



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)**

18 April 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>**

17 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Veronica Heaton ( <i>D Heaton</i> )
18 Sun	9.00	Anne McDonnagh – WB ( <i>Fahy</i> )
	11.00	Anna & Roman Szymanski – 70 <sup>th</sup> <i>Wedding Annv (Family)</i>
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo – For the People</i>

**FERIA OF EASTERTIDE**

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

19 Mon <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Seamus Ruddy – RIP ( <i>S Mills</i> )
20 Tues <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	William McCrattan –WB ( <i>I Costello</i> )
	19.00	Rose & Catherine Cusiak – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
21 Wed <i>St Anselm</i>	9.30	Peter Burns – RIP ( <i>K Fox</i> )
	19.00	Ray Harrison – RIP ( <i>A Cook</i> )
22 Thurs <i>Feria of Easter</i>	7.00	Tina Dowling – RIP ( <i>Fahy</i> )
	9.30	Catherine Yap – WB
23 Friday <i>St George – Patron of England</i>	7.00	Lourdes De Souza – WB
	9.30	Furlong Family D'ced – RIP ( <i>Chris</i> )
24 Sat <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.00	Aideen Phillips – RIP ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Annv</i> )

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

24 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	
25 Sun <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	9.00	Rosemary Cuniiffe – RIP ( <i>Cahill</i> )
	11.00	Severine Rodrigues – RIP
	18.00	

**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.

**“YOU ARE WITNESSES TO THIS”**

Dear friends in Christ, the Gospel reading (Lk 24:35-48) of the Third Sunday of Easter (Year C) tells us about another appearance of the Risen Lord to his disciples. The evangelist Luke concludes his account of the *Emmaus Story* (Lk 24:13-34), in which he narrates how Jesus met two disciples on the way as they were fleeing Jerusalem on that fateful first Easter evening. Through explaining the scriptures to them about how the Christ was destined to suffer, die and then rise again after three days, he gradually opened their minds, though they still did not recognise him until later on, when he broke bread before them at dinner. In today's passage, these two disciples have returned immediately to tell their story to their colleagues. It seems, like Thomas in last Sunday's (Jn 20:19-21), they were also doubtful. Hence, when the Risen Lord himself appears to them, he greets them with similar words and gestures as we heard last week from the evangelist John: *'Peace be with you!'*

Interestingly, Luke apparently extends “Thomas' doubt” to the whole cohort of disciples when he recounts, *“In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, ‘Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?’ Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.”* When he showed them his hands and feet, they were filled with joy but remained unconvinced. Then, he asked for something to eat and they offered him a piece of grilled fish which he ate before them. Still, they wouldn't believe or understand what was happening. Their minds were still closed. That is why they could not recognise him. In a way, they had experienced but not yet encountered him at that stage.

To move from mere experience to real encounter, they needed more than *seeing* and *touching*; they needed to understand the meaning of what was happening and what they were seeing and touching. So, he took them through the scriptures to explain all that was happening as the fulfilment of *“everything written about [him] in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms.”*

His final words to them – *“You are witnesses to this”* – is both a confirmation of their conversion and a commissioning. For, by this statement, he validates their faith which comes about through their conversion from doubting to believing. In the same vein, he also sends them forth to proclaim the Good News so that *“in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”*

In the first reading, the same evangelist writing in Acts (3:13-15, 17-19), gives an account of how this mandate was carried out by the apostles in the early church. Concluding his address to the people in Jerusalem after Pentecost, Peter emphasises, in a language similar to Jesus in the Gospel, that the paschal mystery was God's fulfilment of the scriptures *“that his Christ would suffer,”* and concludes with calling the people to repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As the evangelist John re-assures us in the second reading (1 Jn 2:1-5), *“we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's.”*

This is the heart of the *kerygma* – the proclamation of the Good News of salvation! It is the perennial mission of the Church. We are all invited to take active part in this mission in ways suitable to our different states of life, situations, and callings. ©IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Acts 4:8-12
<b>2ND READING</b>	1 John 3:1-2
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 10:11-18

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died</b> , especially Stephen Jones, Mary Creighan, Andrea Arbia, Paul Bullen, Sr Chimaoge Mahakwe, Philomena Eyo, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.	<b>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS</b> <b>Sunday (18/04):</b> 2 – 3.30pm <b>Monday (19/04):</b> 10 – 11.15am & 5pm – 6pm <b>Tuesday (20/04):</b> 10.15 – 12pm & 4pm – 7pm <b>Wednesday (21/04):</b> 10.30am – 1pm <b>Thursday (22/04):</b> 10.30am – 12pm <b>Friday (23/04):</b> 10.00am – 12pm <b>Saturday (24/04):</b> 9.30am – 10am ( <i>During Confessions</i> )	
	<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 & Chris McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, and Alison Vale.	<b>NEXT WEEK: PRIEST TRAINING FUND 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION</b> Next Sunday is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. As members of the Church, we are encouraged to pray earnestly for an increase in priestly and religious vocations. Next week we will take up the second collection in support of the Priest Training Fund, which pays for the formation of Southwark Seminarians and Deacons and the good work of our vocations team.  Please be generous to this appeal. Your gifts will support 7 men currently in formation to the priesthood in our Diocese. There will be a donation envelope available at Mass today, which can be used to Gift Aid your donation. You can also donate online via <a href="http://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm">www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/vocations.htm</a> , by scanning the QR code below, or via telephone on 020 7960 2504 (office hours Monday – Friday).	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		 Thank you for your prayers and generosity  	
	<b>LAST WEEKEND</b> <b>Non-Gift-aid:</b> £485.06 <b>Gift-aid:</b> £485.29 <b>Total: £901.35*</b>  <i>*Excluding standing orders &amp; online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on the first weekend of every new month.</i>  <b>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</b> <i>Kindly consider making 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:</i> <b>RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.</b>  <b>IMPORTANT:</b> Please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. Non-Gift Aid donors, please include the letters NGA in the instruction to the bank. Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook: <a href="mailto:tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk">tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk</a> or 0208 8399 4368		
INFANT BAPTISM		<b>RETURNING OF BOXES</b> Continues this weekend at the end of all Masses. You may also deliver it directly via the Presbytery Letter Box; if so, kindly collapse the box and enclose with content into a sealed envelope.	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. <b>Next course:</b> TBA	<b>LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK</b> This year, instead of a sponsored walk event where we walked as a group, we asked Parishioners to commit to walk / run / cycle either individually, or as a family, a certain number of miles during the period of Lent. Together with Frs Ignatius and Joseph, many Parishioners and their families got involved. In total we walked / ran / cycled 3,106 miles, which is almost 5,000 kilometres! What an outstanding result! It's not too late to sponsor us. If you would like to do so, please either pop some money in an envelope and post through the Presbytery door, or use the following Justgiving site: <a href="https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Our-Lady-Immaculate-Church">https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Our-Lady-Immaculate-Church</a> Many thanks for your support!	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		<b>WEEKLY ROSARY GROUP</b> Saint Louis Marie de Montfort said it is better to pray the Rosary with a group, rather than alone. For those interested, you're welcome to join a group that meets every Tuesday before Evening Mass in the Church (18.20-18.50) and pray a full, five-decade of the Rosary. Any query? You can contact Davido at <a href="mailto:mrmddvd@protonmail.com">mrmddvd@protonmail.com</a> if you wish.	
	Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.	<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 & spaghetti, biscuits, noodles, rice, pasta, tea and coffee. Thanks.	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020			
	<b>Candidates Meeting:</b> Next date TBA		
CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS			
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. <b>You can also Gift-Aid your donation directly on it.</b> Thank you for your generosity.			