



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

15 NOVEMBER 2020

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESREAMING AT https://www.olionline.co.uk		
14 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Bette Sullivan (<i>Fox Family</i>)
15 Sun <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	09.00	Cancelled!
	10.00	Fr John Butler – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	18.00	Desire John Sice – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
33RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
16 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Ping-M Tam – RIP (<i>Judy Wong</i>)
17 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Jan Leightley – RIP (<i>D. Kidd</i>)
	19.00	Holy Souls
18 Wed <i>Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul</i>	9.30	Maria Perera – RIP (<i>M Peiris</i>)
	10.30	Funeral: Bridie Keane - RIP
	19.00	Mary & David Gallagher – WB
19 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Fr Anthony Charlton – WB
20 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Monica Tett – WB (<i>D. Kidd</i>)
21 Sat <i>Presentation of the BVM</i>	9.00	Dominic Pescozo – BD
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING		
21 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Alexius Yap – RIP (<i>C. Yap</i>)
22 Sun <i>National Youth Sunday</i>	9.00	Cancelled!
	10.00	Jan Leightley – RIP (<i>Elaine & Fam</i>)
	18.00	

OTHER SERVICES	
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10.30am
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

LIVESREAMING 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.

FRUITFUL STEWARDSHIP

We are one Sunday away from the end of the current liturgical year. The Gospel readings in the last few weeks have focused our minds, in different ways, on the goal of the Christian vocation and life – on the Kingdom of God. This will climax in the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the Universal King next Sunday. The *Catechism of Christian Doctrine* expresses this memorably: “God made me to know him, love him and serve him in this life, in order to be happy with him in the next.” Against this backdrop, the selection from Paul’s first letter to the Thessalonians in the second reading highlights this by focussing on what is generally described in the Christian Tradition as the *Last Things* or *eschata* (see eschatology) – *death, (final) judgement, heaven or hell.*

The different parables of Jesus on the kingdom that we have listened to in the three Sundays leading to today, have helped to emphasise important aspects of the Kingdom such as the its certainty, unpredictability, inescapability, and finality. There are some fundamental intuitions about the kingdom in them, which are underlined especially in today’s parable of the talents (Mtt 25:14-30).

- 1) The Kingdom is always a gratuitous gift at the instance of God.
- 2) Though given generously to all, it is and can only be experienced both here and in the hereafter by those who are open to it in faith, hope and love.
- 3) The Kingdom always involves personal risk, sacrifices, not only on the part of humans who are called to labour for and strive after it in this world, but ultimately on the part of God who as it were risks everything by entrusting such a precious gift and mission into the care of frail and sinful human beings like us.
- 4) Only those who are ready and willing to take risk and/or make the necessary sacrifices can experience the Kingdom.
- 5) Finally, the ‘reward’ far outweighs whatever risks and/or sacrifices involved in the pursuit so to speak of the Kingdom.

Among others, today’s parable can help us to take stock of our own response to the call to missionary discipleship of Jesus by virtue, fundamentally, of our Baptism (and Confirmation). Without intending to sound pessimistic about the human condition especially after *The Fall*, God’s relationship with humans has always been a risky venture on God’s part. From the Garden of Eden (see Gn 6:6) to Gethsemane (Matt 26:40) and to our streets and homes today, the story is very much the same – God’s utter faithfulness and unconditional love vis-à-vis human sinfulness and selfishness. Notwithstanding, God always trusts us, for he is faithful (2 Tim 2:13). That is why he gives us free will, the capacity to choose between good and evil. He is the master who allots various sums to his servants (us) without bothering to dictate what they are to do with them; instead, he “goes away,” trusting that they would know the right thing to do with his investment.

Like the three servants, God has given each of us some gifts (talents). It does not matter what or how much. What matters is that everyone has received something to work with. Then, how we relate to what we have received: Do I recognise and value my gifts and talents? Am I ready to take the necessary risk, to reach out and put my gifts or talents to use not only for my own good but also for the benefit of others? Am I too afraid to try? Do I give up easily when confronted with trials and difficulties? Am I given to moaning or complaining about others, instead of celebrating my gifts and talents? Finally, as a Catholic Christian community, we are invited and challenged to emulate the unconditional generosity of the master by working hard to build and grow a society and Church that give equal opportunities to all irrespective of race, colour or gender, to make use of their gifts and talents in the service of God and neighbour. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
GOSPEL	Matthew 25: 31-46

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially Bella Fernandes, Lillian Young, Bridie Keane, Angelica Viscido, 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, 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, Fr Guy Noonan, and Claire Pender.

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></p> <p><i>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>

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION IN LOCKDOWN	
<p>For those who wish to, and who have attended Mass virtually on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, there will be an opportunity to receive Holy Communion between 11am and 11.15am on Sunday morning. This is private prayer time and not a public liturgy. Please arrive during this 15-minute period whenever you like by the front door of the Church (a queue may have to form outside if many take up this opportunity). Stewards will usher you forwards when it is safe to do so, you will receive, and then exit via the side door (depending on numbers, you may be able to stay for a short time in private prayer).</p>	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
<p>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS</p> <p>Sunday (15/11): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (16/11): 10.15am – 11.15am & 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (17/11): 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (18/11): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (19/11): 10.30am – 12pm Friday (20/11): 10am – 12pm Saturday (21/11): 9.30am – 10am</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>ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING A CATHOLIC?</p> <p>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>CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS: Who carries cash these days? Most retailers don't take it anymore! Yet for many, we come to Church and get "caught out" by the collection bags at the end of Mass. Great news! You will find contactless payment machines from this week in the narthex: select the amount you wish to give, tap your payment card on the reader, and the payment will come through to the parish. This will be available for use at any time the Church doors are open. Thank you for your generosity.</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 one and enclose the names of your departed ones. If you would like to make an offering towards ongoing Masses for holy souls, kindly indicate the enclosed sum on the envelope.</p>	
<p>DONATIONS TO FOODBANK: Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the Old Chapel (9am – 6pm). <u>Urgently Needed Food Items:</u> cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thanks.</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 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 your continued support. <i>Rosemary Maranzano.</i></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"> Our Lady Immaculate Church Parish Lenten Project</p>	
<p>The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully since 1971 so in 2021 the Parish will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. During this time the Parish has raised over £441,000 for worthy causes all over the world.</p>	
<p>Back in 1971, the aim of the Project was to give the parish a charitable focal point during Lent and give everyone (all groups, clubs and societies) in the parish the opportunity to take part in fundraising for projects in the developing world. This is still our aim today.</p>	
<p>The Lenten Project AGM will be held on Sunday 29th November 2020 at 7.00pm. Owing to the restrictions this year's meeting will be held via Zoom. (Zoom link in later newsletter). At that meeting we will select the charities which we will be supporting during Lent 2021. We are now actively seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities.</p>	
<p>If you have a charity you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2021 then please complete the charity nomination form which can be found at: http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/ (See Criteria for selecting a charity via the same link!)</p>	
<p>You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of Church or obtain one from the Parish Office.</p>	
<p>Once you have completed the form please either email it to townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk or place it through the Presbytery letter box. If you would like any more information, please contact Phil Townsend on 0208 399 3481. Thank you.</p>	