



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

24 JANUARY 2021

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

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

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

23 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	James Costello – RIP ( <i>Houston</i> )
24 Sun <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	09.00	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

**WEEKDAY OF THE YEAR (I)**

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:** Monday – Friday at 8.30am

25 Mon <i>The Conversion of Saint Paul</i>	9.30	Sr Kochuthresia Mattam – RIP ( <i>Rosamma &amp; family</i> )
26 Tues <i>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus</i>	9.30	Angelica D'Agostino –RIP ( <i>Franco</i> )
	19.00	Sean Gormley – RIP ( <i>Cummins Family</i> )
27 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Thomas Mattam – RIP ( <i>Rosamma</i> )
	19.00	Heather Trutwein – RIP ( <i>OLI SVP</i> )
28 Thurs <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	7.00	Dorothy Hawes – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
	9.30	Canute D'Aguiar – WB ( <i>N D'Aguiar</i> )
29 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	David Docherty – RIP ( <i>M J Gray</i> )
	9.30	Bella Fernandes – RIP ( <i>Y Evans</i> )
30 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Fr John Darby – RIP ( <i>Fahy</i> )

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

30 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Vincent Waters – ( <i>M J Gray</i> )
31 Sun <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	9.00	Patricia Licence – RIP
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish
	18.00	Dec'd of Barry family–RIP( <i>C Furlong</i> )

**OTHER SERVICES**

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
<b>St Anthony of Padua</b>	<b>Tuesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses
<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses
<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	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.

**“THEY LEFT EVERYTHING AND FOLLOWED HIM”**

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. It was instituted by Pope Francis on the 30th of September 2019 (memorial of St Jerome) through his Apostolic Letter, *Aperuit Illis*. [http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu\\_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930\\_aperuit-illis.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/motu_proprio/documents/papa-francesco-motu-proprio-20190930_aperuit-illis.html) as a day to be “devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God.” According to Pope Francis,

*Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world (Al, §2).*

Remarkably, the above goal resonates with the message of today’s biblical readings. They show us, among others, what our relationship and response to the word of God should be. In the first reading, Jonah (3:1-5,10) is called by God for the second time and sent to announce his word to the people of Nineveh. Against his initial resistance (Jo 1:2-3), the prophet now responds without hesitation and sets about announcing God’s words to the Ninevites. Unlike Jonah who initially resisted God’s call and would later complain about God’s mercy to them (Jo 4:1-5), the Ninevites responded with faith and humility: they believed God, accepted his word and acted immediately upon it by repentance and penance – and were forgiven and restored by God.

In the Gospel, the evangelist Mark (1:14-20) offers us another account of the call of the first disciples of Jesus. Called by Jesus, the four Galilean fishermen (Andrew and Simon; James and John), trusted him (and his words) and, without any question, left everything and followed him, and were transformed *from fishermen to fishers of men*. We can liken their experience to the Ninevites. However, whereas the latter were reconciled to God through *faith, repentance and penance*, the Galilean fishermen became disciples (and later apostles) of Jesus through *faith, detachment and commitment*. In other words, they both underwent a *conversion* experience, a change of heart and life, in response to the word of God. From his own experience, St Paul certainly stood a better chance to propose this same way to the early Christians in Corinth (1 Co 7:29-31). Like himself who had counted whatever gain he previously had and enjoyed as rubbish “for the sake of Christ” and because of “the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord” (Ph 3:7-9), he now encourages and challenges the Corinthians not to be “engrossed” in worldly affairs “because the world as we know it is passing away.”

The word of God is at the foundation and centre of our faith and calling. “Faith,” St Paul emphasises, “comes through hearing and hearing by the word of God” (Rm 10:17). But the word is not merely a written text. Neither is it a dead text. It is always “alive and active” (Hb 4:12; see Jn 6:63), efficacious and effective, because it accomplishes what it promises or declares (Is 55:11). Moreover, the word is a *person*, namely Jesus Christ (Jn 1:7). It is he who has called each of us as he called the disciples and the prophets before them. Like them, without *faith* and *conversion* (humility, repentance, detachment and commitment), we will neither understand and respond to his word, nor be able to “proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world.”

