



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

06 March 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>**

06 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Gwen & Kenneth Batty (<i>Batty</i>)
07 Sun <i>RCIA First Scrutiny</i>	9.00	Joe Cullinan – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>)
	11.00	Regina Sellammah – RIP (<i>2nd Anv</i>)
	18.00	Regina Jayawardana – RIP (<i>Dilini</i>)
WEEKDAY OF LENT		
EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
08 Mon <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Rajani Reginald – RIP
09 Tues <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Janaki Gandhimathi – RIP (<i>Mary</i>)
	19.00	Varkeychen Kocherry – RIP (<i>74th Anv</i>)
10 Wed <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Heather Trutwein – RIP (<i>Tea Club</i>)
	19.00	RIP Pat Kissane & Kissane Family
11 Thurs <i>Feria of Lent</i>	7.00	Mary Trussler – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	Josie Philips – RIP (<i>Tea Club</i>)
12 Friday <i>Feria of Lent</i>	7.00	Richard O'Flaherty – RIP (<i>Fahy</i>)
	9.30	Fr J Edem's Intentions (<i>G Trutwein</i>)
13 Sat <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.00	Hannah Gwyther (<i>K Fox</i>)
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE (B)		
13 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Josephine Philips – RIP (<i>Houston</i>)
14 Sun <i>RCIA Second Scrutiny</i>	9.00	Anita, Jagath, Vincent & Michael – RIP (<i>Anne</i>)
	11.00	Devasa Gayham – RIP
	18.00	Mary Campbell & Mary Langton – RIP (<i>M. Campbell</i>)

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.

CONSUMED BY DIVINE ZEAL

The cleansing of the Temple is an important episode in the public ministry of Jesus. This is why it is recorded by the three synoptic Gospels (Matt 21:12-17; Mk 11:15-19 and Lk 19:45-48) and by John (2:13-25) whose account is read in today's Gospel. All four gospels agree that this episode took place at the Temple and before the Passover. Nonetheless, John's account differs from the synoptists (Matthew, Mark and Luke) in two main ways.

First, it places the event at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry whereas the latter keeps it close to its end, precisely a week before his passion and death. Thus, for the synoptists, Jesus' rather provocative action in the Temple was the climax of his perceived 'insubordination' against the Jewish authorities and, therefore, provides the immediate catalyst for his arrest, prosecution and crucifixion. For John, however, it signalled the non-conformist attitude with which Jesus would carry out his public ministry, always intent to do nothing but the Father's will, even to the point of giving up his life on the Cross. Second, John offers a comparatively more detailed narrative than the others. It includes, among others, a dialogue (actually, confrontation) between Jesus and the Temple authorities. They do not just appear helpless; they challenge Jesus' authority for acting thus. This, in turn, provides Jesus the opportunity to unveil – although in a rather cryptic manner – the significance of his action in the light of his death and resurrection: “*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up*” (Jn 2:19). Interestingly, this riposte would later form part of the allegations against him at his trial before the Sanhedrin: “*We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands*” (Mk 14:58).

It is important to reflect on the actions and words of Jesus:

“Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.’”

The expression of undisguised human emotions by Jesus is noteworthy here. Jesus is not one to shy away from confronting evil. But he never acts out of any self-interest. He is completely preoccupied with the Father's will (Jn 6:38). Thus, the disciples find inspiration from Ps 69:9 for his action: “*Zeal for your house devours me and the insults of those who insult you fall on me.*” This situates Jesus within the tradition of Israel's prophets who had to confront evil without any fear or favour (see Matt 22:16).

Further, there is a link between Jesus' action and the Ten Commandments (*the Decalogue*) in the first reading (Ex 20:1-17). The “*turning of [the Temple] to a market,*” by the merchants was clearly an offence against the first Tablet of the *Decalogue*, which deals with God's sovereignty, holiness and supreme prerogatives: “*You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and will all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment*” (Matt 22:37-38). Besides, by his death and resurrection, the Temple in Jerusalem has been surpassed by his body, the Temple par excellence, not made by human hands. Now, through him, we have become God's Temple (1 Co 3:16). So, any offence against others (“*you must love your neighbour*”) becomes also an offence against God (see Acts 9:4). Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent, may we be consumed by divine zeal and remain committed to the advancement of God's Kingdom here on earth. © **IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23
2ND READING	Ephesians 2:4-10
GOSPEL	John 3:14-21

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	
	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.	Sunday (07/03): 2pm – 3.30pm Monday (08/03): 10 – 11.15am; 5pm – 6pm Tuesday (09/03): 10.15 – 12pm; 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (10/03): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (11/03): 10.30am – 12pm Friday (12/03): 10.00am – 12pm Saturday (13/03): 9.30am – 10am (During Confessions)	
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@caos.org.uk or phone: 020 8399 4368</p> <p>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</p>	<p>We are now in Lent 2021 and by now the usual events would start talking 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.</p> <p>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 (<i>please see article below</i>).</p> <p>https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Our-Lady-Immaculate-Church Please support the Parish Lenten Project. Thank you.</p> <p>Any question? Please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk.</p>	
INFANT BAPTISM		SPONSORED WALK: This year, due to COVID restrictions, we cannot have a sponsored walk event where we walk as a group. Instead, we are asking Parishioners to commit to walk either individually, or as a family, a certain number of miles during the period of Lent. Given that this year is the 50th Parish Lenten Project, a number of Parishioners have committed to walking 50 miles; however, one individual has committed to 500 miles! Please contact Elspeth (elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com) if you are interested in taking part, as it would be lovely to calculate the total walked by Parishioners.	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA	If you would like to sponsor us, please either pop some money in an envelope and post through the Presbytery door or use the above Justgiving site. Many thanks for your support!	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		DONATIONS TO FOODBANK	
	Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.	Please leave your donations in the boxes provided in the Old Chapel (9am – 6pm). <u>Urgently Needed Food Items:</u> cereals, instant mash, juice, tinned meat, fish & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thanks.	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		ONLINE RETREAT FOR LENT	
	Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA	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.	
CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS		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.	
Who carries cash these days? Many 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! Contactless payment machines are available in the narthex whenever the Church doors are open: Select the amount you wish to give, tap your payment card on the reader, and the payment will come through to the parish. You can also Gift-Aid your donation directly on it. Thank you for your generosity.		CRIBB OFFERING 2020: £350.00.	
		† MARIA LUISA FERREIRA – RIP	
		A devoted parishioner who died on Sunday, 28 February 2021, aged 88. Funeral Mass: Wednesday, 17 March at 11am, followed by committal at Surbiton Cemetery. May she rest in peace, Amen.	
		YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH (8 DEC 2020 – 8 DEC 2021)	
		As previously announced, to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as the <i>Patron of the Universal Church</i> , Pope Francis has proclaimed 8 Dec 2020 – 8 Dec 2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph, with the Apostolic Letter <i>Patris corde</i> . Starting this weekend, we will mark the Year by reciting the Prayer to St Joseph after the Post Communion Prayer, before the final blessing. Text will be made available in the weekend Mass sheets / parish website.	