



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

08 AUGUST 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**

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

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

07 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Christopher McGuinness – RIP ( <i>June &amp; Family</i> )
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08 Sun <i>2PM: Wedding – Shangeetha &amp; Denchan</i>	9.00	Martin Farrell – WB
	11.00	George Gara – RIP ( <i>Brooks</i> )
	18.00	Pro Populo – For the People

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

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

09 Mon <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross [Edith Stein]</i>	9.30	James and Susan Walsh – RIP ( <i>J Dunseath</i> )
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10 Tues <i>St Lawrence</i>	9.30	Diane Patel – RIP ( <i>Furlong Family</i> )
	19.00	Sarah McGedy – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )

11 Wed <i>St Clare</i>	9.30	Angela McCarthy – RIP ( <i>Brian</i> )
	19.00	Sommerlinck & McDonnell Families – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )

12 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Joseph Edet Effiong – RIP ( <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Anv</i> )
	9.30	Darmel Fernandes – RIP ( <i>James F</i> )

13 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Thanksgiving ( <i>K Fox</i> )
	9.30	Holy Souls

14 Sat <i>St Maximillian Kolbe</i>	9.00	Holy Souls
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**SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM**

14 Sat <i>Vigil of the Assumption</i>	18.30	James Burke – RIP
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15 Sun <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00	Patrick Grogan – RIP ( <i>P Grogan</i> )
	11.00	Anna Szymanska – 94 <sup>th</sup> BD ( <i>Fam</i> )
	18.00	

**OTHER SERVICES**

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
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<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
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**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.

**FOOD FOR THE JOURNEY**

As a true prophet, Elijah was not afraid to speak truth to power. This would put him into trouble with King Ahab (1 Kgs 18:1-19) and, particularly, with his wife Jezebel who sought to kill him (1 Kgs 19:1-3) to avenge the 450 prophets of Baal slain by Elijah after their loss of the contest at Mount Carmel (1 Kgs 18:20-40). As a fugitive, the prophet is extremely vulnerable and exposed. Helpless, he asks God to take his life: “O Lord,” he said ‘I have had enough. Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors.’” God answers and saves him by sending him food (bread and water). Renewed by the mysterious food, he journeys forty days and forty nights to Mount Horeb where he encounters God and is renewed in his mission (1 Kgs 19:9-18). This episode is paired with the third passage from Jesus’ discourse with the Jews about himself as the bread of life in John chapter six (vv.41-51). On the one hand it re-echoes the feeding of the Israelites by God with manna in the desert (Ex 16:15). On the other hand, it foreshadows Jesus’ gift of himself to us in the Holy Eucharist as the living bread which gives life to all who eat it.

However, for the Jews, Jesus’ declaration of himself as the true bread from heaven is an outlandish claim. How can the local carpenter’s son (as they knew him) claim to have come from heaven? This is nothing short of blasphemy. Elsewhere, they would stone him because of a similar assertion (Jn 10:31-33) and, ultimately, would cite it in the charge sheet against him before the authorities (Jn 19:7). We recall also when a similar complaint was made by the people of his hometown of Nazareth. Their disbelief impeded him from performing any miracles there and he had to relocate elsewhere (Mk 6:5-6). In this case, however, Jesus beats no retreat. Instead, he challenges them to “stop complaining to each other,” and goes on to re-assert himself and his mission clearly: “I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.”

We can contrast Elijah’s with the attitude of these Galileans: Elijah was open to receive and eat the mysterious food in the wilderness. He trusted the words of the angel, “Get up and eat.” Not just once, but twice. This openness and trust are a sign of faith in God towards whom he had turned in his moment of need and desperation. But not so with the Galileans. Their minds are closed. Therefore, they neither recognise the sign that Jesus gave in the feeding of the multitude nor dare to trust his subsequent explanation. They are fixed on their own agenda / expectation. They will only accept Jesus if and only if he fits into their predetermined scheme / vision. Their way or the highway!

Unfortunately, Jesus was not promising any material food or satisfaction. He offers us the heavenly food, the living bread from heaven and the bread of life. Surely, we cannot partake of the bread of life if we have not first and foremost recognised Jesus the living bread from heaven, born of the Virgin. We are drawn into this mystery in every eucharistic celebration. At the Consecration, through the power of the holy Spirit, the bread and wine, work of human hands, fruits of our labour, are transformed (*transubstantiated*) into the body and blood of Christ for us, just as by the power of the Holy Spirit, at the Incarnation, the eternal Word of God, became man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin. Since Jesus in the holy Eucharist is food for our journey, let us strive to receive him with faith, thanksgiving, and devotion. ©IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	1 Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10
<b>2ND READING</b>	1 Corinthians 15:20-26
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 1:39-56

## 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'Aguir.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### HAPPY HOLIDAY

On behalf of Father Joseph and Deacon Al, I would like to wish everyone a happy vacation or staycation, with pledge of prayers that you will all travel, stay, and return safely! With lots of love. Father Ignatius Edet, PP.

### CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANING – MORE VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!

Please, consider joining a team of volunteers to clean our church grounds after morning Mass on Saturday, 14 August at 9.45 - 11am.

You don't have to stay throughout the entire duration. If possible, please come with items to sweep, dust, mob, weed, trim hedge, etc.

### Thank you to the two dozen who signed up as of 9am on Saturday, 7 August.

Please, there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Thank you.

### 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £447.64

Gift-aid: £333.55      Total: £811.19

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR MAY 2021

A. Cash / cheques – 3,398.98

1. Gift-Aided – 1,584.00

2. Non-G/A – 1,814.00

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 3,404.00

1. Gift-Aided – 2,563.00

2. Non-G/A – 303.00

C. Contactless Machine – 361.00

D. Single Donation – 1,000.00

**Total = £7,625.96**

**PETER'S PENCE: £599.78** (£83 Gift-aided)

**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

### 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.



### UPCOMING EVENT: SRI LANKAN NIGHT – 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

Saturday, 11 September, 7.30pm – 11.30pm. Please, come and enjoy a variety of Sri Lankan food and entertainment. Tickets are on sale after Mass: Adults - £10; children 7-12 years old - £5 each. All proceeds go to the 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!

### 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.

### OPEN EVENING @ ST PHILOMENA'S – 14 SEPTEMBER

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls is a highly successful, Catholic, non-selective comprehensive girls' school for students aged 11-18 years. Interested?

Visit the school website to book a time slot.