



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

**11 OCTOBER 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>TWENTY-EIGHTH 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>		
10 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	John & David Doyle ( <i>Doyle &amp; Hall</i> )
11 Sun <i>Day of Prayer for prisoners &amp; their dependants</i>	09.00	Felicia & Callisto Nazareth – RIP & Francis Nazareth – WB
	11.00	M. V. Thomas – RIP ( <i>R. Thomas</i> )
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>28<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am</b>		
12 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Thanksgiving –G/son ( <i>L Fernandes</i> )
13 Tues <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	9.30	Michael Taylor – RIP ( <i>Fazal Family</i> )
	19.00	
14 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Ryan Family's Intention ( <i>M Tett</i> )
	19.00	
15 Thurs <i>St Teresa of Jesus [of Avila]</i>	7.00	Iniobong Inyang – WB D'cd of Furlong Family–RIP ( <i>Chris</i> )
	9.30	
16 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Samuel Joseph Edet – WB Felimon Buenafe – RIP ( <i>J. Espiritu</i> )
	9.30	
17 Sat <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.00	Sr Brigid Nta – WB
<b>29<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)</b>		
17 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Mary Ward – RIP ( <i>S &amp; I Houton</i> )
18 Sun <i>World Mission Day of Prayer for the Evangelization of the world.</i>	9.00	FHC Catechists
	11.00	
	18.00	

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

**CALLED TO THE LAMB'S SUPPER**







The banqueting imagery in the Bible reminds us not only of the importance of food for our natural life and the significance of communal meal in the building up of the family/community, nurturing friendship, fostering peace, and expressing unity. It also underscores its spiritual significance as a symbol of God's kingdom. Little wonder eating and drinking featured prominently in the ministry of Jesus.

Unlike his precursor, John the Baptist, who was an ascetic, Jesus was accustomed to associating with people (Matt 11:18-19). He dined with his disciples (Matt 26:17-20; Jn 21:12-13) and others, including the pharisees (Mk 7:1-3; Lk 7:36) and people who were seen as social outcasts like tax collectors and sinners (Mk 2:15; Lk 19:5-7). He also provided the poor and needy with food (Matt 14:15-21; 15:32-38; Mk 6:34-44; 8:1-9; Jn 6:1-15) and drink (Jn 2:1-12). The banqueting episodes in Jesus' life and ministry were not only opportunities for eating and drinking, but for teaching and drawing his hosts and/or guests to think about the kingdom. Hence, he employed the banqueting symbol to teach about the kingdom.

The banquet metaphor runs through three of today's four biblical readings. In the first reading (one of my favourites in the Prophets), Isaiah (25:6-10) furnishes us with a vision of the messianic banquet which the Lord will prepare for his people at the end of time. Besides the rich symbols of sumptuous foods and choice drinks, the prophecy climaxes in the destruction of death. The messianic banquet is, therefore, highlighted as a life-giving meal, a food of immortality, which shall usher its partakers into *the Lord's own house* where they shall dwell for ever accompanied by God's goodness and mercy (Ps 22). This imagery prefigures the Eucharist as the food of eternal life: *"I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread shall live for ever"* (Jn 6:51). The Gospel (Matt 22:1-14) presents God as a king, a gracious host who prepared wedding feast with the hope that those he invited would honour his invitation. Though utterly disappointed and furious because of their insolence, he does not give up. What to do? His banquet is ready and will be enjoyed by those who are willing to come! So, others (outsiders!) are invited, good and bad alike. Unfortunately, one of the guests is improperly dressed and, at the orders of the king, is bound hand and foot and thrown out into the dark to suffer.

