



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

11 JULY 2021

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

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

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

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

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 &amp; work in the Sea</i>	9.00	P.M & Clamma Devasia – RIP ( <i>With baptism of Olivier Liberowski</i> )
	11.00	Stella Tremenheere – BD
	18.00	Bridget Croke – RIP

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

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

12 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Irene & Alwin ( <i>M C Taylor</i> )
13 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Francis Emmanuel – Thanksgiving ( <i>Carmel &amp; Marie</i> )
	19.00	Thanksgiving
14 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Michael D’Souza – RIP ( <i>P. Fazal</i> )
	19.00	Joseph Spellman – WB ( <i>M Hill</i> )
15 Thurs <i>St Bonaventure</i>	7.00	Jebamalai Muthu – BD ( <i>Mary</i> )
	9.30	Thanksgiving ( <i>Tissera Family</i> )
16 Friday <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	7.00	Fr David Howell’s Intention
	9.30	Anita, Jagath, Mickel & Vincent – RIP
17 Sat <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00	Branca Leonora D’Mello – RIP

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

17 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Baby Anne Docherty – WB ( <i>M Tett</i> )
18 Sun	9.00	Fred Sage – RIP ( <i>H &amp; P Summers</i> )
	11.00	Bertha D’Costa – RIP ( <i>100<sup>th</sup> PBD</i> )
	18.00	John Fernandes & Family ( <i>P Jeannet</i> )

**OTHER SERVICES**

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30- 6.15pm
<b>St Anthony of Padua Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	<b>Tuesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses <b>Wednesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses
<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	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.

**CALLED AND SENT ON GOD’S MISSION**

In his first encyclical letter, *Evangelii gaudium* – The Joy of the Gospel – Pope Francis, memorably describes all members of Christ’s faithful (clergy, religious and laity) as *missionary disciples of Christ*. In this way, Francis emphasises that we are all called to be at one and the same time disciples and missionaries – and not exclusively either one or the other. As disciples, we are called to be followers of Christ, to learn at the feet of the Master about the Kingdom and its values, inspired by his teaching and example. And, as missionaries, we are sent forth to proclaim the Kingdom to people near and far, starting from those closest to us (family, friends, community etc.) and reaching out to the whole world through our words and actions. This is amply illustrated today by the call of Amos and Jesus’ disciples.

Amos was a simple layman, a shepherd and farmer from the southern kingdom (Judah). He was called by God and sent on mission as a prophet to the northern kingdom (Israel) during the reign of Jeroboam II (783-743 BC). His ministry took place at a time of considerable political stability and peace, when Israel had reached the zenith of its power and prosperity, enhanced by its status as a commercial hub through its control of the main trade route linking Egypt and the surrounding nations. This resulted in great material affluence and luxury: the rich built mansions, acquired two houses (one for summer and one for winter) and adorned them with precious stones, ivory, and upholstery, etc. (Am 3:12,15; 5:11; 6:4). Sadly, with this material progress also came an erosion of cultural and spiritual values: widespread corruption, immorality, injustice, exploitation of the poor who were even sold as slaves. Curiously, there was a huge emphasis on and fascination with elaborate religious rituals which tended to camouflage the endemic social corruption and injustice in the land. Hence, the significance of Amos issuing most of his prophetic pronouncements against these anomalies from the royal sanctuary in Bethel because of which its priest, Amaziah threatens him with expulsion and blackmail in the first reading: “Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple” (Am 7:12-15). In reply, Amos declares his conviction about his calling and mission from God. For him, being a prophet was no career or source of livelihood or a matter of lineage. It was a response to God’s call and, therefore, a matter of obedience and loyalty to God and not to the king or state.

Jesus summons and sends out his disciples in the Gospel (Mk 6:7-13) to announce the Kingdom by curing the sick, casting out devils and preaching repentance. Beyond practical support, the sending in pairs is also biblically symbolic since the testimony of at least two was required to sustain a charge (Dt 19:15; see Jn 8:17). Like Amos (and more so, their Master), their mission and message would make them vulnerable, susceptible to rejection, persecution and even death. Yet, they are to respond to such threat non-violently – with understanding, love, and forgiveness, but also firmly without any compromise, by shaking off the dust from under their feet “as a sign to them.”

The call and sending of Amos and the disciples provide an abiding foundation and inspiration, and a salutary reminder to us about our own call and mission in the Church and the world today. By baptism (and confirmation) we have been called and sent out by God to be his missionary disciples to our generation and society. There are some similarities (and dissimilarities) between Israel at the time of Amos and our contemporary Western society marked by its material power and prosperity, but also riddled with a decay in cultural, moral, and spiritual values. Like Amos and the disciples, we should not fear to speak the truth in love. But we cannot carry out this mission if we are not ready, like them, to risk everything through absolute loyalty to God who has called and sent us on his mission. ©IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Jeremiah 23:1-6
<b>2ND READING</b>	Ephesians 2:13-18
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Mark 6:30-34

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Sophie Kafeero, Chris McGuinness, Antonio Martins, Galina Shilovskaya, Bridget Croke, Fred Sage, 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'Aguir.

## 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.

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

### 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY – APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Today 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](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday). To donate and for more information, please visit: [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://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.



### 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!

### VISIT & COMMUNION TO THOSE AT HOME

As we gradually emerge from the lockdown, Fr Joseph and Fr Ignatius would like to visit and bring Holy Communion to those who are still unable to come to Mass in person because they are housebound or still shielding. Please, if you would like to be visited, kindly contact the parish office to book a date / time.

### LAST CHANCE TO COLLECT AUDIO CASSETTES!

This weekend is the last chance to take one or more of the crime audio cassettes. After Sunday 11th July they will be removed from the parish hall and donated to a cassette fiction archive.

### 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. **Funeral:** Thursday, 15 July at 12 noon (OLI). **Committal:** Kingston Crematorium at 1pm. May he rest in Peace. Amen.

### † Fred Sage – RIP

Please, remember in your prayers Fred Sage of 88 Beresford Avenue, who died peacefully at home on Wednesday, 7 July. Our condolences to Kate and family. **Funeral:** Tuesday, 27 July at 12.30pm (OLI). **Committal:** Putney Vale Crematorium at 1.45pm. May he rest in Peace. Amen.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £327.86

Gift-aid: £482.13      **Total: £809.99**

*\*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.