



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

04 JULY 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

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

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>) <i>(With Baptism of Lucas Clark)</i>
	18.00	Colin Forsyth Gray – RIP (<i>M Gray</i>)

FOURTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

05 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Patrick & Mary McAleenan (<i>C Stevens</i>)
06 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Cyriack Kocherry – RIP (<i>Kocherry</i>)
	19.00	Private Intention (<i>Anon</i>)
07 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	William Powell & Christopher Powell – RIP (<i>E Powell</i>)
	19.00	Antionette Mills' Int. (<i>S Mills</i>)
08 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Kathleen & Frank Tulcholski
	9.30	David Kelly (<i>K Fox</i>)
09 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Martha Ekeigwe – RIP
	9.30	Temp & Spiritual WB of all Priests
10 Sat <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00	Holy Souls (<i>J Fevri</i>)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

10 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Karen Hoey & Paul Matty – RIP (<i>Hoey Family</i>)
11 Sun <i>Day of Prayer for all who live & work in the Sea</i>	9.00	James McGrath – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>)
	11.00	Walter Chester – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	18.00	Bridget Croke – RIP

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

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.

EXERCISING OUR PROPHETIC MINISTRY

“The holy People of God shares also in Christ's prophetic office; it spreads abroad a living witness to Him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity and by offering to God a sacrifice of praise, the tribute of lips which give praise to His name.”

This is how Vatican II in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen gentium*, §12 begins its description of the prophetic role of entire people of God under the guidance of the *Magisterium*, that is, the teaching authority of the Church. This prophetic charism is rooted in Baptism, precisely in the anointing with the Holy Spirit (symbolised by the oil of Chrism) through which all the baptised are configured in a special way to Christ and given a share in his life and ministry as priest, prophet, and king. Since the prophetic identity and mission of the baptised is derived from Christ, its proper exercise must be inspired by, sustained, and fulfilled in and through the imitation of Christ, the prophet par excellence.

The Liturgy of the Word invites us today to reflect, among others, on the nature of our prophetic identify and mission and the manner of carrying it out as well as the challenges and / or risks associated with it. In the first reading (Ez 2:2-5), Ezekiel is called by God to be a prophet at the beginning of the exile in Babylon (587-538BC). Like other exiles, the Babylonian captivity was devastating enough for Ezekiel, but now he is saddled with a very demanding mission, to bring God's message to his fellow exiles, reassuring them of God's mercy and eventual restoration to the land of Israel. However, from the onset, the prophet is warned that he and his message of hope through repentance would be rejected because he is sent to “rebels,” who are “defiant and obstinate” in their revolt against God. Nonetheless, the prophet would be vindicated by God through the power of his word, “whether they listen or not.”

Jesus likens his rejection by his homefolks in Nazareth in the Gospel reading (Mk 6:1-6) to the experiences of true prophets in Israel. Their lack of faith evidently undermined his work since “he could work no miracle there.” However, the fact that “he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them,” proves that their rejection, however hurtful, did not have the final say. Therefore, reading further, the evangelist Mark narrates that Jesus moved elsewhere, “made a tour around the villages, teaching” before sending the disciples out to evangelise, etc. (Mk 6:7-13). The consistency of Jesus in his prophetic ministry would eventually lead to his ultimate rejection, namely, his crucifixion on Good Friday, and, finally, to his glorification at his resurrection and ascension.

As a prophetic people, we are privileged not only to share, sacramentally, in this mystery, but are also mandated to carry it out in our words and actions. But we cannot do so if we do not properly understand who we are as prophets or what it means to be prophets today. Against popular imagination, a prophet is not a clairvoyant or soothsayer, someone who foretells the future as such, but primarily a messenger of God. As God's messenger, the prophet's primary mission is to speak the mind of God, declaring his point of view, because, unlike most people, the prophet sees things as God sees. Hence, his ultimate purpose is to direct people towards God. This means that the prophet must himself or herself be, first and foremost, directed towards God: he must be responsive towards God's word to him; like Ezekiel, he or she must devour God's word, palatable or not (see Ez 2:8-3:11). This presupposes a turning away from oneself, giving up the tendency to be fixed on our opinions and ways. Above all, carrying out our prophetic ministry today requires the courage, like Saint Paul in the second reading (2 Co 12:7-10) to admit our weaknesses, failures, and limitations, even as we strive to dare to swim against the tide by speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15). ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Amos 7:12-15
2ND READING	Ephesians 1:3-14
GOSPEL	Mark 6:7-13

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Sophie Kafeero, Chris McGuinness, Antonio Martins, Galina Shilovskaya, Bridget Croke, 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: £415.34

Gift-aid: £362.04

Total: £777.38

*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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: 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.

A collection box is available in front of the sanctuary as you leave the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

NEXT WEEK: 2ND COLLECTION – APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Next week is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all who live and work in the sea. There will be a second collection for Stella Maris (the Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. For a special talk from Bishop Paul Mason, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday. To donate and for more information, please visit: www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please donate generously. Thank you.



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!

ACT NOW TO STOP ABORTION UP TO BIRTH BEING INTRODUCED TO ENGLAND AND WALES ON MONDAY

An extreme amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill to introduce **abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion)** to England and Wales has been **tabled** by Dame Diana Johnson MP. Follow link at <https://righttolife.org.uk/stopabortionuptobirth>

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.

CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANING: All are welcome to join a team of volunteers to clean our church grounds after morning Mass on Saturday, 14 August at 9.45 - 11am. Please, mark your diaries!

† 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.