



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

20 June 2021

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

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

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>)

TWELFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

21 Mon (<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>)	9.30	Marek Niedzielak's Intention
22 Tues <i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	9.30	Michael & Ortanza Aletrari – RIP (<i>J Tanousis</i>)
	19.00	Delia Kelly – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
23 Wed <i>Feria Vigil of Solemnity</i>	9.30	Doris & Equere Suarez – WB
	19.00	Mary – Birthday Thanksgiving
24 Thurs <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	7.00	Caren Carr's Intention
	9.30	Maria Perera – RIP (<i>M Peiris</i>)
25 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Spiritual & Temp. WB of all Priests
	9.30	Diana Diskin – RIP (<i>N McGuinness</i>)
26 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Esther Sice – RIP (<i>FM</i>)

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

26 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Paul Joseph – RIP (<i>Stella & Family</i>)
27 Sun	9.00	Esme Mills – 103 rd Birthday (<i>28/06</i>)
	11.00	Neville & Barbara Coshan – 50 th Wedding Anniversary
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

OTHER SERVICES

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 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.

SHARING IN THE MYSTERY OF SUFFERING

Today, we celebrate *Day for Life*, a day in the Church's year specially dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of human life in all stages and conditions, from conception to its natural death. In his encyclical letter, *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life), John Paul II, emphasises that the capacity to recognise the sacred value of human life is given to all who are sincerely open to truth and goodness, whether they are believers or non-believers. He says:

Even in the midst of difficulties and uncertainties, every person sincerely open to truth and goodness can, by the light of reason and the hidden action of grace, come to recognize in the natural law written in the heart (cf. Rom 2:14-15) the sacred value of human life from its very beginning until its end, and can affirm the right of every human being to have this primary good respected to the highest degree (*Evangelium Vitae* (1995), §2).

This year's theme, '*Caring for the Sick and Dying*,' reminds us of our duty, individually and collectively as a Christian community, to defend and promote the respect owed to life in all its vulnerability. Besides, in the light of today's Liturgy of the Word, the theme highlights the mystery of suffering which brings into sharp focus the fragility of the human condition even in its apparent strength, power, and splendour.

Sickness, dying, and death occupy a prominent place in human experience of suffering. With a death toll of over 3.85 million people globally and 128 thousand in the UK, Covid-19 pandemic has brought this reality into greater prominence, literally forcing the world to pause, stop and seriously consider the feebleness of the human condition irrespective of wealth, status, and power. In a way, we can liken our global experience to the experience of Job in the first reading (Job 38:1-11) and the disciples in the Gospel (Mk 4:35-41).

Faced with a series of catastrophes in his family, fortune, and personal life, Job, an acclaimed righteous and God-fearing man, was forced to question God about his predicament. He demanded an answer about the justice of the innocent suffering and his personal virtue (see Job 3:11-23; 31:1-40). God's response to him is quite telling: He speaks to Job "from the heart of the tempest," from the storm, thereby, invoking the manifestation of his mighty presence and power to the Israelites at the Red Sea and Mount Sinai (Ex 13:22; 14:20; 19:16), and to Ezekiel in Exile (Ez 1:4). Without giving him a direct answer, he leads Job through a series of interrogations to see himself within God's overall plan for creation and his sovereignty over all (Job 38:1-39:30). Similarly, buffeted by a gale and waves, the disciples of Jesus, in desperation, turned to their Master who did not seem to care, enjoying a nap in the stern while there were perishing. He got up and rebuked the wind and restored calm to sea.

God is not impassive to the plight of the innocent or anyone who suffers. By becoming man through the mystery of the Incarnation, God has entered uniquely into the mystery of human suffering in the person of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Through the Paschal Mystery of his suffering, death and resurrection, God has not only embraced but also transformed suffering / death into a redemptive mystery, since he "died for all," as Paul says in the second reading (2 Co 5:14-17), "so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them."

The suffering of the sick and dying is, therefore, an invitation to us to be present to them through our solidarity and care for them, helping as much as we can to lessen their suffering by *true compassion*, which Pope Francis describes as "a patient *suffering with* the vulnerable, sick and dying," an antidote to Euthanasia or Assisted Suicide which is a "*false compassion*." True compassion is also not only comforting and re-assuring, but also redemptive for it is a sharing in the mystery of Christ's suffering with us. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2ND READING	2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15
GOSPEL	Mark 5:21-43

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Nicholas Goddard, Antonio Martins, Galina Shilovskaya, 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, 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, Alison Vale, Christine Howey, Terrence O'Driscoll, and Hazel D'Aguiar.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £482.99

Gift-aid: £289 Total: £771.99*

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR MAY 2021

- A. Cash / cheques – 4,287.09
 1. Gift-Aided – 1,722.99
 2. Non-G/A – 2,566.10
 B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 3,207.00
 1. Gift-Aided – 2,874.00
 2. Non-G/A – 333.00
 C. Contactless Machine – 509.00
 D. Special Donation – 100

Total = £8,303.09

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.

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

We thank all who have helped to keep our Church open for private prayers since after the first lockdown. We now return to the normal opening hours: 7am to 7pm on weekdays; 8.15am to after evening Mass on weekends.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Day for life is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceed 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.

SOLEMNITY ON THURSDAY (24 JUNE)

The Nativity of the St John the Baptist is Solemnity. The vigil of the solemnity will be celebrated on Wednesday, 23 June at 7pm, while the Mass of solemnity proper will be celebrated at 7am and 9.30am.

DRIVING IN THROUGH THE EXIT

This is dangerous, especially with school children on the grounds during term time. All motorists should adhere strictly to using the designated entrance for entering church grounds.



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 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 CASSATTES

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. Please note: These are audio cassettes, NOT CDs. If you have questions, please contact ceciliahatt@yahoo.co.uk, not the library, which is severely understaffed.