



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION (B)

04 April 2021

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School: Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mrs. Frances Robertson

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

EASTER SUNDAY (B)

**YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE
 LIVESTREAMING AT <https://www.olionline.co.uk>**

03 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	20.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People of the Parish
04 Sun	8.00	
	9.15	Anton Sebastianpillai – RIP (<i>1st Anv</i>)
	11.00	Edmund Okon – RIP (<i>1st Anv</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish

EASTER OCTAVE

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

05 Mon <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30	Rajani Reginald – RIP
06 Tues <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30	Private Intention (<i>P. Menezes</i>)
	19.00	M Karuvelithera – RIP (<i>31st Anv</i>)
07 Wed <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30	James Mills' Intentions (<i>S Mills</i>)
	19.00	Patrick Morrell – RIP (<i>S Wells</i>)
08 Thurs <i>Easter Octave</i>	7.00	Redding Family's Dec'd –RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	Jacob Vethanayagam – RIP (<i>Anita</i>)
09 Friday <i>Easter Octave</i>	7.00	
	9.30	Margaret Heraghty's Intentions (<i>S Mills</i>)
10 Sat <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00	Seamus Conmey's Intentions (<i>S Mills</i>)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

10 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	
11 Sun	9.00	Matthew & Mary Cruickshank – WB (<i>M C Taylor</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish
	18.00	Fr Fenton Crotty – RIP (<i>S Mills</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

EASTER GREETINGS

On behalf of Fr Joseph, Dcn Al and myself, I would like to wish all parishioners and visitors to our parish a very joyful Easter.

May I also thank the selfless team of volunteers who have worked tirelessly around the clock to make sure we had a good celebration of the Sacred Triduum and Easter.

Fr Ignatius, PP.

ALLELUIA! THE LORD IS RISEN!

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is a defining event not only in the mystery of the Incarnation but also in the history of salvation. This is why faith in the Resurrection is central and crucial to the Christian faith, life and hope. For it is critically significant in establishing the divinity of Christ and the accomplishment of eternal salvation and establishes his full victory over sin and death. More than any other events during his life and public ministry, it is the Resurrection that definitively manifests Jesus as the Son of God. Otherwise, Jesus would have been, at best, an outstanding prophet-teacher if not, at worst, one among many other failed 'messianic' figures who were brutally crushed by the Romans (see Acts 5:35-39).

Further, the Resurrection is a vindication of God's Beloved Son by his Eternal Father, through the Power of the Holy Spirit. It establishes the salvific relevance of Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross and empowers the disciples to witness to him as Lord and Saviour. In other words, without the Resurrection, Jesus' death would have been an utter disaster. Thus, the apostle Paul declares firmly: "If Christ has not been raised then our preaching is useless and your believing it is useless ... and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have all perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people" (1 Co 15:12-19). The evangelist Luke reflects on the dramatic impact of the Resurrection on the disciples of Jesus and successive generations of believers in his account of the two disciples who were fleeing Jerusalem on the first Easter evening, uncertain about the reports from some of their colleagues and Mary Magdalene, that Jesus had risen. Their recognition of the Risen Lord, finally, at the *Breaking of Bread* marked a turning point in their life and experience (Lk 22:13-35). To be sure, the appearances of the Risen Lord to his apostles, disciples and many others (see 1 Co 15:1-8), played a significant role in shaping the early Church's faith in, and preaching about the Resurrection. Again, for Paul, this is the central message of the Gospel. And so, he asserts in 1 Corinthians 15: "... I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures...."

But faith in the Resurrection also has implication for the Christian understanding of themselves and their mission in the world. Firstly, the Resurrection of Christ serves both as the foundation and pledge of Christian hope here on earth and ultimately in the afterlife. Secondly, through holy Baptism, believers participate sacramentally in the death of Christ; they are buried with him and rise with him to new life (Rm 6:3-11). Thirdly, having been brought to new life in Christ, Paul challenges us in the second reading, to be heavenward in our thoughts, words and deeds; to live the resurrected life, that is, a life free from sin and enslavement to worldly things (Col 3:1-4). Finally, in the alternative second reading, Paul explains this new life in terms of "getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Co 5:6-8).

This is what it means to be an Easter people. Alleluia should not only be a song sung with the lips. It should encompass the whole of who we are and what we do in witness to the Gospel of new life in Christ, our Risen Lord. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 4:32-35
2ND READING	1 John 5:1-6
GOSPEL	John 20:19-31

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<p>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, 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.</p>	<p>CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS Sunday (04/04): Monday (05/04): 10 – 11.15am Tuesday (06/04): 10.15 – 12pm & 4pm – 7pm Wednesday (07/04): 10.30am – 1pm Thursday (08/04): 10.30am – 12pm Friday (09/04): 10.00am – 12pm Saturday (10/04): 9.30am – 10am (<i>During Confessions</i>)</p>	
	<p>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, Claire Pender, and Alison Vale.</p>	<p>NOTICE FOR GIFT AID DONORS This weekend is the last of this Tax Year. Boxes of envelopes for the 2021/22 Tax Year will be set out in the Old Chapel (<i>NB not the RDJ Room</i>) on Easter Sunday after the 9.15am and 11.00am Masses. Please ask a friend to collect for you if you do not expect to attend one of these. If you used to give by envelopes but are now giving, or wish to give, by standing order or online bank transfers, please collect your envelopes box anyway, as it contains envelopes for diocesan special collections as well as your Christmas and Easter donations which go to the clergy.</p>	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		PARISH LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK	
	<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 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. Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook, email: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or phone: 020 8399 4368 Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</p>	<p>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. 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!</p>	
INFANT BAPTISM		SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 2021	
	<p>Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA</p>	<p>1. February a) Gift-Aided: 3,668.69 b) Others: 2,622.22 2. January a) Gift-Aided: 4,574.69 b) Others: 2,037.43 Total: £12,903.03 (£14,196.57 in 2020; £14,057.17 in 2019)</p>	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		SUNDAY COLLECTIONS AUGUST – DECEMBER 2020	
	<p>Please, watch this space for information for the next programme.</p>	<p>3. December 2020 a) Gift-Aided: 6,052.44 b) Others: 1,173.97 4. November a) Gift-Aided: 4,208.13 b) Others: 3,235.58 5. October a) Gift-Aided: 4,442.09 b) Others: 1,884.17 6. September a) Gift-Aided: 4,025.35 b) Others: 2,149.84 7. August a) Gift-Aided: 6,044.20 b) Others: 2,422.04 Total: £35,638.20 (£36,799.55 same time last year) <i>Thank you for your generosity to your parish in these hard times.</i></p>	
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020		DONATIONS TO FOODBANK	
	<p>Candidates Meeting: Next date TBA</p>	<p>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.</p>	
CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS			
<p>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.</p>			