



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B)

27 DECEMBER 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY		
YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT https://www.olionline.co.uk		
26 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	D'cd of Albert & Sebastian Families – RIP (<i>Joe & Antionette</i>)
27 Sun	09.00	Peg McCusker – RIP (<i>E McCusker</i>)
	11.00	27 th Wedding Isac & Lucy George
	18.00	Eddie Savage – RIP (<i>J Savage</i>)
WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMASTIDE		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
28 Mon <i>Holy Innocents</i>	9.30	Joseph Jackson – RIP (<i>M Holland</i>)
29 Tues <i>St Thomas of Canterbury</i>	9.30	Paul Joseph – RIP (<i>1st Anniv</i>)
	19.00	Michael & Nancy Connolly – WB
30 Wed <i>Day 6 of Octave</i>	9.30	Angela McCluskey – RIP (<i>L Jones</i>)
	19.00	Fr. M Gwinnell – RIP (<i>Szymanski's</i>)
31 Thurs <i>Day 7 of Octave</i> <i>New Year's Eve</i>	7.00	Celine Yeow – WB (<i>R Lee</i>)
	9.30	Fr Cyriac Kocherry –RIP (<i>25th Aniv</i>)
	23.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
1 Friday <i>Octave Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>	7.00	Philomena Eweh – RIP
	9.30	Tony Fazal – RIP (<i>P Fazal</i>)
2 Sat <i>Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Naziansen</i>	9.00	Fr Michael Gwinnell & Fr Francis O'Sullivan – RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS		
2 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Malkiat Chitta – RIP (<i>P Townsend</i>)
3 Sun	9.00	Mijaka Tsuji
	11.00	Fr Mike Gwinnell – RIP (<i>T Rutter</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish
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.		

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON

“Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

After a celebration of Christmas Day in restricted circumstances, due to Covid-19, we come to this beautiful Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. The home life of the Lord Jesus, of His mother, the Virgin Mary, and of His foster father, St Joseph, teaches us the importance of ‘*compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.*’ [First Reading, Col 3:12] We want to love as they love, to sit in the classroom of the Gospel and learn from Christ, inspired by the fidelity of Mary and Joseph. These qualities are the sure coordinates to guide us forward.

The images we sometimes see of the Holy Family make everything look so perfect, as if there were never any problems, or moments of anxiety, and not that much joy and laughter either. How can any family flourish without joy? How can any family blossom without laughter? No, the Holy Family was a real family. ‘*Tears and smiles, like us,*’ they knew, each in their own way. All our experiences of family, and of our relationships within them, form a school where our understanding of holiness can deepen, where, modelled on Christ, we are trained how to love evermore generously.

Of course, we know family life is not always easy. Every family needs help, especially when its members face difficulties and struggles. Above all, each of us, no matter what our age or circumstances, needs to know that we are loved and that we belong. This is why the Church matters, as a family for everyone, a place to find and know God’s love, a place to discover our true home in Christ and with each other.

St Luke retells an important event in the life of the Holy Family. Forty days after His birth, the Christ Child was presented by His parents in the Temple in Jerusalem, in accordance with the Law of Moses. This humble couple accepted the precious vocation God gave them as parents. This call from God is alive today. Parents are to protect and nurture new life. They are ‘*the first teachers*’ of their children ‘*in the ways of faith.*’ They are also to be ‘*the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what they say and do.*’ [Rite of Baptism, Blessing and Dismissal] This is both a gracious invitation and an awesome responsibility. As they prepare for the baptism of their child, every mother and father should be given a copy of the Gospel with the words: ‘*Receive the Gospel of Christ whose teacher you now are. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.*’ [Cf. Rite of Ordination of Deacons] The family remains the primary place for living, teaching, and sharing the Gospel. Daily evangelisation is part of every home centred on Christ. The need for witness to our Catholic faith about, and within, the family is as great as it ever was.

I want to thank every Christian family in our parish and school communities for your faithfulness to Christ. Thank you to wives and husbands who encourage each other to live the Gospel, ‘*for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer.*’ Thank you to mums and dads, to grandparents, aunts and uncles, for passing on the faith to your children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces. Thank you to older brothers and sisters for the good example of faith you give to your younger sisters and brothers. They look up to you and need you...”
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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2,8-12
2ND READING	Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18
GOSPEL	John 1:1-18

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially Ida Upham, Milly Leightley, Fr. Mike Gwinnell and Canon Frank O'Sullivan, 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, and Claire Pender.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	
	<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.</i> 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

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.	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
<i>Archbishop's Pastoral Letter Continued</i>	
Thank you to clergy and religious, and to parish catechists and school staff, who support families in handing the faith to new generations. Please make sure that our communities are welcoming and supportive to all families, not least those new to our country or area, those going through brokenness or separation, and those facing poverty and hardship. The home of the Holy Family of Nazareth was a loving space where the Lord Jesus grew to maturity, filled with wisdom. May our families, and the family of the Church, enable the message of Christ, in all its richness, to dwell within us so that we always speak and act with love. I assure each one of you, your families, and your loved ones, of my prayers as 2021 opens before us. Whatever this New Year brings, let us step out with <i>'compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,'</i> [First Reading, Col 3:12] united as members of one body. May the peace of Christ reign in our hearts and in our world. With every blessing Yours devotedly in Christ + John Wilson Metropolitan Archbishop of Southwark	
CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS	
Sunday (27/12): 2pm – 3.30pm	
Monday (28/12): 10.15am – 11.15am	
Tuesday (29/12): 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm	
Wednesday (30/12): 10.30am – 1pm	
Thursday (31/12): 10.30am – 12pm	
Friday (1/01): 10.00am – 12pm	
Saturday (2/01): 9.30am – 10am (During Confessions)	
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND GENEROSITY	
On behalf of Father Joseph and myself, I want to thank all parishioners and visitors to our parish during this holy season for your kind Christmas wishes and gifts. <i>Fr. Ignatius</i>	
COVID-19 ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING SUPPORT	
With Volunteering Kingston: Please see the detail of this volunteer role which you may be interested in. Find out more about this opportunity and sign up now with Volunteering Kingston	
DONATIONS TO FOODBANK: Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the Old Chapel (9am – 6pm). <i>Urgently Needed Food Items:</i> cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thanks.	
SUBSCRIBE TO THE TABLET: Only £30 for 12 issues and you will also receive a free Tablet 2021 calendar worth £9.99. For more details, email: ifarrar@thetablet.co.uk	
† Ida Katherina Upham – RIP	
Of 4 Southcote Avenue, Tolworth who died peacefully at Surbiton Care Home on 5 December aged 101 years. Kindly remember her and her family – Diane & Audrey (daughters), Samantha & Jonathan (grandchildren) in your prayers. Funeral: 29 December at OLI, 2pm.	
† Fr Michael Gwinnell – RIP	
Former Parish Priest of St Ann's, Kingston Hill (1992-2001) who died peacefully in the early hours of Sunday, 13 December at St Teresa's Home (Wimbledon), aged 96 years, and after 68 years of priestly life and ministry. Please, remember him in your prayers.	
† Canon Frank O'Sullivan – RIP	
Former Parish Priest of St Joseph's New Malden died peacefully on 22 December, aged nearly 100 years. Please, remember him in your prayers.	
† Leslie Feast – RIP	
Former Headmaster of OLI Primary School from 1976 to 1988, who died peacefully in his sleep aged 94 years, at Kingston Hospital on Monday 21st December. Please remember him in your prayers.	