The *wedding garment* is also an important metaphor in today's Gospel. The significance of *dressing well for the occasion* in view of the kingdom is also emphasised elsewhere by Jesus when he admonishes the disciples to be alert always: *"See that you are dressed for action..."* (Lk 12:35). We cannot reduce this to mere physical or outward appearance. To be sure, outward comportment (*recollection, posture, and especially SILENCE*) can and will help us to foster the right disposition in the Church generally and particularly during prayers and the eucharistic celebration (Mass). But, to be genuine and effective, our outward disposition must be rooted on interior conversion and holiness. Thus, at baptism, while the newly baptised is clothed with a *white garment*, the minister says: *"—you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven."* Sadly, we are prone to slip, stumble and/or fall and, therefore, soil, tear or even lose this spiritual garment during our earthly pilgrimage. The good news, however, is that we are never bound hand and foot and thrown into the dark, except we choose to. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, God our gracious host is always ready to welcome us back (see Lk 15:20-23), anoint our head with his balm of mercy, cover us *"with the robe of righteousness"* (Is 61:10; see Rm 13:14; Col 3:12-15) and make us, time and again, fit for the Lamb's Supper. ©IAE

<b>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</b>	
<b>1ST READING</b>	Isaiah 45:1,4-6
<b>2ND READING</b>	Thessalonians 1:1-5
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Matthew 22:15-21

<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 McCorkell, Margaret Martinez, Laurence Reynolds, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen	<b>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS</b> <b>Sunday (11/10):</b> 2pm – 3.30pm <b>Monday (12/10):</b> 10.15am – 11.15am & 5pm – 6.30pm <b>Tuesday (13/10):</b> 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm <b>Wednesday (14/10):</b> 10.30am – 1pm <b>Thursday (15/10):</b> <b>Volunteers needed!</b> <b>Friday (09/16):</b> 10am – 12pm <b>Saturday (17/10):</b> 9.45am – 10.45am	
	<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, Ann-Marie Deasy, Shirlene A., Ida Rebello, Kathleen McGuinness, and Chris McGuinness.	<b>STEWARDS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR CHURCH OPEN</b> If you would like to volunteer, please, send an email to <a href="mailto:tolworth@rcaos.org.uk">tolworth@rcaos.org.uk</a> if you can help. Thank you. <b>OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY &amp; MISSION</b> 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.	
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>		<b>ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC?</b> Then, consider joining the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) programme. Baptised adult Catholics who have not yet made their First Holy Communion or been confirmed are also welcomed to join the programme.	
	<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 <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> <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 <b>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</b>	<b>SCHOOL FORMS:</b> Thursday 15 Oct, 5.30pm – 7pm Please sign up for a timeslot and follow instructions on the following link: <a href="https://doodle.com/poll/4ycdww2brgv5mbr2">https://doodle.com/poll/4ycdww2brgv5mbr2</a>	
<b>INFANT BAPTISM</b>		<b>CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</b> This week our parish is marking CAFOD'S Family Fast Day 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 <i>survive, rebuild and heal</i> . Please pray for all those affected and donate online at <a href="http://cafod.org.uk/give">cafod.org.uk/give</a> or by using one of the envelopes, or text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10.	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. <b>Next course:</b> TBA	<b>CONFIRMATION 2021</b> 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.	
<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>		<b>NOVEMBER LIST</b> 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 enclose 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.	
	Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.	<b>DONATIONS TO FOODBANK</b> Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the <b>Old Chapel</b> (9am – 6pm). <b>URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:</b> cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thank you.	
<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020</b>		<b>† JOHN McCORKELL – RIP</b> 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. <b>Funeral:</b> Monday, 12 Oct 12.30pm. May he rest in peace. Amen.	
	<b>Candidates Meeting:</b> Next date TBA	<b>† MARGARET MARTINEZ – RIP</b> Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Martinez who died on 19 September. Our heartfelt condolences to Paul, Jane and other family members. <b>Funeral:</b> Friday, 16 Oct 11.00am May she rest in peace. Amen.	
<b>MESSAGE FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) SOCIETY</b>			
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 <a href="http://svp.org.uk">svp.org.uk</a> or contacted me by phone 07402327177. Helen Emmett, SVP President, Our Lady Immaculate Conference			