



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

07 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>**

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

WEEKDAY OF THE YEAR (I)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

8 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	James Costello – RIP (<i>T Rutter</i>) <i>Day for Victims of Trafficking</i>
9 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Sid Linstead – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	19.00	Rina Fernandes (<i>L Confait</i>)
10 Wed <i>St Scholastica</i>	9.30	Joseph & Mary Surry – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	19.00	Heather Trutwein - RIP (<i>S. Melder</i>)
11 Thurs <i>Feria (World Day for the Sick)</i>	7.00	Annie Sharman – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	James Timulty – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
12 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Karen Lau - WB (<i>J. Wong</i>)
	9.30	Rosemary Butcher – RIP
13 Sat <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00	Thanksgiving (<i>L Confait</i>)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

13 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Violet & Laurence Seager (<i>Batty</i>)
14 Sun	9.00	Christi Suraco – RIP (<i>M. Guntrip</i>)
	11.00	Noreen Walsh – RIP (<i>T Hayes</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.

“HE TOOK OUR SICKNESSES AWAY”

Healing was an integral part of Jesus’ ministry. That the Gospels narrate numerous episodes of healing (and exorcism) by Jesus, is illustrative of its significance for his mission – and for the early Church. That is why he entrusted the same mission to his Church through the apostles and disciples (Mk 6:7-13; Lk 10:9).

Today’s Gospel (Mk 1:29-39) narrates two related episodes of healing at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry. Jesus heals the mother-in-law of one of his close associates, Simon (Peter). Her healing is very straightforward: “*He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up.*” This threefold action is hugely symbolic. It is noteworthy that Jesus does not wait for her to come to him (she was already in bed) or for someone else to bring her to him. No, he takes the initiative. He goes over to her. The mystery of the incarnation is as it were re-enacted here. God became man in Jesus, not to stay from a distance to offer us help, but so that God might be very close to us, sharing our human nature with all its joys, happiness, pains, anxiety, frustration, fear and anger, in order to *raise us up* and, as the Fathers of the Church such as St Athanasius explains, so that “*we might become God.*” And so, the impact of Jesus’ outreach to this woman is instantaneous: “*And the fever left her, and she began to wait on them.*” As the news of her healing spreads, many others who were sick or possessed are brought to him after sunset – and he heals them all.

There are at least three significant elements to the healing miracles of Jesus in the Gospel. First, by healing the sick and casting out demons (as in today’s Gospel), Jesus takes a concrete step to respond to the problem of human suffering. He is not interested in speculations about the cause of such suffering. His primary focus is on the persons who bear them either through sickness, infirmity or demonic possessions and on setting them free for good, thereby, giving them new life and hope. Second, it manifests his solidarity with and compassion for the sick and afflicted, even to the point of taking upon himself their suffering so that they are “*healed by his wounds*” (Is 53:5). Third, through healing and exorcism, Jesus announces concretely the in-break of the Kingdom of God in the here and now. “*But if it is through the finger of God that I cast out devils, then know that the kingdom of God has overtaken you*” (Lk 11: 20). Thus, Jesus’ healing is pointer to his ultimate mission – salvation – as expressed by the name Jesus, “*the one who is to save his people from their sins.*” Remarkably, “*salvation*” and “*healing*” share a common etymological root in the Latin word “*salus,*” which means “*health.*” To save is, therefore, to bring to health and wholeness in the holistic sense. Communion with God is central and decisive in our quest for such holistic health and wholeness since we cannot find rest, as St Augustine says, except in God. Jesus exemplifies this by his withdrawing from the crowds to a lonely place to pray – and spiritually sustain his communion with the Father.

The Church’s mission is not only to save souls literally, but to save the whole person – body, soul, and spirit. Like Christ, the care of the sick is central to the mission of the Church today. This mission is carried out spiritually especially through the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, but also through Penance and the Eucharist and, materially, through the Church’s work in social and healthcare services. God’s care for the sick is also reflected in the commitment of doctors, nurses, healthcare assistants, chaplains, and all who take care of those who suffer in any way. © IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
GOSPEL	Mark 1:40-45

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially Heather Trutwein, Jimmy Costello, Verna Hutchinson, Hannah Oddy, Josephine Maria Philips, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.	CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (7/02): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (8/02): 5pm – 6pm Tuesday (9/02): 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (10/02): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (11/02): 10.30am – 12pm Friday (12/02): 10.00am – 12pm Saturday (13/02): 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.	LENT 2021 Wednesday, 17 February is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, a time of <i>prayer, fasting</i> and <i>almsgiving</i> in preparation for the celebration of Easter. There will be three Masses: 7.00am, 9.30am and 7pm. Ashes will be blessed and distributed in all three Masses.	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		 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). Three Charities were nominated and all three were adopted. The Charities are: <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. 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 . 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.	
	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. 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		† 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.	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA	† 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.	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		† 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.	
	Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.	† 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.	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		† 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	
	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.			