



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

27 June 2021

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)		
YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT https://www.olionline.co.uk		
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 <i>Wedding Anniversary</i>
	18.00	Bella Fernandes – RIP
THIRTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)		
EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
28 Mon <i>St Irenaeus</i> <i>Vigil of Saints Peter & Paul</i>	9.30	Joseph Antonisamy – RIP (<i>4th Anv</i>)
	19.00	Esme Mills – 103 rd Birthday
29 Tues <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i>	9.30	Private – Thanksgiving
	19.00	Delia Kelly – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
30 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Ambrose Lewis (<i>G Lewis</i>)
	19.00	Aggie Heragthy
01 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Sinead Conmy
	9.30	Don P Ramanayake – RIP (<i>Peiris</i>)
02 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Mary Gaye – RIP
	9.30	Rajani Reginald – RIP
03 Sat <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i>	9.00	Theo Fernandes – RIP
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)		
03 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Eilish McAleenan (<i>C. Stevens</i>)
04 Sun	9.00	James McGrath – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>)
	11.00	Walter Chester – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	18.00	

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.

REACHING OUT IN FAITH	
<p>Today's Liturgy of the Word sustains the theme of last week's readings on God's solidarity with those who suffer. Whereas death seems to be the climax of all human sufferings, the hallmark of pain, emptiness, and nothingness (<i>nihilism</i>), God's victory over sin and death ushers in lasting joy, wholeness, and fullness of life. Created in the image of God (see Gen 1), death does not and cannot have the final word over us. Thus, the first reading (Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24) explains Israel's faith in immortality and resurrection in relation to God's original intention for humans as manifested in his creating us in his image: "God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature."</p> <p>For Christians, fullness of life is brought about definitively by the Paschal Mystery. Jesus, therefore, overcomes suffering and death not just by his preaching and miracles (especially healing and raising of the dead), but above all by his own suffering, death, and resurrection. Thus, we proclaim after the <i>Consecration</i> during Mass: "Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free, you are the Saviour of the world!" The healing of the haemorrhagic woman and the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, the synagogue official in today's Gospel (Mk 5:21-43) foreshadow this mystery (cf. the symbolism of the number twelve). They also have important lessons for us as believers and missionary disciples of Christ, called to witness to him and the power of his resurrection in the world today.</p> <p>The faith of the beneficiaries of Jesus' outreach in today's Gospel is remarkable. The sick woman and the father of the sick girl are drawn to Jesus by their deep faith in him. Buoyed by faith, they hold nothing back. Both risk everything to approach Jesus, especially the haemorrhaging woman who, by reason of her condition, was considered ritually both contaminated and contaminating; all she ever cared about was how to reach and touch the hem of Jesus' cloak and be healed. On his part, Jairus cared little about his position in the synagogue. Deeply traumatised by the severe illness of a beloved daughter, all that he ever cared about was to approach Jesus and have him come over to heal her. He expresses this humility by prostrating at Jesus' feet while begging him to visit his daughter. Even when the bad news arrived later that his daughter was already dead, like the woman with the haemorrhage, Jairus did not give up. Neither did Jesus! This reminds us that God never gives up on anyone of us, no matter what we may face in life. If anything, we are the ones who oftentimes give up, sometimes, humanly speaking, not for want of effort, but perhaps we think we have tried enough. Today, however, Jairus and the haemorrhagic woman provide us a lesson on a faith that dares to persevere.</p> <p>The importance of 'touch' or 'touching' is also worthy of note. The woman touched the hem of Jesus' cloak and power got out of him to heal her. That Jesus was aware of this despite the bustling and hustling of the huge crowd around him is quite revealing. Who touched my clothes?' was, indeed, an implicit invitation to a personal encounter with Jesus through which he would confirm both her faith and healing. Among others, it reminds us that we are all precious and important before God. He knows, loves, and cares about each one of us, no matter how socially, economically, politically insignificant we or the world around us may consider us to be. Similarly, on reaching Jairus' home, despite the mockery of the crowds, Jesus went to the deathbed of the little girl, 'took her by the hands and helped her up.' Sometimes, like the woman we need to reach out to touch the hem of God's cloak and sometimes like the little girl we are helplessly in need of God's healing touch. But like Jesus, we must also 1) allow ourselves to be touched by the sufferings of others, otherwise we would, regrettably, remain aloof and insensitive to their needs and 2) be generous to reach out and touch others positively. ©IAE</p>	
NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	
1ST READING	Ezekiel 2:2-5
2ND READING	2 Corinthians 12:7-10
GOSPEL	Mark 6:1-6

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Chris McGuinness, 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, 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, Terence O'Driscoll, and Hazel D'Aguiar.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £457.46

Gift-aid: £376.09 **Total: £833.55**

**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



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

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION ON TUESDAY (29 JUNE)

Tuesday, 29 June is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. It is a Holiday of Obligation. The vigil of the solemnity will be celebrated on Monday, 28 June at 7pm, while the Mass of solemnity proper will be at the normal times for Masses on Tuesday, that is, 9.30am and 7.00pm.

PETER'S PENCE: ON 29 JUNE & THROUGHOUT JULY

This collection supports the Holy Father and the Apostolic See to exercise works of mercy and charity and its service of the Universal Church. The Pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and victims of war and natural disasters. Concrete aid is thus made available to bishops or dioceses in need, to Catholic education, assistance to refugees, and immigrants, etc.

LAST SUNDAY'S 2ND COLLECTION: DAY FOR LIFE

- Non-Gift-Aid - £229.41
- Gift-Aid - £121.50 **Total: £350.91**

TAMIL COMMUNITY MASS

Fourth Sunday of the Month (today) at 1.30pm.

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.



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.

103RD BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ESME MILLS

On behalf of all of us in the parish, I would like to congratulate Esme Mills on her 103rd birthday on Monday, 28 June. As we wish her many happy returns and good health, I would also like to thank her for her many contributions to the parish all these years.

† Chris McGuinness – RIP

Please, remember in your prayers Chris McGuinness of 54 Ellerton Road, who died peacefully at home on Tuesday, 23 June. Our condolences to Kathleen (his wife) and family.