



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

04 OCTOBER 2020

401-403 Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7DG
 Tel: 020 8399 9550; E-mail: tolworth@caos.org.uk + www.olionline.co.uk + **Parish Office:** Mon-Fri from 10am to 2pm **(BY PHONE)**
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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVINGSTREAMING AT https://www.olionline.co.uk		
3 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Gladys Garcia Osorio – RIP
4 Sun <i>Rosary Sunday</i>	09.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	11.00	Freda Cantwell (<i>J. Dunseath</i>)
	18.00	Nick Mitcham – WB
27TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
5 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Sebamalai Veronika – RIP
6 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Daniel & Rosa McGeown (<i>E. Powell</i>)
	19.00	Brian & Catherine McKie – RIP
7 Wed <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.30	John Walsh – RIP (<i>J. Dunseath</i>)
	19.00	Private Intention (<i>Anne Tissera</i>)
8 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Sr Jen Mary – WB
	9.30	Mary Clifford (<i>D. Clifford</i>)
9 Friday <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	7.00	Thanksgiving (<i>Anne Tissera</i>)
	9.30	Toni Armstrong – RIP (<i>Jacintha</i>)
10 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	James & Hilda Powell – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
10 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	John & David Doyle (<i>Doyle & Hall</i>)
11 Sun <i>Day of Prayer for prisoners & their dependants</i>	9.00	Felicia & Callisto Nazareth – RIP & Francis Nazareth – WB
	11.00	M. V. Thomas – RIP (<i>R. Thomas</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</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

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.

CALLED TO BEAR GOOD & LASTING FRUITS



Christian discipleship may be described as a call to fruitfulness through the imitation of Christ. Through Christian discipleship the missionary mandate which not only concludes but also extends the earthly mission of Jesus beyond space and time, is re-enacted and fulfilled: “Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” As missionary disciples of Jesus, the Church – you and I – are called by the Lord of the harvest to work in his vineyard. No one calls or chooses themselves: “No one takes this honour on himself, but each is called by God, as Aaron was” (Hb 5:4). Thus, re-echoing the words of Jesus, “You did not choose me, no, I chose you” (Jn 15:16a).

Why did he choose us? Certainly not because of any merits on any of our parts, nor because of our pedigree or usefulness. St Paul invites us, among others, to reflect on the gratuitous nature of our vocation as a gift based purely on the unfathomable love of God: “Take yourselves for instance, brothers [and sisters], at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families?...The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God’s doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: ‘if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord’” (1 Co 1:26-31; see Deut 7:7-8).

Like the Galilean fishermen, the tax collectors and sinners, by calling us, God equips, commissions and empowers us for a mission, “to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last” (Jn 15:16b). Three of the four biblical readings today, employ the imagery of the vineyard to remind us of our identity and mission in the world. Like the people of Israel whom Isaiah addresses in the first reading (Is 5:1-7) and about whom the Psalmist sings in the responsorial psalm (Ps 79[80]), the Christian people, the Church, is the Lord’s vineyard. Planted in faith, nourished in love constantly by the word of God and the sacraments, there is hope in expectation – for justice and integrity! St Paul reiterates this in the second reading when he pleads with the Church in Philippi: “Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise” (Ph 4:6-9). In a word, all are called to be holistically holy, that is, to live “the fullness of the Christian life and the perfection of charity... wholeheartedly devoted to the glory of God and the service of their neighbour” (Vat. II, *Lumen gentium*, 40).

This vision and mission cannot be realised without being firmly grafted onto Christ the true vine of which we are but branches and without whom we can do nothing: “As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing” (Jn 15:4-5). Jesus’ parable also provides us another dimension of the vineyard metaphor which particularly emphasises the role of Christ’s faithful as co-workers in the vineyard. To be credible and praiseworthy, we must strive to be selfless, generous, open, trusting, faithful and grateful. Once again, the words of St Paul to the Philippians are apposite and worth remembering and practising: “There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.” Confidence and trust in the power of God and gratitude for who we are and what we are able to do or achieve through the grace of God, can help us to overcome jealousy and envy, pride and arrogance, pernicious ills that can undermine our fruitfulness as Christ’s missionary disciples. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS	
1ST READING	Isaiah 25:6-10
2ND READING	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
GOSPEL	Matthew 22:1-14

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially John McCorkell, Margaret Martinez, Laurence Reynolds, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen
	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.

