



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

25 JULY 2021

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

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

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

24 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Sundracanthy Lourdesamy-David – RIP ( <i>Wamsteker</i> )
25 Sun  <i>World Day for Grandparents &amp; the Elderly</i>	9.00	Bella Fernandes–RIP( <i>B Fernandes</i> )  <i>With Baptism Savannah-Autumn</i>
	11.00	Thanksgiving ( <i>B Roy</i> )
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish

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

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

26 Mon <i>Ss Joachim &amp; Anne</i>	9.30	Holy Souls ( <i>K Fox</i> )
27 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Hannon Family Intentions
	19.00	Hutchinson Family – RIP ( <i>R Lee</i> )
28 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	All who kept the Church open during Covid ( <i>K Jankowski</i> )
	19.00	Freda Cantwell – WB ( <i>J Dunseath</i> )
29 Thurs <i>Ss Martha, Mary &amp; Lazarus</i>	7.00	Baby Ezra Kinnell – WB ( <i>Brooks</i> )
	9.30	NHS – God’s Guidance
30 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	John Walsh – RIP ( <i>J Dunseath</i> )
	9.30	Mary Murphy ( <i>E Murphy</i> )
31 Sat <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	9.00	Brian Malins – RIP ( <i>O’Connell</i> )

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

31 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Maureen Richardson – RIP ( <i>A Richardson</i> )
01 Sun	9.00	Terence O’Driscoll ( <i>M C Taylor</i> )
	11.00	Claire & Colin Stevens – 50th Wedding Anniversary
	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

**SUNDAY OBLIGATION / LIVESTREAMING**

The dispensation from Sunday obligation granted by the Bishops Conference will end from the First Sunday of Advent (28 November). 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 BREAD OF THE POOR**

Bread was an essential, staple food among the Jews. *Eating bread* was equivalent to *eating a meal*. Hence, in the *Our Father*, Jesus teaches the disciples to pray, “Give us this day our daily bread.” Bread was also an important component of the messianic banquet, a symbol of the reign of God. Thus, images associated to it were used by Jesus to explain both the Kingdom (Matt 13:33) or the demands of discipleship (Matt 16:5-12; Mk 8:14-21). Customarily, bread was treated with respect by the Jews; firstly, by giving thanks when eating, in recognition of God as the ultimate provider and, secondly, by collecting any crumbs that remained after eating so that nothing was wasted.

The feeding of the multitude by Jesus in today’s Gospel (Jn 6:1-15) re-echoes the feeding of the people by the Prophet Elisha in the first reading (2 Kings 4:42-44). Like Elisha, Jesus is moved with compassion for the multitude that thronged to him; the mere sight of them is enough to move him to action. Again, like Elisha, he has nothing of his own; he depends on the generosity of a young lad among his disciples who has five barley loaves and two fish. Andrew is spot-on in emphasising how these are insignificant compared to the crowd. Similarly, Elisha’s servant, that the “twenty barley loaves and fresh green in the ear” could not fete the hundred men with Elisha. Both disciples have something in common. They are good with arithmetic and statistics! But also, they follow the ‘logic of bread,’ relying on the ‘power’ of bread. But their masters follow a completely different logic – the logic of divine power and promise. They depend on the power of God, the Provider of Bread par excellence. This is the foundation of their audacity: “Give it to the people to eat,” Elisha insisted, “for the Lord says this, ‘They will eat and have some left over.’” This reminds us of Jesus’ riposte against the devil during his temptation in the desert when he said, “Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matt 4:4). In a similar way, trusting in the same divine providence, “Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready.”

The feeding of the multitude by Jesus highlights his messianic identity, but also points beyond it to the mystery of Jesus’ offering of himself to his disciples at the Last Supper as the *bread of life* – and to us in the Holy Eucharist. ‘Understandably,’ the people fail to recognise the ultimate significance of this miracle. Consequently, they attempt to make him a king by force. But just as he did during the temptation in the desert when “the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour” and promised to make him king if he would fall down and worship him (Matt 4:8-10), Jesus renounces the allure of power and fame, and “escapes back to the hills by himself.”

The miracle of Jesus was therefore not targeted at self-aggrandisement. It was borne out of genuine and selfless concern for the needs of those around him and ultimately for their eternal salvation. As people of God, we are invited and challenged by both Elisha and Jesus to have a genuine concern for the needs of others especially the poor and those on the margins of society. The barley loaves brought to both Elisha and Jesus were *bread of the poor* compared to wheat loaves eaten by the wealthy. Yet Elisha and Jesus depended on the generosity of the poor to bring about abundant provision. This reminds us that no one is so poor to have nothing to offer and no one is so rich that they lack nothing. Trusting in God, our *bread of the poor* if shared with faith and generosity can make a huge difference in the lives of many today who are hungry for food, water, love, forgiveness, etc. ©IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Exodus 16:2-4,12-15
<b>2ND READING</b>	Ephesians 4:17,20-24
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 6:24-35

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



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

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £423.65

Gift-aid: £371.51      **Total: £795.16**

*\*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.**

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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.

## 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.

### TAMIL COMMUNITY MASS

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



### 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!

### 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!

### 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!

### 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.

### † 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.