



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

25 OCTOBER 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVINGSTREAMING AT https://www.olionline.co.uk		
24 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Peter & Joseph Campbell – RIP <i>(M. Campbell)</i>
25 Sun	09.00	JB Effiong – WB
	11.00	Virgilio Silveira – RIP <i>(3rd Anniv)</i>
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
30TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
26 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Seujan Kajaruban – WB <i>(13th BD)</i>
27 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Frances Powel – RIP <i>(E. Powell)</i>
	19.00	Giancarlo Vilani – RIP <i>(M. Fahy)</i>
28 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Eileen Mullen – WB <i>(D. Greenaway)</i>
	19.00	John Savarimuthu – RIP <i>(1 Month)</i>
29 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Felicia Akpan – RIP
	9.30	Paul Joseph – RIP <i>(Family)</i>
30 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Carmine Candolfo – RIP <i>(Maranzano)</i>
	9.30	
31 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	
31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
31 Sat <i>Vigil of All the Saints</i>	18.30	Roman Szymanski – RIP <i>(Family)</i>
1 Sun <i>Solemnity of All the Saints</i>	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	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.

THE LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOUR

To love God and others is ultimately a call to resemble and/or imitate God. It is the only way that we can truly fulfil our being not only in the order of creation, as *image of God* (Gn 1:27), but also in the order of redemption, namely, as brothers and sisters of Jesus and co-heirs with him (see Rm 8:15-17).

God's command to the people of Israel through Moses in the first reading (Ex 22:20-26) is set against the backdrop of God's mercy, kindness, leniency and providence towards them in their moments of deprivations and vulnerabilities, especially as slaves in Egypt: *"Tell the sons of Israel this: 'You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan...'"* Apparently, the mission of Israel as a chosen people is implied in this directive. Israel is not only called to be inward-looking, to look out for and after herself and her own (*mission ad intra*) – the widow, orphan, borrower (fellow Jews). She is, above all, also obliged to reach out to and manifest the love and mercy of God to others (*mission ad extra*) – to the strangers (non-Jews / Gentiles).

Obviously, the injunction cited from Leviticus 19:18 by Jesus in his response to the Pharisee in the Gospel (Mt 22:34-35) – *"You shall love your neighbour as yourself"* – was generally understood and applied rather narrowly by the Jews, that is, within the confines of Israel understood as God's chosen people in an exclusive way. However, the Old Testament (OT) did not completely overlook the duty of care by the people of Israel towards resident aliens in particular and non-Jews generally. The above admonition in the first reading is among the significant albeit few instances where *love for the stranger* is strongly emphasised in the Pentateuch (the first five book books [the Laws] in the OT). Another classic instance is found within the so-called *moral and holiness code* in Leviticus 19: *"If a stranger lives with you in your land, do not molest him. You must count him as one of your own countrymen and love him as yourself – for you were once strangers yourselves in Egypt"* (33-34). Also, Deuteronomy 10:18, premises the admonition to love the orphan, widow, and stranger upon God's love for the people of Israel, thereby, making it obligatory for them to imitate God in their relationship with others: *"It is he [Yahweh] who sees justice done for the orphan and the widow, who loves the stranger and gives him food and clothing. Love the stranger then, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt."*

In the New Testament (NT) the generally limited understanding of the concept of neighbour in the OT is extended to clearly embrace all and sundry. Jesus illustrates this in responding to the question, *"Who is my neighbour?"* by means of the parable about the *good Samaritan* (Lk 10:25-37). Besides, this 'new' understanding of neighbour is not only implied in his teaching in the fourth beatitude – *"Happy are the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them"* (Mt 5:7). It is more clearly highlighted as part of the criteria for the final judgement (Mt 25:31-46). *"Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For... I was a stranger and you made me welcome..."* (34-35). Like the people of Israel, we are pilgrims journeying towards the promised land, the kingdom, and beneficiaries of God's unconditional love, mercy, forgiveness and generosity in different ways. The greatest form of gratitude we could ever try to show to God for all his benefits to us is striving to imitate him by loving him above all else and, for his sake, loving others as he loves us. Without this, we cannot possibly witness to him as true disciples (see Jn 13:34-35). Our love for God is certainly proved by our love for others (1 Jn 4:20-21) and the genuineness / integrity of our love for others is measured by our true love for God. But we cannot claim to love God if we do not obey him and keep his commandments (Jn 14:15, 23). ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Apocalypse [Revelation] 7:2-4,9-14
2ND READING	1 John 3:1-3
GOSPEL	Matthew 5:1-12a

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially John McCorkell, Margaret Martinez, Irene Keane, Jan Leightley, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen	CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (25/10): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (26/10): 10.15am – 11.15am & 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (27/10): 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (28/10): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (29/10): Volunteers needed! Friday (30/10): 10am – 12pm Saturday (31/10): 9.30am – 10am	
	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, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Betty Harte, Antonio Ciaiola, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, 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.	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. ROSARY SERVICE THIS 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 this Sunday. The service will be available on the parish livestream link. All are welcome! 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. 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.	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		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. ALL SOULS DAY – 2 NOVEMBER Three Masses: 7am, 9.30am and 7pm BLESSING OF GRAVES – SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER Surbiton (2pm) & Kingston (3pm). No common service. Wait by graveside, not more than 6 persons with face masks. SCHOOL FORMS: Tuesday 27 Oct, 6.30–7pm (Last Chance!) Please sign up for appointment and follow instructions on the following link: https://doodle.com/poll/4ycdww2brgv5mbr2 . 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. 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. 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 the 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. <i>Rosemary Maranzano.</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. 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.		
INFANT BAPTISM			
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA		
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION			
	Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.		
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020			
	Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA		
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.			