



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

18 JULY 2021

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Ignatius Edet + **Curate:** Fr. Joseph Edem + **Deacon:** Rev. Al Callan + **Secretary:** Mrs Denise Kidd

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

## MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

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

17 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Baby Anne Docherty – WB ( <i>M Tett</i> )
18 Sun <i>1pm: Wedding – Flora &amp; Thomas</i>	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> )

### SIXTEENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)

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

19 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Thanksgiving ( <i>C Enoch &amp; Family</i> )
20 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Christopher McGuinness – RIP ( <i>P &amp; B Mitchell</i> )
	19.00	Dona’s Private Intention
21 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Michael Simmonds – RIP ( <i>K Jankowski</i> )
	19.00	Galina & Nicolai Shilovskaya – RIP ( <i>Carmel &amp; Maria</i> )
22 Thurs <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	7.00	Tarry Ionta – RIP ( <i>N D’Aguiar</i> )
	9.30	Thanksgiving ( <i>L Confait</i> )
23 Friday <i>St Bridget</i>	7.00	Denis O’Regan – RIP
	9.30	Sarah Burns – RIP ( <i>K Fox</i> )
24 Sat <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00	Branca Leonora D’Mello – RIP
	12.00	Memorial for Aideen Philips – RIP

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

24 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Sundracanthy Lourdesamy-David – RIP ( <i>Wamsteker</i> )
25 Sun	9.00	Bella Fernandes–RIP( <i>B Fernandes</i> )
	11.00	Thanksgiving ( <i>B Roy</i> )
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

### 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

### 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.

### BALANCING PERSONAL WITH OTHERS’ NEEDS

Today’s Gospel (Mk 6:30-36) reflects Jesus’ description of himself in John 10 as the Good Shepherd whose sole preoccupation is the good of the flock, their welfare, wellbeing, and happiness, etc.

This self-portrait of Jesus is highlighted today by his sensitivity to the needs of those around him, first to his apostles and then the destitute crowd. Sensitive to the needs of his apostles – for some rest, quiet holiday, refreshments, and food – after a successful missionary outreach, Jesus says to them: “You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while.” But, as soon as they alighted from the boat at their quiet getaway destination, they are confronted by a large crowd of needy people who had spirited off there in anticipation of their arrival. This is a classic case of ambush, which clearly interrupts their solitude, and would eventually disrupt their original plan.

It is difficult to imagine how such breach of privacy would have been overlooked by most of us. Yet, Jesus does more than merely overlooking this intrusion. Literally, he embraces the moment, not because the rest for which he and his apostles had embarked upon the journey was no longer important but because the needs of the flock took priority. This is precisely what a good shepherd does; “he lays down his life for his sheep” (Jn 10:11). As the true shepherd, Jesus is moved by their destitute condition. He allows their condition to affect him. So, he does not merely feel sorry for them in a rather detached manner (with the head). He enters deeply into their situation, putting himself in their shoes. This is the foundation of every true empathy. Compassion! That is, suffering with the other. “He took pity on them because,” as the evangelist Mark describes it, “they were like sheep without a shepherd.” By “setting himself to teach them at some length,” Jesus effectively demonstrates himself as the antithesis of the (bad) shepherds of Israel against whom God’s judgement is directed through the prophet Jeremiah in the first reading (Jr 23:1-6). He is forthright in his relationship with the people. He does not shy away from their situation and needs. He identifies himself closely with them so much so that he can be said to have, in the words of Pope Francis, “the odour [smell] of the sheep” (*Homily at Chrism Mass, 28 March 2013*). Ultimately, through his action Jesus demonstrates that he is indeed the fulfilment of God’s promise to restore, in the future, a remnant of his people to be led by “a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.” He epitomises God himself who is the irreplaceable and true shepherd of his people and about whom the psalmist exalts and declares in the responsorial psalm (Ps 22 [23]), “The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want!”

Retreat, rest, and holiday are important aspects of missionary discipleship today as they were in the time of Jesus and his apostles. However, responding to the needs of others remains an urgent pastoral priority which should not be overlooked or sacrificed at personal whims or convenience.

Like Jesus & his apostles, we need the guidance of the Holy Spirit to constantly discern and uphold the proper balance between our personal needs and the needs of others and, above all, with our supreme duty towards God through prayer, worship, and Christian witness. We should not forget that the tension in this regard can be overcome by faith in God and perseverance. ©IAE

### NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

<b>1ST READING</b>	2 Kings 4:42-44
<b>2ND READING</b>	Ephesians 4:1-6
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 6:1-15

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Pamela Robson, Chris McGuinness, 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'Aguiar.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

**Gift-aid:** £505.10 (including £120 bulk)

**Non-Gift-aid:** £469.25      **Total: £974.35**

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR MAY 2021

A. Cash / cheques – 3,146.00

1. Gift-Aided – 1,349.00

2. Non-G/A – 1,797.00

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 3,404.00

1. Gift-Aided – 2,894.00

2. Non-G/A – 510.00

C. Contactless Machine – 568.00

D. Special Donations – 120

**Total = £7,238.00**

**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@raos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthgac@raos.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

### 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

### 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.

### FAREWELL TO MRS ROBERTSON

As a parish community we would like to wish Mrs Frances Robertson, Headteacher of Our Lady Immaculate School, all the very best in her retirement. She has led the school for 5 years, working closely with the parish to support our children in the school's mission "With God in our hearts, we follow Jesus' footsteps, as we love and learn together." Please join us in thanking her for her dedicated service.

### 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.

### 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!

### 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.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> TOLWORTH AIR SCOUT (OUR LADY'S OWN)

We are delighted to announce that we can now safely resume our weekly meetings! We meet on Wednesday in the Parish Hall for Beavers and Cubs, or Thursday for Scouts during term time.

We welcome boys and girls from age 6 – 14 years old. So, if you would like to join us, or find out more, please contact Pat Askey at [pataskey@outlook.com](mailto:pataskey@outlook.com) or text on 07952967930

We would also welcome adult helpers to assist us to deliver a programme of activities to our young people on a regular basis – please have a chat with us anytime, no experience necessary!

### 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!

### MEMORIAL MASS FOR AIDEEN PHILIPS – RIP

Aideen was a committed parishioner and served in various ministries here in the parish. This will be an opportunity for us to give thanks to God for her many contributions to parish life and evangelisation in OLI and to celebrate her life.

**Date:** Saturday, 24 July at 12 noon, followed by a reception in the hall to which all are warmly welcome.

### † 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

**Suzanne Godwin** ex-member of the 11 o'clock choir at OLI, died in the Spring. There will be a "Memorial Gathering" at 37-39 Surbiton Hill Rd, KT6 4TS on Sun 25th at 1 pm, hosted by her son, Mark.