



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

13 June 2021

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

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)**

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

12 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Satianand Teka – RIP
13 Sun	9.00	Philomena Effiong – RIP ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Annv</i> )
	11.00	Michael Crowley – RIP ( <i>J Crowley</i> )
	18.00	K P George – RIP ( <i>I George</i> )

**ELEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)**

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

14 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Mary Griffin – RIP ( <i>N McGuinness</i> )
15 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Barbara Coshan
	19.00	Tony & Anne-Hélène Cook – 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding ( <i>A Cook</i> )
16 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Celine Yeow
	19.00	Rosakutty T Mattam – RIP ( <i>Family</i> )
17 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Jacqueline Rodrigues – RIP & Thanksgiving – Rodrigues Family
	9.30	Thanksgiving for All the Saints
18 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Celine – RIP ( <i>Angie</i> )
	9.30	James Mills' Intentions ( <i>S Mills</i> )
19 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	

**TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)**

19 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Bob Wills – RIP ( <i>N D'Aguiar</i> )
20 Sun <i>Day of Prayer for Human Life</i>	9.00	A & R Maranzano & Family
	11.00	Mary Creighan – RIP ( <i>Stevens</i> )
	18.00	Mr Robinson – Thanksgiving for recovery ( <i>Family</i> )

**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

**LIVINGSTREAMING CONTINUES**

The dispensation from Sunday obligation granted by the Bishops Conference 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.

**THE KINGDOM IS PRESENT IN MYSTERY**

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel” (Mk 1:15). This is how the evangelist Mark introduces the commencement of Jesus’ public ministry. This way, the evangelist highlights the centrality of the *Kingdom or Reign of God* to Jesus’ life and mission and, by extension, to the Church’s / Christian life and mission. Notably, the proclamation of the kingdom is always accompanied by a call to conversion since the reign of God can only be appreciated, welcomed, and strived after by those who, cooperating with the grace of God, dare to change their ways, think and act differently.

As an ongoing quest, the kingdom defies full human comprehension. Its reality and demands are always over and above all our quests, efforts and sacrifices. For the kingdom is ultimately a *gift*. Yet its presence and power are not hidden. They can be, and are indeed, concretely experienced in the world albeit not fully. Therefore, while certainly defying any neat definition, the kingdom can be described, as Jesus does in the gospel, with metaphors or imageries drawn from the world around us. Strikingly, the kingdom is oftentimes revealed in apparent contradictions and / or weaknesses. For example, in the *Beatitudes* (Mt 5:1-11), Jesus emphasises repeatedly that the kingdom belongs not to the powerful, wealthy or privileged, but to the vulnerable, poor and destitute. The two parables of the kingdom in today’s gospel (Mk 4:26-34), illustrate the discrete and humble yet powerful and effective presence of the kingdom in the world especially through Jesus’ teaching and actions.

In the first parable, the kingdom is symbolised by the seed that “a man throws on the ground” which, of ‘its own accord,’ sprouts, grows and eventually produces crops for the harvest. The emphasis of Jesus here is on the potential in the seed. Normally, we would expect a farmer to do more than merely ‘throwing the seeds on the ground’ (see the parable of the barren fig tree – Lk 13:6-9), and also the soil to be fertile (see the parable of the sower – Mk 4:3-9), etc. Jesus carefully overlooks these important requirements for fruitful cultivation, not because he thinks less of them, but clearly to underscore the mysterious potentials in the seed itself and the fact that the sprouting, growth and fruiting do not depend as such on the farmer or their skills and industry. St Paul puts this in clearer perspective when he says in 1 Corinthians 3:6-7: “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So, neither he who plants, nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.”

The second parable (the mustard seed) re-enforces the above message. It also extends it by highlighting the universal impact of the kingdom. Like the “noble cedar” sheltering “every kind of bird” and “every winged creature” in the first reading (Ez 17:22-24), from the tiny mustard seed will grow the biggest shrub with “big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.”

In the light of these two parables, the kingdom is ultimately both a gift from and the work of God. This is not to belittle our role. Not at all! Instead, it is to help us, as Christians, a people of the kingdom, to appreciate our privileged role as co-workers with God to ‘bring about’ the kingdom by promoting its values here on earth. If we are receptive to the seed of the kingdom that has been sown in our hearts by God through the power of the Holy Spirit, our fragile, feeble, and sometimes fumbling efforts would be turned into a force for good with far-reaching impact in the Church and the world. Indeed, we “will flourish,” as the psalmist says today, “like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar” (Ps 91 [92]). So, guided by faith, we recognise that the kingdom is already present in the world in mystery but will be fully realised when the Lord returns (see Vatican II, Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, *Gaudium et Spes*, §39). ©IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Job 38:1,8-11
<b>2ND READING</b>	2 Corinthians 5:14-17
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Mark 4:35-41

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Nicholas Goddard, Atieno Rosalia, 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, James & Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Ann-Marie Deasy, Shirlene A., Ida Rebello, Kathleen & Chris McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, and Alison Vale.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £321.41

Gift-aid: £441.66      **Total: £763.07**

*\*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](http://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](mailto: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



Registration for the next programme is now closed.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020



**Candidates Meeting:** Suspended due to Covid restrictions. Look out for updates on this space!

### 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 (13/06):** 2.00pm – 3.30pm

**Monday (14/06):** 10.00am – 11.15am & 5.00pm – 6.00pm

**Tuesday (15/06):** 10.15 – 12.00pm & 4.00pm – 7.00pm

**Wednesday (16/06):** 10.30am – 1.00pm

**Thursday (17/06):** 10.30am – 12.00pm

**Friday (18/06):** 10.00am – 12.00pm

**Saturday (19/06):** 9.30am – 10.00am

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

Day for life is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the special collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and assist other life-related activities sponsored by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.



### RETURNING OF BOXES

Thank you to all who have so far returned their boxes or made donations to the Project. You may still return your boxes after Sunday Masses, or directly via the Presbytery Letter Box by collapsing and enclosing it with content into a sealed envelope.

### LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK

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 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](http://www.lifecharity.org.uk) or contact Therese Walker at 0798 451 5947.

### 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.

### FREE AUDIO CASSETTES

Have you got a working cassette player? Kingston Library is giving away its entire stock of audio cassettes free of charge, after changing to CDs. Crime novels are the first category being signed off, and Cecilia Hatt will be in the Old Chapel after the 11 o'clock Mass with a selection of some of the stock. There will be more audiobooks in coming weeks.

Please note: These are audio cassettes, NOT CDs. If you have questions, please contact [ceciliahatt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ceciliahatt@yahoo.co.uk), not the library, which is severely understaffed. This distribution of cassettes is being organised by volunteers.