



**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)**

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**School:** Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mr Ben Martin

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)**

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

04 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Frank Hoey – RIP ( <i>Hoey Family</i> )
05 Sun	9.00	John Burton ( <i>C Burton</i> )
	11.00	Margaret D'Souza – RIP ( <i>Tremenheere</i> )
	18.00	Florence Elmsie – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )

**TWENTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)**

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

06 Mon <i>Feria.</i>	9.30	Robin Jackson – RIP ( <i>Ghislaine</i> )
07 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Raquel Ngwa – WB ( <i>W Groves</i> )
	19.00	Fr Chris O'Brien – RIP
08 Wed <i>Nativity of the Virgin Mary</i>	9.30	Patrick Mulloy – RIP ( <i>K Fox</i> )
	19.00	Justina J Edet – RIP ( <i>T &amp; M Fisher</i> )
09 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Janaki Gandhimathi – RIP ( <i>Mary</i> )
	9.30	Patrick Morrell – RIP ( <i>S Wells</i> )
10 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Molly Clifford's Family Intentions
	9.30	Nuala Morrell – WB ( <i>S Wells</i> )
11 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Joy Ives – RIP ( <i>J O'Grady</i> )
	11.00	<b>Wedding:</b> Jeanne W & Atharsh J

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)**

11 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Molly Clifford – WB
12 Sun <i>Catholic Education Sunday</i>	9.00	Mary Flynn – RIP ( <i>P Grogan</i> )
	11.00	Justina Joseph Edet – RIP
	18.00	Charles Sillem – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )

**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 / LIVINGSTREAMING**

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.

**MOBILE PHONES IN CHURCH**

Kindly show reverence to the Lord and charity to other worshippers by switching off your phones or silencing them while in Church.

**MEDIATING GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE TO OTHERS**

The healing of the deaf and dumb man in today's Gospel (Mk 31-37) is a confirmation of the identity and mission of Jesus as the promised Messiah (see Lk 7:18-22). It signals the coming of God and the inbreak of his reign into this world (see Lk 11:20), the fulfilment of the promise of salvation which, in turn, implies the defeat of the evil one. This twofold aspect of the messianic promise is expressed by the prophet Isaiah in the first reading (Is 35:4-7): "Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy." The acclamation of the people who witnessed the healing, "He has done all things well ...he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak," is therefore not only a result of mere amazement at a miraculous spectacle. It is, above all, indicative of their messianic consciousness and their perception of its realisation through Jesus' words and actions.

Beyond the restoration of the sick man to health and wholeness, Jesus' attitude towards the disabled man and his connection to him are also very significant. Not shying away from associating with him, he displays a genuine closeness to him both physically and emotionally. Physically, "He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle." Emotionally, he completely identifies himself with his pains and suffering; thus "looking up to heaven he sighed." By sighing, Jesus expresses true human emotion of empathy. As he did when he wept at the grave of his friend Lazarus before raising him to life (Jn 11:28-44), these symbolic actions lead to a declaration of healing: "he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.'"

The sacramental nature of this healing encounter with Jesus is noteworthy. His use of physical and material elements (touch and spittle) is striking. However, the healing is not brought about by these elements, but by the command, the word spoken by Jesus over the sick man, 'Ephphatha,' 'Be opened,' just as the word spoken by God in the beginning brought creation into being (Gn 1; see Jn 1:1-3).

The healing work of Christ is continued in Church today especially by means of the seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. Instituted by Christ and entrusted to his Church, the sacraments are "outward signs of inward grace" (*Penny Catechism*). They are "powers that come forth" from the Body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving...actions of the Holy Spirit at work in his Body, the Church" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, §1116). Nothing can be more reassuring to us as believers than the truth that God is not only interested in our situations but, thanks to the mystery of the Incarnation, is also deeply touched by our sufferings and pains.

