



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

06 SEPTEMBER 2020

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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

5 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Anna & Roman Szymanski (<i>Family</i>)
6 Sun	09.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	11.00	Ida Rebello – WB (<i>T. Macleod</i>)
	18.00	Dec'd family & friends of H & G Trutwein
23RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
7 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Florence Edith Elmslie – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
8 Tues <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30	Maureen Richardson –RIP
	19.00	Vincent Ramanayake – RIP (<i>M. Peiris</i>)
9 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	All Souls re C.virus (<i>M, D & A Peiris</i>)
	19.00	Melanie Melone – WB
10 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Janaki Gandhimathi – RIP (<i>Mary</i>)
	9.30	Conor & Amy Duhig (<i>K. Jankowski</i>)
11 First Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Thanksgiving for family & friends
	9.30	Joseph Edet – RIP
12 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Maria Perera – RIP (<i>M. Peiris</i>)
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
12 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Charles Augustus Sillem – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
13 Sun	9.00	Mary Flynn – RIP (<i>P. Grogan</i>)
	11.00	Thelma D'Costa – WB
	18.00	Catherine Seaward – RIP (<i>FM</i>)

OTHER SERVICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after morning and evening Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after morning and evening Masses
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.

RECONCILIATION THROUGH HONEST DIALOGUE







The importance of “dialogue as a means of resolving disagreements,” was emphasised by Pope John II in his encyclical letter on ecumenism (Christian unity), *Ut Unum Sint* (25 May 1995, §§36-39). While maintaining that “love for the truth is the deepest dimension of any authentic quest for full communion between Christians,” John Paul II also insisted that “it must be inseparably accompanied by a spirit of ... charity towards one’s partner in dialogue, and humility with regard to the truth which comes to light and which might require a review of assertions and attitudes” (§36). Glossing over serious questions would only lead to forms of reductionism and facile agreement which, by and large, would remain unsustainable since those questions would re-emerge directly or indirectly – and with disastrous effect not only on the outcome but on the process as well. In other words, true reconciliation and peace must be rooted in truth and justice. Hence, he counselled: “In this courageous journey towards unity, the transparency and the prudence of faith require us to avoid both false irenicism and indifference to the Church’s ordinances...The obligation to respect the truth is absolute” (§79).

Both the first reading (Ez 33:7-9) and the Gospel (Matt 18:15-20) offer us a salutary reminder in the same vein. The prophet’s mission is not just to point out people’s fault, but to help them to mend their ways and return to God through repentance: “Say to them, ‘As I live – it is the Lord Yahweh who speaks – I take pleasure, not in the death of a wicked man, but in the turning back of a wicked man who changes his ways to win life’” (Ez 33:11a). Their good intention notwithstanding, Israel’s prophets were always exposed to vicious threat, rejection, and persecution (see Jr 26; Am 7:10-17), especially when they spoke truth to power. And so, understandably, sometimes they were tempted to abdicate their duty (see Jr 20:7-9; cf. Jonah 1, 4). The repercussion for such failure or negligence is spelt out clearly to Ezekiel. The prophet is, therefore, called to be his/her brother’s/sister’s keeper, and would be answerable for any negligence in this regard. “I should be punished,” writes St Paul, “if I did not preach it” (1 Co 9:16b). Positively, he should be motivated by the love of God that urges him on (2 Co 5:14) to repay – again, in the words of St Paul (in the second reading) – the only permissible Christian debt, namely, mutual love (Rm 13:8-10).

As a prophetic people, through baptism, the Church is entrusted with the message of reconciliation to announce to the whole world. There is a twofold aspect to this message. On the one hand, there is the reassurance “that they are reconciled” and, on the other, an invitation/appeal, “be reconciled to God” (2 Co 5:18-20). Repentance and conversion are central to this appeal: “The time has come ... and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News” (Mk 1:15). A community that takes up this responsibility must, first and foremost, be open to walk the path of conversion. This implies not only the acknowledgement of its sinfulness (individually and collectively), but also the readiness to make amends, change and become new. Realising this vision has both individual and collective aspects. That is why, as the body of Christ, the Church is deeply implicated in the reconciliation of its members both with God and with fellow members and others, not only through the word (preaching) and sacraments, but also through mutual correction. God is always in dialogue with humanity – through creation, the prophets, etc. but ultimately in the person of his incarnate Word (see Hb 1:1-3) through whom he has reconciled the world to himself (2 Co 5:19). Similarly, the Christian people has received the mandate to further his reconciling mission by keeping open the channels of the dialogue of salvation/reconciliation through “speaking the truth in love” (Ep 4:5) to one another in the spirit of mutual correction. **IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9
2ND READING	Romans 14:7-9
GOSPEL	Matthew 18:21-35

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<p>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially 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</p>	<p>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (06/09): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (07/09): 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (08/09): 10:15am – 12pm & 3pm – 7pm Wednesday (09/09): 10.30am – 1pm & 3pm – 5pm Thursday (10/09): Volunteers needed! Friday (11/09): 10am – 12pm Saturday (12/09): 9.45am – 10.45am</p>	
	<p>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, Shirlene A., and Ida Rebello.</p>	<p>STEWARDS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR CHURCH OPEN I want to thank all who have been so kind to volunteer to serve as stewards in order to keep our Church open for private prayers / visits for the past ten weeks. To continue providing this service to parishioners and the wider community and to avoid cutting down our current opening times/days, we'd need more volunteers. Please, send an email to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk if you can help. Thank you.</p> <p>THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO YOUR PARISH I would like to thank all (parishioners and non-parishioners) for your generosity to the parish financially and otherwise since the Covid-19 lockdown began at the middle of March. From the records, the following is the breakdown of income from offertory / donations to the parish from 13 March to 31 July:</p>	
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 or through bank transfer. 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></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook, email: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or phone: 020 8399 4368</p> <p>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</p>	<p>A. Gift-Aided Donations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cash via envelopes: 6,310.00 Bankers Orders: 5,777.00 Online transfers: 5,263.00 <p>B. Non-Gift-Aided Donations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Loose Cash: 3,340.00 Online transfers: 1,275.00 <p>Total: £21,965.00 (£31,650 same time last year).</p> <p>SEASON OF CREATION: 1 SEPTEMBER – 4 OCTOBER This annual celebration takes place from 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Marking <i>Laudato Si'</i> Special Anniversary Year, Pope Francis encourages all Catholics to join our ecumenical brothers and sisters to "work towards the renewal of our Earth and the precious relationships we share." For more information, click https://seasonofcreation.org</p>	
INFANT BAPTISM			
	<p>Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA</p>		
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION			
	<p>Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.</p>		
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020			
	<p>Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA</p>		
<p>† 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. Funeral Mass: Tuesday, 8 September, 12pm at Holy Family Church, Langley. Burial: Wexham Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen</p>		<p>FROM THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT COMMITTEE 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, please, use any of the following methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Online donation at https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/oliltentenproject 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. Placing a donation into an envelope marked 'Lenten Project Donation' and place through the Presbytery letter box. <p>Parish Lenten Project Committee.</p> <p>DONATIONS TO FOODBANK 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.</p> <p>NB: This week, donation of items for a baby-girl (clothing & toys), 6months to 1 year would be appreciated.</p>	