



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

22 NOVEMBER 2020

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING (A) YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVINGSTREAMING AT https://www.olionline.co.uk		
21 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Alexius Yap – RIP (<i>C. Yap</i>)
22 Sun <i>National Youth Sunday</i>	09.00	Cancelled!
	10.00	Jan Leightley – RIP (<i>Elaine & Fam</i>)
	18.00	
34TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
23 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Mr & Mrs J Rutter – WB (<i>D Kidd</i>)
24 Tues <i>Ss Andrew Dung-lac & Companions</i>	9.30	Polycarpo Fernandes – RIP (<i>J Fernandes</i>)
	19.00	Holy Souls
25 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Charles Rau – RIP
	19.00	Holy Souls
26 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Dennis Peiris – RIP (<i>M Peiris</i>)
27 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Gerard Dodds – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	Vincent Ramanayake – (<i>M Peiris</i>)
	12.00	Funeral: Bella Fernandes – RIP
28 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Janaki Gandimathi – RIP (<i>Mary</i>)
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		
28 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Deceased Members of Belo Family – RIP (<i>H. Fox</i>)
29 Sun	9.00	Cancelled!
	10.00	Robin Jackson – RIP (<i>Ghislaine</i>)
	18.00	Paul Joseph – RIP (<i>Family</i>)

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

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.

A KINGLY PEOPLE	
<p>The <i>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i> is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to counter the growing secularism and nationalism of the time. Initially observed on the last Sunday of October, it was moved by Pope Paul VI to the last Sunday of the Year in 1969 in his reform of the Roman Calendar after Vatican II. Among others, its current setting clearly emphasises its relevance for Christian hope (<i>eschatology</i>). The last Sunday of the year highlights Christ as the goal of history who at the end of time would “hand over the kingdom to God the Father” (1 Co 15:24-28). It also ushers in the beginning of Advent during which the second coming of Christ (<i>the Parousia</i>) is anticipated by the Church in the light of the celebration of his first coming (<i>the Incarnation</i>) at Christmas.</p> <p>The <i>Presidential Prayers</i> of today’s Mass reiterate the above insights. Thus, against a secularism that recognises neither the sovereignty of God nor our religious obligation to worship and serve God above all else, we pray in the <i>Collect</i> (‘Opening Prayer’), for the whole creation to be set free to acknowledge God’s majesty, and to worship and serve him. The <i>Preface</i> extols Christ, who, anointed by the Father with “the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation,” offered “himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace.” The <i>Prayer over the Offerings</i> affirms that Christ’s kingship on the altar of the Cross is re-enacted at the Eucharistic altar, and concludes by pleading that Christ “himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace.” Because these gifts always look towards the heavenly Kingdom for their ultimate fulfilment, we pray in the <i>Prayer after Communion</i> that we may live there eternally by “glorying in the commands of Christ, the King of the universe.</p> <p>Further, the nature of Christ’s kingdom and reign is beautifully eulogised in the <i>Preface</i> as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>An eternal and universal kingdom, A kingdom of truth and life, A kingdom of holiness and grace, A kingdom of justice, love and peace.</i></p> <p>Evidently, no earthly kingdom, past and present, fits this ideal – and none will ever do!</p> <p>As he maintained before Pilate, the kingdom of Christ “is not of this world” (Jn 18:36). His kingdom does not consist in the will to power and dominance, but on the will to serve and sacrifice his life for others (Matt 20:24-28; see Jn 13:1-17). In other words, he is the shepherd-king who lays down his life for his flock (Jn 10:10-12) as against the shepherds of Israel who were self-serving and exploitative towards God’s flock (Ez 34:1-10) and whom God promised in the first reading (Ez 34:11-16) he himself would replace: “I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks...I shall be a true shepherd to them.”</p> <p>Baptism gives us the privilege to share in the identity and mission of Christ the King. As we give thanks to the Father for constituting us into a kingly people, we must also think about what our Christian nobility means in our relationship to God and others. As at his first coming in the hiddenness of the manger in Bethlehem, wrapped in clothes (Lk 2:12), or in his entry into Jerusalem on a donkey, a lowly beast (Lk 19:28-40; Jn 12:12-19), Christ, the universal King comes to us today incognito, disguised in the weak and vulnerable, the poor, sick, homeless, stranger, marginalised, outcasts, dispossessed, persecuted, etc. These are the faces of the suffering-servant king!</p> <p>Therefore, we cannot be truly a kingly people without reaching out to him who tells us unequivocally: “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.” This is what it means to be a kingly people! ©IAE</p>	
NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS	
1ST READING	Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
GOSPEL	Mark 13: 33-37

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 (22/11): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (23/11): 10.15am – 11.15am & 5pm – 6.30pm Tuesday (24/11): 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (25/11): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (26/11): 10.30am – 12pm Friday (27/11): 10am – 12pm Saturday (28/11): 9.30am – 10am</p>	
<p>ADVENT SERVICE</p> <p>To mark the start of Advent, there will be a service (Virtually) on Monday, 30 November at 7pm. All are warmly welcome!</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. Rosemary Maranzano.</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"> Our Lady Immaculate Church Parish Lenten Project</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 seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities. 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>	
<p>Lenten Project Raffle 2020</p> <p>The annual Lenten Project Raffle for 2020 had to be cancelled due to coronavirus. The tickets went out in the school bags, as usual, and a small number of counterfoils were returned before the school was closed. As the raffle was never drawn those who returned counterfoils are entitled to a refund unless they would like to donate the amount to the Lenten Project. If you would like a refund please contact Phil Townsend. Please have your ticket numbers available for verification. Thank you</p>	