The Christian people are called and commissioned to share in the joys and sorrows of others. This is underscored by the role of the people (family, friends or even strangers) who brought the disabled man to Jesus and requested him to lay hands on him and heal him. Jesus must have been touched by their empathy, love, and care. And so, he readily granted their prayers on his behalf. The Gospel invites us to show similar solidarity with those who are sick, physically, socially, emotionally, economically etc. As disciples of Christ, we cannot remain neutral in the face of the suffering of others. Instead, following the example of both Jesus and the disabled man's friends, we are to take concrete steps to extend God's healing presence to all. Surely, doing away with class distinction, as St James exhorts us in the second reading (Jm 2:1-5), will help set us on a strong footing to respond to this Gospel call sincerely and effectively. ©IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Isaiah 50:5-9
<b>2ND READING</b>	James 2:14-18
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Mark 8:27-35

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Justina Joseph Edet, Fr. Chris O'Brien, Maureen Kenny, Andrea Shepherd, 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 McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Christine Howey, and Hazel D'Aguiar.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

**Non-Gift-aid:** £465.87

**Gift-aid:** £265.20      **Total: £731.00**

**NEXT WEEK:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Education Service

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JULY 2021

A. Cash / cheques – 3,816.60

1. Gift-Aided – 1,748.00

2. Non-G/A – 2,068.60

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 2,955.00

1. Gift-Aided – 2,555.00

2. Non-G/A – 400.00

C. Contactless Machine – 276.00

D. Single Donations (x12) – 3,713.00 (Gift-Aided)

**Total = £10,760.06**

**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: WATCH 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

### LIFTS TO CHURCH: MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We have a few parishioners who would love to come back to Church on a regular basis at the weekends, but do not have any transport to get themselves there. Some parishioners are already helping, but it would be great, as a community, to help as many as possible who are unable to get to Mass to be able to take part in person. **WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!**

If you feel you can help, or would like to find out more, please contact the parish office (email preferably) with your name, contact phone number, and the Mass you normally attend. In the coming weeks we will contact you to take this forward but thank you in advance.

### NOTICE FOR READERS AT MASS

We are looking at drawing up a rota for readers soon. All readers who would like to appear on the rota should please notify Mareen. Kindly indicate at which of the four weekend Masses you would like to exercise this very important liturgical ministry.

**New readers are also welcome – and training will be offered.**

Please email Mareen at [tolworthreaders@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthreaders@rcaos.org.uk) or telephone the parish office on Tuesday or Thursday, 10am – 2pm.

### CONSIDER EXPLORING THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Are you interested in the Catholic Church and want to know more? Have you ever thought of becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult, baptised Catholic but not yet confirmed?

If you, or someone you know, would say 'Yes' to one of these questions, Fr Ignatius would be glad to hear from you. The parish has a small group that will meet informally every week from the start of October that may help answer your questions about the Church and, if you wish, enable you to take further steps.

### MISSIO BOXES

Could parishioners bring the red boxes back. Mary C Taylor will collect them after 9 & 11 am Masses for the next 2 weeks.

### UPCOMING PARISH LENTEN PROJECT EVENTS:

#### 1. 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 or contact Joe & Antionette on 07956 891504 or 0208 399 6491: Adults - £10; children 7-12 years old - £5 each. All proceeds go to the Lenten Project.

#### 2. JUMBLE SALE – 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPT

The Lenten Project is holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 25 September from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Entrance is £1 and we will be selling a range of items, including brand new glassware and kitchen equipment. (These items are currently being stored in the Parish Garage, so we are hoping that the sale will clear the garage for Fr Ignatius' use)

Please note that regrettably, due to COVID, we cannot accept donations of Jumble at this time.

For more information, contact [elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com](mailto:elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com)

#### 3. AFRICAN NIGHT – 16<sup>TH</sup> OCT: More details soon

### † FR CHRIS O'BRIEN – RIP

Born 25 August 1935, Fr Chris was ordained priest on 12 March 1960, and served as Assistant Priest here in OLI from 1996 till his retirement in 2005. He died on 22 August in the 'Lady of the Vale' Home in Altrincham, Cheshire.

There will be a Requiem Mass in his memory on Tuesday, 7 September at 7pm. All are welcome. May he rest in peace.

### † JUSTINA JOSEPH EDET – RIP

Kindly pray for Justina Joseph Edet (*mother of Fr Ignatius*) who died on 15 August. **Funeral:** Thursday, 23 September in Nigeria. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### † MAUREEN KENNY – RIP

Kindly pray for Maureen Kenny, a longstanding parishioner (1960-2015) who died peacefully on Sunday, 29 August, aged 85. Condolences to her husband Alf, and the family. May she rest in peace. Amen. **Funeral:** Monday, 11 October, 12.15pm.