



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

16 May 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>**

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| 15 Sat <i>Vigil</i> | 18.30 | Eileen & Chris Furlong (<i>Szymanski</i>) |
| 16 Sun | 9.00 | Akinlolu Family – God’s Protection |
| | 11.00 | Eleanor & Oliver (<i>S Tremenheere</i>) |
| | 18.00 | John D’Abreo – RIP (<i>E D’Abreo</i>) |

FERIA OF EASTERTIDE

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

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| 17 Mon <i>Feria</i> | 9.30 | Subash De Menezes – WB |
| 18 Tues <i>Feria of Easter</i> | 9.30 | Vincent Ramanayake –RIP (<i>Peiris</i>) |
| | 19.00 | Mary Tong – RIP |
| 19 Wed <i>Feria of Easter</i> | 9.30 | Michael Kocherry – RIP (<i>Family</i>) |
| | 19.00 | Ann Moran – RIP (<i>J Dunseath</i>) |
| 20 Thurs <i>Feria of Easter</i> | 7.00 | Temporal & Spiritual WB of Priests |
| | 9.30 | Dec’d members of Francesco Perillo & Family (<i>F D’Agostino</i>) |
| 21 Friday <i>Feria of Easter</i> | 7.00 | Suresh & Mary – 17 Wedding Anv. |
| | 9.30 | Margaret Kane – RIP (<i>K Jankowski</i>) |
| 22 Sat <i>Feria of Easter</i> | 9.00 | Polina, John, Verna & Joseph (<i>J Tanousis</i>) |

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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| 22 Sat <i>Vigil</i> | 18.30 | Mary Kabasumbi – RIP |
| 23 Sun | 9.00 | Karen Lau – WB |
| | 11.00 | Roman Szymanski – RIP (Family) |
| | 18.00 | Freda Cantwell (J Dunseath) |

OTHER SERVICES

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| Sacrament of Reconciliation | Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm |
| St Anthony of Padua Our Lady of Perpetual Help | Tuesday: after morning and evening Masses 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.

BECOMING ONE IN CHRIST

The 17th chapter of the Gospel according to John, part of which is read in today’s Gospel (vv.11-17) is generally known as the ‘High Priestly Prayer’ of Jesus. In this passage, the evangelist John presents Jesus’ farewell discourse with his disciples in the form of a prayer addressed to the Father on their behalf. Like every high priest would offer prayers and entreaties to God on behalf of others (see Hb 5:1-10), Jesus prays for the apostles and disciples even more intently as his physical departure from them becomes more imminent.

Firstly, the prayer expresses the intimate relationship between Jesus and the Father. Secondly, it presupposes and/or indirectly highlights his *kenosis*, that is, his self-emptying as the Second Person of the Trinity who, by virtue of his becoming man, makes himself completely obedient to the Father in all things even to the point of death, thereby leaving his followers an example to imitate (Ph 2:5-8). Thirdly, it shows his intention for his followers, since he not only gives account of his ministry to the Father, but also commends his followers to him, praying that they be kept faithful to God’s name so that they may mirror the intimate relationship between him and the Father – “that they may be one like us.”

The emphasis of Jesus on fidelity to God and unity among his followers is noteworthy. The twelve were a symbolic representation of this unity both in faith and fellowship. Hence, in the election of Mathias to replace Judas Iscariot in the first reading (Acts 1:15-26), Peter emphasises: “*We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.*” This is re-echoed, once again, in the second reading (1 Jn 4:11-16). Being true to God’s name involves 1) acknowledging that “Jesus is the Son of God,” 2) testifying that the Father sent him as saviour of the world, 3) knowing and believing in God’s love, and 4) loving one another.

Besides, Jesus also prays that his followers be kept safe in the world. Certainly, the disciples will miss his presence, counsel and protection. That they are deeply troubled by the thought of losing their Master can never be overstated (see Mk 8:32; Jn 14:1-2). Equally, their vulnerability before an antagonistic world is not in doubt. Certainly, Jesus understands and feels their anxiety, worries, uncertainties and fears. Still, he wants them to be in the world, though not of the world. Their presence and activities will be significant in extending his presence and mission in the world long after he has ‘gone.’ For this reason, he makes two important appeals to the Father on their behalf, namely, “to protect them from the evil one” and, above all, “to consecrate them in the truth.”

To accomplish these, he assured them further: “But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you” (Jn 14:26). This same Holy Spirit is the bond of love between the Father and the Son and also the bond of communion between his followers, first with the Triune God and then with one another. Therefore, in the days after Ascension, we join the whole Church to tarry in prayer, asking for a fresh outpouring of this same Holy Spirit upon us, our community and the whole Church, to rejuvenate, renew and lead us to perfect union with Christ. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

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| 1ST READING | Acts 2:1-11 |
| 2ND READING | 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13 |
| GOSPEL | John 20:19-23 |

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Catherine Timoney, Mary Creighan, Philomena Eyo, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.



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, Alison Vale, and Baby Penelope Brooks.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £509.10

Gift-aid: £320.03

Total: £829.13

**Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on the first weekend of every new month.*

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Kindly consider making 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: 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: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or 0208 8399 4368

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

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.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

CHURCH OPENING TIMES FOR PRIVATE PRAYERS

Sunday (16/05): 2pm – 3pm

Monday (17/05): 10 – 11.15am & 5pm – 6pm

Tuesday (18/05): 10.15 – 12pm & 4pm – 7pm

Wednesday (19/05): 10.30am – 1pm

Thursday (20/05): 10.30am – 12pm

Friday (21/05): 10.00am – 12pm

Saturday (22/05): 9.30am – 10am (*During Confessions*)

2ND COLLECTION: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

The Collection supports the work of the Catholic Communication Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

2ND COLLECION NEXT WEEKEND: The Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW), which supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Useful prayer resources can be found for each day at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>

TO PARENTS OF PROSPECTIVE FHC CANDIDATES

As lockdown eases, we are exploring plans to allow the children born between 1 September 2012 to 31 August 2013 to begin preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, hopefully in the autumn.

Ahead of formal registration for the programme, your attendance at a meeting on either Monday 24 May at 7pm or Tuesday 25 May at 6pm is required.

At this meeting you will be given information about the programme and requirements for registration.

The meeting is expected to take around 1 hour. Please use the following link to confirm your attendance:

<https://doodle.com/poll/32362irtkgk5a2qk>

We will adhere to social distancing protocols and no children are expected to attend.

LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK

Together with Frs Ignatius and Joseph, many Parishioners and their families have walked / ran / cycled 3,106 miles, which is almost 5,000 kilometres! What an outstanding result!

If you would like to sponsor us, please either pop some money in an envelope and post through the Presbytery door, or use the following Justgiving site:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Our-Lady-Immaculate-Church> Many thanks for your support!

LIFE IS HERE TO HELP!

Pregnant? Late and worried? Or suffered pregnancy loss? The charity, Life, helps 60,000+ women every year in such situations. To find out more, please visit www.lifecharity.org.uk or contact Therese Walker at 0798 451 5947.

SUMMARY OF COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 2021

1. Gift-Aid Total: **£3,719.00**

- 1) Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,224.00
- 2) Envelopes - £1,495.00

2. Non-Gift-Aid Total: **£2,172.00**

- 1) Bank Transfers – £426.00
- 2) Contactless Payments - £397.00
- 3) Loose Cash: £1,349

Total: £5,891.00 (excluding Easter offering to the clergy & collections for Lenten Project and the Holy Places)

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.