



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

31 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>**

30 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Vincent Waters – (M J Gray)
31 Sun <i>Racial Justice Day</i>	09.00	Patricia Licence – RIP
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish
	18.00	Dec'd of Barry family–RIP (C Furlong)

WEEKDAY OF THE YEAR (I)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

1 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Mamachan Thundikal – RIP (Rosamma & family)
2 Tues <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.30	Angela Carrion – WB (D Kidd)
	19.00	Michael Emmett – RIP (Family)
3 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Theo Fernandes– RIP
	19.00	Rob Brook –RIP (Richard Challoner)
4 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Kay Curry – RIP (S Maher)
	9.30	The Thompson Family –WB (Fahy)
5 Friday <i>St Agatha</i>	7.00	Private Intention
	9.30	Catherine Flanagan – RIP (M Gray)
6 Sat <i>Ss Paul Miki & Companions</i>	9.00	Harriet Hutchinson – RIP (R Lee)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

6 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Michael Connolly - WB
7 Sun	9.00	Dec'd of Rosaria Papa & Family – RIP (Franco)
	11.00	Madeline Gray – RIP (M J Gray)
	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.

“HIS TEACHING MADE A DEEP IMPRESSION ON THEM”

Today is observed as Racial Justice Sunday. The theme for this year’s celebration, **“A TIME TO ACT,”** reminds us that racial issues and inequalities are particularly significant and require, beyond mere rhetoric, a commitment by all to advance the cause of racial justice. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have offered us helpful resources to aid our reflection and action on the theme <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/home/events/racial-justice-sunday-2021/>.

Today’s readings also offer us inspiring insights. They remind us of the prophetic ministry of the Church. This ministry is derived first and foremost from baptism, but also entrusted especially to the Pope and Bishops in communion with him (*the Magisterium*) who, as *Successors of the Apostles*, have received a special charism and the mandate to teach authoritatively in the Church.

The first reading reminds us about Moses (Deut 18:15-20). He was not only a great prophet and leader of God’s people, but also an exemplary teacher and lawgiver, a mediator between God and the people of Israel. His authority was derived from his relationship with God and his closeness to the people. Thus, at the twilight of his life and career, he reassures them that God would raise up for them another prophet from among them. Yet he warns them about the dire consequences for both prophet and people, if they fail to listen to and follow God’s will. This prophecy is fulfilled ultimately in Jesus (see Matt 5:17-26; 19:7-8).

Jesus’ teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum (Mk 1:21-28), **“made a deep impression”** on the people **“because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.”** He taught with his own authority as the Son of God. As true God and true man, Jesus did not depend on the interpretations and / or opinions of others about God or the Laws and Prophets. Because **“I [he] and the Father are one”** (Jn 10:30), no one could know the Father better than him to whom the Father had entrusted everything (see Matt 11:27). Thus, the authority of Jesus consisted in his intimate communion with (and knowledge of) the Father and his will. This gave him the audacity to declare unequivocally, **“I came not to abolish the law or the prophets, but to fulfil them”** (Matt 5:17). He understood his power as authority to **do good** (see Acts 10:38), **save and not destroy life** (see Mk 3:1-5), **forgive and liberate and not condemn** (see Matt 9:3-5; Jn 8:11), **serve and not be served** (see Matt 20:23; Jn 13:4-5), etc. This is what made a deep impression on the people, and this is the example of the authority he handed over to his apostles and disciples (see Jn 13:12-15), and to his holy Church. St Paul models this authority in the second reading.

Inspired by the Lord’s example and his mandate, our Bishops invite us today, to reflect on and take necessary and urgent action against racism in all strata of our society, school and church. As **“authentic teachers, that is, teachers endowed with the authority of Christ, who preach the faith to the people entrusted to them, the faith to be believed and put into practice”** (Vat. II, *Lumen Gentium*, §25), the Bishops emphasise, among others, that **“Welcome, Protect, Promote and Integrate”** – four verbs used by Pope Francis repeatedly for **“encouraging positive and direct action in relation to migrants and refugees”** – **“are essential to advancing the cause of racial justice.”**

Like Jesus’, may our teaching and witness against racism make a deep and lasting impression in our society and world, because we teach with the **authority of our example and action.** © IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Job 7:1-4,6-7
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23
GOSPEL	Mark 1:29-39

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially Reparata Cocca, Heather Trutwein, Jimmy Costello, Verna Hutchinson, Leslie Feast, Hannah Oddy, 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, 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	
	<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	
	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	
<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>	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS	
Sunday (31/01): 2pm – 3.30pm	
Monday (1/02): 5pm – 6pm	
Tuesday (2/02): 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm	
Wednesday (3/02): 10.30am – 1pm	
Thursday (4/02): 10.30am – 12pm	
Friday (5/02): 10.00am – 12pm	
Saturday (6/02): 9.30am – 10am (<i>During Confessions</i>)	
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)	
Tuesday, 2 February is the <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i> (Candlemas). There will be two Masses: 9.30am and 7pm. Candles will be blessed at the beginning of the 9.30am. However, there will be no solemn procession because of social distancing.	
	
<p>The Lenten Project AGM was held on Sunday 29th November 2020. At this meeting the charities, which the Parish will be supporting for Lent 2021 were chosen. A copy of the minutes is on the parish Website (Community/Lenten Project).</p> <p>Three Charities were nominated and all three were adopted. The charities are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St Joseph's Boys Hostel (SRI LANKA) Providing food, lodging and education to 93 students. 2. The Carmelite Sisters (SUDAN) The Carmelite Sisters are providing a medical clinic to war-torn Southern Sudan to help the poor and destitute. 3. The Cardinal Ekandem Seminary (NIGERIA) A junior seminary in the Catholic Diocese of Uyo, where Fr Ignatius & Fr Joseph studied. It presently has 300 students, in 6 year-groups. The support under the Lenten Project will provide much needed help towards building a new hostel. <p>If you would like to organise or participate in an event during lent 2021 please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk.</p>	
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.	
† James (Jim) Thomas Costello – RIP †	
A devoted parishioner who died peacefully on Sunday, 3 January, aged 72 years. Funeral: Monday, 8 February at 12.45pm. Please, remember him in your prayers.	
† Verna Hutchinson – RIP	
A devoted parishioner who died on Christmas Day, aged 87 years. Funeral: Thursday, 11 February at 12pm. Please, remember her in your prayers.	
† Hannah Oddy – RIP	
A devoted parishioner who died at Epsom Beaumont Nursing Home on 21 January, aged 97 years. Funeral: Kingston Crematorium, Thursday, 11 February at 3.40pm. Please, remember her in your prayers.	
† Josephine Maria Philips – RIP	
A devoted parishioner who died on Sunday, 17 January, aged 100 years. Funeral: Monday, 22 February at 1pm. Please, remember her in your prayers.	
† Heather Trutwein – RIP	
Please, remember in your prayers Heather Trutwein 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: Postponed. New date TBA	