



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

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1 NOVEMBER 2020

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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

31 Sat <i>Vigil: All Saints</i>	18.30	Roman Szymanski – RIP (<i>Family</i>)
01 Sun <i>Solemnity of All Saints</i>	09.00	Rasoul, Shiva, Anita, Armin & Artin – RIP (<i>Maranzano</i>)
	11.00	Holy Souls
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
31ST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
2 Mon <i>Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed</i>	7.00	The Holy Father's Intention
	9.30	Joseph Edet – RIP (<i>C. Yap</i>)
	19.00	Departed Parishioners, etc.
3 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	UCM Deceased (<i>L. Smallwood</i>)
	19.00	Holy Souls
4 Wed <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.30	Denis Peiris – RIP (<i>G. Peiris</i>)
	19.00	Eamon O'Flaherty – RIP (<i>M. Fahy</i>)
5 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Deceased Brothers, KSC Tolworth
6 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Madeleine Cockell – WB (<i>Cook</i>)
7 Sat <i>Dedication of St George's</i>	9.00	Aideen Philips – RIP
32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)		
7 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Phil Manché – 90 th B/D Thanksgiving (<i>Townsend Family</i>)
8 Sun <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	9.00	Jimmy Fagan – RIP (<i>McCusker</i>)
	11.00	
	18.00	Francisco D'Costa – RIP (<i>B Lordan</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.

I BELIEVE IN THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

The *Communion of Saints* is a central doctrine of faith. It is professed as the fifth article of the Apostles Creed, immediately after the confession of faith in the *holy catholic Church*.

Generally, when we hear or use the word 'saint' today we tend to think almost primarily of those extraordinary men and women who have been *canonised* (officially declared saints) by the Church and are, therefore, celebrated in the Christian (Catholic) tradition, liturgy and popular devotions, many of whom we have been named after at birth, at Baptism and/or at Confirmation.

The New Testament uses the word 'saints' in a rather different though not contrary sense. The whole people of God, the Christian people or believers are called saints. Prominent examples are found especially in the epistles of St Paul. For example, "From Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ, to *all the saints in Christ Jesus*, together with their presiding elders and deacons" (Ph 1:1). "You are God's chosen race, *his saints...*" (Col 3:12). It is self-evident from the above two passages, that Paul is addressing the community of believers in question. We can understand Paul's description of believers in Christ in at least two ways. On the one hand, as a statement of fact, that is, about who/what the Christian is or has become by virtue of their baptism and faith in Jesus Christ and participation in the life of the Church, especially at the eucharist or breaking of bread (see 2 Co 5:17). And on the other, an affirmation or a reminder of who/what the believers are called to be especially in witness to the world (see Ep 4:24-25). Nonetheless, commenting on life after death, St Paul alludes to the saints in a manner that resonates with the understanding of the saints as those who are already with God in heaven, when he says: "And May he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes *with all his saints*" (1 Th 3:13). For St Paul, all believers are saints and are called to be saints, and those who have gone before their peers are not cut off from their fellowship but will rise again and then taken up together to be with the Lord in heaven (1 Th 4:13-17).

This biblical background is helpful in understanding the Church's faith in and teaching on the communion of saints. According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (hence, CCC), "The 'communion of saints' therefore has two closely linked meanings: 'communion in holy things' (*sancta*),' and 'among holy persons (*sancti*)'" (CCC, 948). The communion in spiritual goods or holy things includes communion in faith, sacraments, charisms, and charity (CCC 949-953). The communion among holy persons includes communion of the Church of heaven and earth which, presently, encompasses three states of disciples: 1) those here on earth, still on pilgrimage (*the Church militant*); 2) those who have died, but are being purified (in Purgatory) in view of reaching their final rewards (*the Church suffering*); and 3) those who are in glory, enjoying the beatific vision of God (*the Church triumphant*) (CCC 954-959).

In the *Solemnity of All Saints* we acknowledge, among others, the truth that the ranks of the Church triumphant extends beyond the rather narrow confines of canonised saints to embrace, in the words of the first reading, "*a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language...standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands... the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb*" (Ap 7:9, 14). Certainly, some of them are our grandparents, parents, brothers and sisters, family members and relations, colleagues, friends, etc. May their examples and prayers continue to inspire and encourage us on our journey to heaven. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Wisdom 6:12-16
2ND READING	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
GOSPEL	Matthew 25:1-13

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Nick Mitchem, Bella Fernandes, John McCorkell, Irene Keane, Jan Leightley, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace.	CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (01/11): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (02/11): 10.15am – 11.15am & 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (03/11): 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (04/11): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (05/11): Volunteers needed! Friday (06/11): 10am – 12pm Saturday (07/11): 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, Kathleen O'Connell, Fr Arbo Lekule and Fr Guy Noonan.	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. 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. ALL SOULS DAY – 2 NOV: 3 Masses: 7am, 9.30am and 7pm 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. MASS FOR AIDEEN PHILIPS – RIP: Saturday, 7 Nov, 9am. BLESSING OF GRAVES – SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER Surbiton (2pm) & Kingston (3pm). No common service. Wait by the graveside with face masks, not more than 6 persons. 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>	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS			
	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.		THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT UPDATE: Despite Covid-19 the parish very generously raised £14,106 for the 2020 project. This means we will be distributing £3,640 to each of the charities listed below which were adopted at the 2019 AGM. This includes monies carried forwards. 1. Antonympuram (Sri Lanka): The aim is to improve the nutritional standards of the 55 children who attend evening classes conducted by the parish priest of Oorani. 2. Divya Chhaya Society Subir, Gujarat (India): The need is an ICU bed for critical cases, medicines for poor patients because people can hardly afford to pay for the services. 3. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pilgrimage Centre (Nigeria): The need is to provide basic hygiene facilities for residential pilgrims. 4. Let the Children Live (Colombia): The need is to provide for 320 very vulnerable boys and girls from streets/shantytowns in Medellin. If you would like to organise or participate in an event during Lent 2021 please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk .	