



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

28 FEBRUARY 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>**

27 Sat Vigil	18.30	Vincent Burrows – RIP (FM)
28 Sun	9.00	Mary Devany – RIP (Mitchel)
	11.00	Rose & Anthony Mills (S Mills)
	18.00	Jacques Pierce – WB

WEEKDAY OF LENT

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

01 Mon St David (Patron of Wales)	9.30	Rajani Reginald – RIP
02 Tues Feria of Lent	9.30	Margaret Burns – RIP (K Fox)
	19.00	Kathleen & Frank Tucholski (S Mills)
03 Wed Feria of Lent	9.30	Sarah & James Conmey –RIP (S Mills)
	19.00	Joseph Antonisamy – RIP (Mary)
04 Thurs Feria of Lent	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	James Thomas Mills' Intentions
05 Friday Feria of Lent	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Margaret Heraghty's Intentions
06 Sat Feria of Lent	9.00	Patrick & Lena Connolly – RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

06 Sat Vigil	18.30	Gwen & Kenneth Batty (Batty)
07 Sun RCIA First Scrutiny	9.00	Joe Cullinan – RIP (P Grogan)
	11.00	Regina Sellammah – RIP (2 nd Anv)
	18.00	Pro Populo – 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: FRIDAY, after 9.30am Mass

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.

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON – LISTEN TO HIM!

The Gospel of the second Sunday of Lent (Mk 2:2-10) focuses on the mystery of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The episode is also narrated in Matthew (17:1-13) and Luke (9:28-36); this shows its importance both to the evangelists and the early Church (see 2 Pe 1:16-18) because of its relevance for understanding the paschal mystery. Reflecting on the context, the main characters and statements involved in the event can help us to enter into the depths of the mystery it unveils.

The presence of Moses and Elijah is, on the one hand, a confirmation of Jesus' declaration in Matthew 5:17: "I have come not to abolish [the Law or the Prophets] but to complete them." On the other hand, it can be seen as an endorsement of Jesus and his mission by the two most outstanding of his Jewish forebears and can be compared to the witness of John the Baptist during his baptism at the Jordan (Matt 3:13-15). This human approval so to speak is complimented and perfected by the divine endorsement by means of the voice from heaven: "And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'" Like at his baptism (Matt 3:16-17), the mystery of his divinity is unveiled through this divine testimony. The resplendent transformation of his physical countenance and attire, the appearance of Moses and Elijah and the testimony by the Father's voice from heaven, together constitute a unique mystical experience for the three disciples in view of the paschal mystery of his suffering, death and resurrection. This is emphasised in the Preface of today's Mass: "For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death, on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection." Similarly, the Preface of the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (6 August) states that the Transfiguration was intended to remove "the scandal of the Cross ... from the hearts of his disciples" and also serve as a foretaste of the splendour of the whole Church in heaven. In other words, the Transfiguration foreshadows the glory of the resurrection of Jesus. But the resurrection is preceded by his suffering and death on the cross. Thus, St Paul explains that the paschal mystery was the climax of Jesus' self-emptying (kenosis) and obedience to the Father and the reason for his ultimate glorification (Ph 2:5-11). Again, in the second reading (Rm 8:31-34), St Paul proclaims "He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us." It is noteworthy how the sacrifice of Abraham provides a powerful imagery for St Paul to describe the Paschal Mystery of Christ – "God did not spare his own Son but gave him up to benefit us all," thereby invoking the imagery of Abraham, in the first reading (Gn 22:1-2,9-13,15-18), who was ready to sacrifice his only son Isaac in obedience to God. Further, Abraham provides us a model for responding to the Father who not only speaks, testifying to his Beloved Son on the holy mountain, but also invites us to listen to him.

Listening is an important precondition for discipleship. Since God's call can and does come in both ordinary and mysterious ways, we need ongoing discernment together with humility, faith, and perseverance. Abraham is a model for us (Hb 11:17-18). Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, let us be open to listen to God's Beloved Son this Lent and become more conformed to him in our words and deeds in order to share in his glory. © IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Exodus 20:1-17
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 1:22-25
GOSPEL	John 2:13-25

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially Antonio Ciaiola, Seyoshiya Paramanathan, Fr Richard Diala, CM (former PP of Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham), and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.	CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (28/02): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (01/03): 10 – 11.15am; 5pm – 6pm Tuesday (02/03): 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (03/03): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (04/03): 10.30am – 12pm Friday (05/03): 10.00am – 12pm Saturday (06/03): 9.30am – 10am (During Confessions) CAFOD FAMILY FAST: Thanks to all who took part. You can use envelopes provided or contribute online at www.cafod.org.uk/lent	
	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.	 We are now in Lent 2021 and by now the usual events would start taking place by the Lenten Project Committee. Unfortunately, these have been curtailed by the lockdown and the on-going pandemic. We are absolutely determined however, not to let the pandemic derail the Parish Lenten Project particularly in our 50th anniversary year. So, in our Golden Jubilee Year, we intend to bring a full programme of events – they just will not all be in Lent. The sponsored walk is going ahead, and other events will take place when circumstances allow. If you do not have a Lenten Box you may make a donation via the Justgiving page below which has been set up for sponsorship for the sponsored walk (please see article below). https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Our-Lady-Immaculate-Church Please support the Parish Lenten Project. Thank you. Any question? Please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk .	
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@caos.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.			
		HEADTEACHER VACANCY – OLI RC Primary School, Tolworth (Closing date Noon, Wednesday 3 March)	
		Following the imminent retirement of our current Headteacher, the Governing Body are seeking to appoint a Headteacher who is capable of continuing the positive journey we have been on over the past 5 years and who has the capacity to lead the school from very good to exceptional. If you are interested in the position or know someone who might be then please direct them to the school website for further details https://www.oli.kingston.sch.uk/vacancies/	
		ONLINE RETREAT FOR LENT	
		Archbishop John and the Diocesan Spirituality Commission are offering a Retreat for Lent, which you can follow in your own home. Using the link below, you can watch a short video reflection each week, download prayer materials and other resources which can help you make the best use of whatever time and opportunity you may have during your week. If you are looking for a way to deepen your life of prayer this Lent, click on http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/followme where you can also sign up to receive materials directly to your email.	
		† Seyoshiya Paramanathan – RIP	
		Grandmother of Mareen, Jean & Patrick Wickramasingham, who died on 9 February, aged 90 years. Funeral: Tuesday, 2 March at 1pm. May she rest in peace.	