May celebrating the Sunday of the Word of God help us deepen our love for the word of God in the Scriptures and empower us to proclaim it courageously, with faith, hope and love. © IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20
<b>2ND READING</b>	1 Corinthians 7:32-35
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Mark 1:21-28

<b>PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE</b>		<b>PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS</b>	
	<p><b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died</b>, 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.</p>	<p><b>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS</b>  <b>Sunday (24/01):</b> 2pm – 3.30pm  <b>Monday (25/01):</b> 5pm – 6pm  <b>Tuesday (26/01):</b> 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm  <b>Wednesday (27/01):</b> 10.30am – 1pm  <b>Thursday (28/01):</b> 10.30am – 12pm  <b>Friday (29/01):</b> 10.00am – 12pm  <b>Saturday (30/01):</b> 9.30am – 10am (<i>During Confessions</i>)</p>	
	<p><b>Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community:</b> 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 &amp; Chris McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, and Claire Pender.</p>	<p><b>OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY: 18-25 JANUARY</b>  The theme for this year's octave of prayer for Christian unity is <b>"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit"</b> (cf. <b>Jn 15:5-9</b>). 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. <a href="http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/settimana-di-preghiera-per-l-unita/en.html">http://www.christianunity.va/content/unitacristiani/en/settimana-di-preghiera-per-l-unita/en.html</a> and the website of the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales <a href="https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/wpcu-2021/">https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/wpcu-2021/</a></p>	
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>		<p><b>54TH WORLD DAY OF PEACE – 1 JANUARY 2021</b>  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, <i>"a culture of care as a way to combat the culture of indifference, waste and confrontation so prevalent in our time."</i> Full text of "A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace" at <a href="http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.html">http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/papa-francesco_20201208_messaggio-54giornatamondiale-pace2021.html</a></p>	
	<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 am grateful to those of you who have started to make your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at <a href="http://olionline.co.uk">olionline.co.uk</a>), or by online banking: <b>RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.</b></i></p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> 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: <a href="mailto:tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk">tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk</a> or phone: 020 8399 4368</p> <p><b>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</b></p>	<p><b>DONATIONS TO FOODBANK</b>  Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the <b>Old Chapel</b> (9am – 6pm). <b>Urgently Needed Food Items:</b> cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish &amp; spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thanks.</p>	
<b>INFANT BAPTISM</b>		<p><b>COVID-19 ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING SUPPORT</b>  With Volunteering Kingston: Please see the detail of this volunteer role which you may be interested in. <a href="#">Find out more about this opportunity and sign up now with Volunteering Kingston</a></p>	
	<p>Please contact the Parish Office for information pack &amp; to register for the pre-baptism course.  <b>Next course:</b> TBA</p>	<b>† Leslie Feast – RIP †</b>	
<b>FIRST HOLY COMMUNION</b>		<p>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. <b>Funeral:</b> Friday, 29 January at Randalls Park Crematorium at 11am. Link for livestreaming: <a href="http://www.wesleymedia.co.uk">www.wesleymedia.co.uk</a>. Select Webcasts from the section titled 'Solutions.' <b>Order ID:</b> 66388; <b>Password:</b> vwzufnvj</p>	
	<p>Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.</p>	<b>† Heather Trutwein – RIP</b>	
<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020</b>		<p>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.</p> <p><b>Funeral:</b> Monday, 1 February at 12pm. <b>NB:</b> Because of current restrictions, only 30 people are allowed to attend. Please, ring George (020 8241 7574) to reserve a place.</p>	
	<p><b>Candidates Meeting:</b> Next date TBA</p>	<b>† James (Jimmy) Thomas Costello – RIP †</b>	
<b>CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS</b>		<p>A devoted parishioner who died peacefully on Sunday, 3 January, aged 72 years. <b>Funeral:</b> Monday, 8 February at 12.45pm. Please, remember him in your prayers.</p>	
<p>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>		<b>† Verna Hutchinson – RIP</b>	
		<p>A devoted parishioner who died on Christmas Day, aged 87 years. <b>Funeral:</b> Thursday, 11 February at 12pm. Please, remember her in your prayers.</p>	