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>

INFANT BAPTISM	
	<p>Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course.</p> <p>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>

MESSAGE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) SOCIETY	
<p>There are 4 vacancies coming up in Our Lady Immaculate conference by the end of this year: <i>President, Secretary, Treasurer and Youth Group Coordinator</i>. If you are interested in the work of SVP and feel you have the leadership skills to take on any of these roles, a member of SVP will be available outside Masses during the month of October offering information about the roles and highlighting the work of SVP in our local community. For more information, please visit svp.org.uk or contacted me by phone 07402327177.</p> <p>Helen Emmett, SVP President, Our Lady Immaculate Conference</p>	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
<p>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS</p> <p>Sunday (04/10): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (05/10): 10.15am – 11.15am & 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (06/10): 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (07/10): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (08/10): Volunteers needed! Friday (09/10): 10am – 12pm Saturday (10/10): 9.45am – 10.45am</p>	
<p>STEWARDS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR CHURCH OPEN</p> <p>If you would like to volunteer, please, send an email to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk if you can help. Thank you.</p>	
<p>OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY & MISSION</p> <p>October is the month of the Holy Rosary and World Mission. Parishioners are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily individually, as a family or as a group of the faithful. Those who recite five decades of the Rosary in church, or as a family, a religious community, or as a group of the faithful, may gain plenary indulgence daily; in other circumstances a partial indulgence. A partial indulgence may be obtained daily for reciting the Litany of Loreto and the Prayer to Saint Joseph.</p>	
<p>BLESSING OF ANIMALS / PETS – 4 OCTOBER</p> <p>Although this year the feast of St Francis is superseded by Sunday of the Year, there will be a short service at 2pm in the Church to bless animals and pets. All are welcome.</p>	
<p>SCHOOL FORMS</p> <p>I will be available to sign school forms for eligible pupils on: Wednesday, 7 Oct, 5.30pm – 6.45pm; Thursday 8 & 15 Oct, 5.30pm – 7pm in the RDJ room. To maintain social distancing, please sign up for a timeslot and follow instructions on the following link: https://doodle.com/poll/4ycdww2brgv5mbr2</p>	
<p>CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</p> <p>Family Fast Day is 9 October this year. Proceeds will be used by CAFOD to help people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis. We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease – let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of the envelopes, or text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.</p>	
<p>CONFIRMATION 2021</p> <p>If you have a son / daughter in year 9, and they would like to be included in the programme next year, then please download an application form from our website (under Sacraments) and follow the directions on the covering letter. The final date for applications for next year is Sunday 8th November, which will not be extended. Those older than Year 9 should speak with the Parish Priest.</p>	
<p>NOVEMBER LIST</p> <p>The month of November is specially dedicated to the commemoration of the faithful departed, through prayer and holy Mass. Holy Souls envelopes are available; please, collect a copy and fill in the names of your departed ones. If you would like to make an offering towards ongoing Masses for the holy souls, kindly indicate the enclosed sum on the envelope.</p>	
<p>DONATING TO THE LENTEN PROJECT</p> <p>By leaving donations at the presbytery via the Justgiving site https://www.justgiving.com/OLITLentenProject</p>	
<p>DONATIONS TO FOODBANK</p> <p>Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in 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.</p>	
<p>† JOHN MCCORKELL – RIP</p> <p>Please pray for the repose of the soul of John McCorkell who died of cancer on 16 September. Our heartfelt condolences to Catherine and family. May he rest in peace. Amen.</p>	