</i>)
	9.30	Josephine & Gregory Sebastianpillai – RIP (<i>Carmela</i>)
14 Fri <i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	7.00	Michael Tissera – RIP
	9.30	Matthew Xavier - RIP (<i>Lucy</i>)
15 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Margaret Moran (<i>P. Qualter</i>)

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

15 Sat <i>Vigil of Assumption</i>	18.30	Maureen Richardson – RIP
16 Sun <i>Assumption of the BVM</i>	9.00	Patrick Grogan – RIP (<i>P. Grogan</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	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

LIVINGSTREAMING 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

COURAGE! DO NOT BE AFRAID!!

Generally, there are two moments when faith tends to be severely tested. On the one hand, when things seem to go very well, people tend to overlook their need for God and, on the other hand, in moments of crisis or difficulties, they tend to question the presence or power of God. However, experience also shows that difficulties can provide believers a rare opportunity to appreciate the place and role of God in their lives and in the world as well as their need for or dependence on God. In other words, difficult moments – and even tragedies – can and do help believers to connect or reconnect to God as their ultimate strength and source of meaning. This was the experience of the prophet Elijah in the first reading (1 Kgs 19:9-13) and of the disciples of Jesus in the Gospel (Matt 14:22-33).

After his confrontation with 400 prophets of Baal, which ended in the murder of the latter (1 Kgs 18:20-40), Elijah was threatened by their benefactress, Jezebel. So, he fled for safety. After a day’s journey into the wilderness, he was tired and begged God to take his life. But God sent an angel to bring him food instead. He regained strength and journeyed for forty days and forty nights until he reached mount Horeb [Sinai] (1 Kgs 9:1-8). There, like Moses who received the Law from God on the same mountain (see Ex 20:1-21), he encountered God, though in a manner dramatically different from Moses and the Jews at Sinai (cf. Ex 19:16-25). Among others, the manifestation of God to Elijah not in a mighty wind or earthquake or fire, but in a *gentle breeze*, signifies calmness, sobriety. It’s a telling reminder that God’s presence always brings peace. In the words of the psalmist, God’s voice speaks of peace (Ps 84[85]). To be sure, we stand in dire need of that voice at every moment of our life, but, like Elijah, particularly more so in moments of trials, difficulties, persecutions etc.







The disciples of Jesus had many such moments (see Mk 4:35-41; Lk 5:10; 24:36-38; Jn 14:1-2, 27; 20:19-20). Their experience in the boat buffeted by a heavy head wind on the lake, epitomises the stories not only of our lives, our families and society, but also of the Church. Like the disciples, sometimes we may think or feel as if God is not in the buffeted boats of our experiences – illness, death of a loved one, unemployment, career progression, conflictual or broken relationships, homelessness, anxiety, debt, addictions, disappointments, violence, etc.

The same Jesus who comes to the rescue of the disciples from the turbulent seas, always accompanies us in our life journey. His name, *Immanuel, God-with-us* means that he is always present (even in his apparent absence) and will never abandon or forsake us (see Is 49:15). Like the *gentle breeze* or the *still small voice* which spoke to Elijah, he reassures us, as he did to the disciples, “*Courage, it is I, do not be afraid!*” With the help of God, we can walk on top of the waters of the challenges we face, provided we keep our focus on Him who is always coming to us upon the seas that threaten us. Curiously, sometimes even when we tend to be impetuous like Peter, God is always very patient with us. Like Peter, we are mostly a people of *little faith* who oftentimes feel *the force of the wind* and begin to sink in our discipleship of the Lord. So, to remain afloat on the seas of our difficulties and challenges, like Peter, we have to acknowledge that we cannot save ourselves and, therefore, cry out, “*Lord, save me!*”

Together in faith, we make the cry of Peter our own as we pray for our brothers and sisters in Lebanon who have been affected by the devastating explosions in Beirut. So far, over 137 people have died, over 5,000 injured, many rendered homeless and survivors’ livelihoods destroyed. As we pray for the living and the dead, we pray also for the political, civil and religious leaders and civil society groups as they work hard to meet the needs of victims. May they be strengthened by the words of Jesus: **Courage! Do not be Afraid!! IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Apocalypse 11:19; 12:1-6,11
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 15:20-26
GOSPEL	Luke 1:39-56

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, Maureen Richardson, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen	CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (9/08): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (10/08): 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (11/08): 10.15am – 12pm & 6pm – 7pm Wednesday (12/08): 10.30am – 12pm & 3pm – 5pm Thursday (13/08): 6.45am – 11.30am & 1pm – 3pm Friday (14/08): Volunteers needed! 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, Ann-Marie Deasy, and Shirlene A.	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		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.</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.	
	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.	Methods of making a donation: 1. Online donation at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oliltentenproject 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.	
	INFANT BAPTISM Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA		
	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 1. Next Children's Session: Next date TBA. 2. Rehearsal: Next date TBA.		
	SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020 Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA		
† 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. Requiem Mass: Tuesday, 11 August at 10.30am. Committal: Long Ditton Cemetery. Our condolences to Luigi & Stefano (sons). May she rest in peace. Amen			
		† MAUREEN RICHARDSON – RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Late Maureen Richardson (mother of Andrew Richardson) who died on 2 August. Our condolences to Andrew, Collette and Matthew. May she rest in peace. Amen	