



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

18 OCTOBER 2020

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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

17 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Mary Ward – RIP (<i>S & I Houton</i>)
18 Sun <i>World Mission Day of Prayer for the Evangelization of the world.</i>	09.00	FHC Catechists
	11.00	Samuel J. Edet – WB
	18.00	Monica Tett – WB

29TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

19 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Holy Souls
20 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Daniel & Rosa McGeown (<i>E. Powell</i>)
	19.00	Mary C. Taylor & Family – WB
21 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Alexis Yap – RIP (<i>C. Yap</i>)
	19.00	
22 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Joseph Antonisamy – RIP (<i>Mary</i>)
	9.30	Alice Tumilty – RIP
23 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Monica Tett – WB (<i>D. Kidd</i>)
	9.30	
24 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

24 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Peter & Joseph Campbell – RIP (<i>M. Campbell</i>)
25 Sun	9.00	JB Effiong – WB
	11.00	
	18.00	

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.

GIVE TO GOD WHAT BELONGS TO GOD

Customarily, the third Sunday of October is observed as World Mission Day. It is a day that all baptised Catholics (clergy, religious and laity) are called to renew their commitment to the evangelising mission of the Church – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations!” (Matt 28:19) – through reflection, prayer, and donations. We are reminded that all of us are called, through baptism, to share in the mission of Christ and of his Church, keeping in mind that, as taught by Vatican II in its decree on the missionary activities of the Church (*Ad gentes*), “the fundamental reason for this missionary activity is the will of God, who ‘desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth...’” (AG, §7).

The ultimate goal of mission is to glorify God fully. Today’s biblical readings open up interesting parallels in this regard between the openness of a pagan, Cyrus to God’s call and mission in the first reading (Is 45:1,4-6) and the intransigence of the Jewish religious elites in the Gospel (Matt 22:15-21).

Cyrus, a pagan king is described as God’s “*anointed*,” “*taken by his right hand*,” and commissioned to act as his envoy on a twofold mission. First, to liberate God’s chosen people from exile in Babylon. The fact that Yahweh chooses to work through *someone who does not know him* is indicative of God’s sovereignty over all nations. It shows that Yahweh is not only Israel’s but the God of all peoples, the only true God, “*unrivaled*.” Second, as a result of acting thus (as God’s agent), Cyrus would witness to the majesty of Yahweh universally: “*Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing*.” This divine outreach would be ultimately realised in Jesus Christ who, in the words of Simeon, is indeed “*a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel*” (Lk 2:32).







It is quite telling comparing the above with the conspiracy by the Jewish religious authorities and elites represented by the Pharisees and the Herodians (normally, strange bedfellows) against Jesus and his redeeming mission. In a cleverly devised question about the propriety or otherwise of Jews paying the obnoxious poll tax to the Roman authorities, they attempted to either discredit him before the people or set him up for treason against the Romans depending on his response. Unsurprisingly, “*aware of their malice*,” his response completely bested them: “*“You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.” They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.’”*

Beyond its ingeniousness, Jesus’ response underscores a fundamental confession by Isaiah in the first reading: “*I am the Lord, unrivaled; there is no other God besides me*” (remember the First Commandment!). All sovereignty in heaven and earth belongs to God; he is the source of all power and authority (Rm 13:1; see Matt 28:18; Col 1:16-17). So, there is no duality in the sphere of power or authority. All earthly power and authority are a participation in divine power and authority. The former is, therefore, relative and not parallel to the latter. Similarly, the obligations that accrue to them are not absolute, but subservient to the absolute obligations due to God.

We are not only called to confess and practice this truth. We are also obliged to proclaim and propagate it and invite others to consider it. This is our mission as people of God, the Church. It is integral to the work of evangelisation to which all of us are invited to recommit ourselves on this World Mission Day. “*The mission that God entrusts to each one of us*,” says Pope Francis, “*leads us from fear and introspection to a renewed realization that we find ourselves precisely when we give ourselves to others*.” Therefore, let us not be afraid to be open to give all that we are and have to God for his mission. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Exodus 22:20-26
2ND READING	Thessalonians 1:5-10
GOSPEL	Matthew 22:34-40

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<p>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</p>	<p>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (18/10): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (19/10): 10.15am – 11.15am & 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (20/10): 10.15 – 12pm; 6pm – 7pm Wednesday (21/10): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (22/10): Volunteers needed! Friday (23/10): 10am – 12pm Saturday (24/10): 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., Ida Rebello, Kathleen & Chris McGuinness, and Kathleen O'Connell.</p>	<p>STEWARDS NEEDED TO KEEP OUR CHURCH OPEN If you would like to volunteer, please, send an email to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk if you can help. Thank you.</p> <p>ROSARY SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY AT 3PM To mark the end of the Month of the Holy Rosary, there will be a Rosary Service in the Church at 3pm next Sunday. The service will be available on the parish livestream link. All are welcome!</p> <p>ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC? 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.</p> <p>REQUIEM MASS FOR AIDEEN PHILIPS – RIP The parish intends to hold a Requiem Mass for Aideen Philips who died during the lockdown on 8 April at the age of 87 and was cremated on 24 April. Aideen was devoted parishioner who contributed enormously in different areas of parish life and ministry for many years. Date: Saturday, 7 November, 9am.</p> <p>NOVEMBER LIST 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.</p> <p>MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS & RELATIVES There will be a special Mass on All Souls Day (2 Nov) for all deceased parishioners and relatives of parishioners who died within the last one year (from 2 Nov 2019). Time: 7pm. During the Mass, they will be remembered, and a family member or parishioner will be invited to light a candle in their memory as we pray for them. All who attend will also be welcome to light a candle as we pray for their departed loved ones. NB: Please, send names with dates of death to Fr Ignatius by 30 October.</p> <p>CONFIRMATION 2021 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>DONATIONS TO FOODBANK 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>FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH As the corona virus progresses, sadly we need to continue to request that flowers and plants are not left in the Church. However, we have recently resumed arranging flowers for the Sanctuary, also Our Lady Chapel on special occasions. This will continue but depends on any changes in local covid-19 restrictions. In the month of November, we remember and pray for all our loved ones; there will be flowers in the alcove next to the memorial book during this time. If you would like to make a monetary donation for flowers, please put it in an envelope marked 'Church Flowers' and leave it in the Presbytery. Many thanks for you continued support. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Rosemary Maranzano.</i></p> </p>	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS			
	<p>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.</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. 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</i> and <i>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. Helen Emmett, SVP President, Our Lady Immaculate Conference</p>			