



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

17 JANUARY 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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

16 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	John Morello – RIP (<i>Morello</i>)
17 Sun <i>Day of Prayer for Peace on Earth</i>	09.00	David Hull – RIP
	11.00	Heather Trutwein – RIP (<i>T Rutter</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish

WEEKDAY OF THE YEAR (I)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

18 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Isabel Barfod & Family (<i>K Jankowski</i>)
19 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Thanksgiving (<i>Anne</i>)
	19.00	Florence & Ethel Eales – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
20 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Maurice Lynch – RIP (<i>Stevens</i>)
	19.00	Harriet Hutchinson (<i>R Lee</i>)
21 Thurs <i>St Agnes</i>	7.00	Monica Tett – WB (<i>D Kidd</i>)
	9.30	Alexius Yap – RIP (<i>C Yap</i>)
22 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Fraser Family Dec'd – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	T Chivers & Family – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
23 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Rosemary Gribble – RIP (<i>FM</i>)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

23 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	James Costello – RIP (<i>Houston</i>)
24 Sun <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	9.00	George & Pat Buggie – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	11.00	Angela Carrion – WB (<i>M Cook</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.

"HERE I AM LORD! I COME TO DO YOUR WILL"

The Christian life is a unique vocation. It is a special calling because it is based purely on the unconditional love and grace of God, though the human response is equally important since God always respects human freewill.

Today's readings (1 Sam 3:3-10,19; 1 Co 6:13-15,17-20; Jn 1:35-42) approach this theme in different but closely related ways. In the first reading, the young Samuel is called by God via a dream. This may sound strange to contemporary sensibilities laden with knowledge of modern psychology and theories of interpretation of dreams, some of which tend to dismiss dreams as either utterly meaningless or (following Sigmund Freud) the manifestation of unconsciously repressed desires or fears. However, for the people of Israel, dreams were generally as realistic as life itself; besides, they were, spiritually (as in the first reading), reliable means of revelation, albeit also requiring careful discernment. Thus, the young novice, Samuel would rely on the guidance of his master, the veteran priest-prophet, Eli to discern God's call to him, since he "had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him." Despite his experience, it took time also for Eli "to [understand] that it was the Lord who was calling the boy." Discernment is always ongoing!

The call of the first two disciples of Jesus in today's Gospel may appear less mysterious compared to Samuel's, but it is equally dramatic, inspiring and challenging. Their encounter with Jesus begins with the witness of their master, John the Baptist: "Look, there is the lamb of God." Hearing this proclamation, they left him and started following Jesus who, in turn, would invite them to where he stayed: "Come and see." By the time they left him the following morning, they were personally transformed. First, they grew in their knowledge of him, moving from 'Rabbi' (Teacher) to Messiah (the Christ). Second, they were changed from the enquirers who asked, "Rabbi where do you live?" to the witnesses who proclaimed, "We have found the Messiah," and then brought others to him. Every true encounter with the Lord always leads to interior conversion and a vocation with a mission to be Christ's witnesses. Living and carrying out this vocation and mission require imitating Christ and modelling our lives after him and, consequently, detaching ourselves from all that contradict the life of Christ and the Gospel values. Hence, Paul's admonition and warning to the early Christians in Corinth, to avoid sexual immoralities, especially fornication / adultery which was rampant in their wider society. For Paul, it was clearly counter witnessing for Christians to follow the pagans to indulge in such acts. Besides, it contradicted and undermined their identity since "[our] bodies are members making up the body of Christ." So, Paul insists that, through baptism and holy anointing, the Christian people have received a vocation to be holy by dedicating themselves wholly to the Lord in body, mind, soul and spirit.

Like Samuel, Andrew and his companion, and the Corinthians, we are all called by God not only to follow but also to make him known through our words and deeds so that, like Andrew, Eli and Paul, we may help others also to hear and answer God's call to them. Each and all of us need ongoing openness to the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be able to discern and respond to God's call in order to undertake the mission assigned to each of us.

As we pray especially for peace on earth today, we join Pope Francis in responding to the call to adopt and promote "a culture of care as a path to peace" (see overleaf for link to full text). © IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Jonah 3:1-5,10
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
GOSPEL	Mark 1:14-20

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially Reparata Cocca, Heather Trutwein, Jimmy Costello, Verna Hutchinson, Leslie Feast, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.	CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (17/01): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (18/01): 5pm – 6pm Tuesday (19/01): 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (20/01): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (21/01): 10.30am – 12pm Friday (22/01): 10.00am – 12pm Saturday (23/01): 9.30am – 10am (<i>During Confessions</i>)	
	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, 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.	OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18-25 JANUARY The theme for this year's octave of prayer for Christian unity is "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (cf. Jn 15:5-9). The theme is drawn from the biblical text for this year, Jn 15:1-17. Reflections will be given during daily Mass. Useful resources on the theme can be found at Vatican website. http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/settimana-di-preghiera-per-l-unita/en.html and the website of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/wpcu-2021/	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		54TH WORLD DAY OF PEACE – 1 JANUARY 2021 In the wake of the current Covid-19 pandemic and its manifold impacts, both positive and negative and/or challenging, Pope Francis has emphasised in his message to mark the 54th World Day of Peace, "a culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time." Full text of "A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace" at http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.html	
	<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.	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. Thanks.	
INFANT BAPTISM		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	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA	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	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		† 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 21 December. Please remember him in your prayers. Funeral: Friday, 29 January at Randalls Park Crematorium at 11am.	
	Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.	† Heather Trutwein – RIP Please, remember in your prayers Heather Trutwein of 177 Hamilton Avenue, a devoted parishioner who died on Tuesday, 5 January at St George's Hospital, aged 81. Our condolences to George (her husband) and family. Funeral: Monday, 1 February at 12pm. NB: Because of current restrictions, only 30 people are allowed to attend. Please, ring George (020 8241 7574) to reserve a place if you would like to attend. The Mass will be livestreamed.	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		† James (Jim) Thomas Costello – RIP † A devoted parishioner who died peacefully on Sunday, 3 January, aged 72 years. Funeral: TBA. Please, remember him in your prayers.	
	Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA	† Verna Hutchinson – RIP A devoted parishioner who died on Christmas Day, aged 87 years. Funeral: TBA. Please, remember her in your prayers.	
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.			