



# Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

**12 SEPTEMBER 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:** Mr Ben Martin

<b>MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS</b>		
<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)</b>		
<b>YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT <a href="https://www.olionline.co.uk">https://www.olionline.co.uk</a></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> )
<b>TWENTY-FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am</b>		
13 Mon <i>Feria.</i>	9.30	Catherine Seaward – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
14 Tues <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	9.30	Gladys Garcia – RIP ( <i>Nubia</i> )
	19.00	Michael & Catherine Burrows ( <i>FM</i> )
15 Wed <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	9.30	Mary Connor's Intentions
	19.00	Davy Keena & Fam Intentions ( <i>PJ</i> )
16 Thurs <i>Ss Cornelius &amp; Cyprian</i>	7.00	Eva Hedges & Fam Intentions ( <i>PJ</i> )
	9.30	John McCorkell – RIP ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.</i> )
17 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Monica & James Anderson – ( <i>FM</i> )
	9.30	Elizabeth Saunders – RIP
18 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Clement Raphael – 14 <sup>th</sup> BD ( <i>Mary</i> )
<b>TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)</b>		
18 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Those who support the work of missionaries
19 Sun <i>Home Mission Sunday</i>	9.00	Missionaries facing Persecutions
	11.00	Pat Fulford – 75 <sup>th</sup> B/D ( <i>OLI SVP</i> )
	18.00	Connor's Family Intentions

<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	
<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.

**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.

**SALVATION THROUGH THE CROSS**

The centrality and significance of the Cross in the history of salvation and Christian life is emphasised in today's Liturgy of the Word. The first reading is taken from Isaiah's third song of the *servant of Yahweh* (Is 50:1-11). The servant's submission to the will of Yahweh is demonstrated by his capacity to accept suffering because of the word he preaches. This way, he substantiates his obedience to Yahweh who, in turn, vindicates him, empowering him to remain resolute in the face of unjustified insults, threats, and violence against him. Thus, despite his suffering, the servant can boldly challenge his enemies in court since he trusts that his "vindicator is here at hand," to prove his righteousness.

The experience of the suffering servant provides the background for Jesus' confident and unconditional disposition towards his own paschal mystery in the Gospel (Mk 8:27-35). Like the *suffering servant* who did not resist insults and torments, Jesus openly tells his disciples that he is "destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again." That Jesus makes this declaration within the context of Peter's affirmation of his identity as the Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah, is very significant. Jewish messianic aspirations at the time of Jesus were largely characterised, among others, with expectations of a political leader who would free the Jewish people from Roman occupation. A *suffering Messiah* would, therefore, be self-contradictory not only conceptually but also socio-culturally. Indeed, as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:23, a scandal! This is what Simon Peter wants to avoid. It completely contradicts his image of the Messiah. From a human perspective (and in the light of Jewish expectations), he understood the implication for both Jesus and especially for himself and his contemporaries; a Messiah who is subject to such fate would, to say the least, dash the hopes of the people. The evangelist Luke captures this hopelessness in his report of the dialogue between the disguised risen Jesus and the two disciples who were fleeing Jerusalem towards Emmaus in the first Easter evening (Lk 24:13-27), as they lamented their loss: "But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel" (v.21a). In rebuking Peter for thinking not in God's but human ways, Jesus reminds us that the mystery of the cross can only be grasped by faith (in the resurrection). Paul explains this thus: "The language of the cross may be illogical to those who are not on the way to salvation, but those of us who are on the way see it as God's power to save ... here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and wisdom of God" (1 Co 1:18,23). Since the paschal mystery is at the heart of the identity and mission of Jesus, there can, therefore, be no Christian discipleship with the cross: "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me."

This can sound like bad news for many if not most of us, just as it did to Peter. However, the good news is that, in the light of the cross of Christ, the weight, shame, and power of our crosses have all been overcome. The challenge, nonetheless, remains whether we can dare to trust, as John Paul II explains, that, "In the Cross of Christ not only is the Redemption accomplished through suffering, but also human suffering itself has been redeemed," since, as he explains further, "Christ – without any fault of his own – took on himself 'the total evil of sin' (On the Christian Meaning of Human Suffering, §19). Since, as James says in the second reading (Jm 2:14-18), faith without good works is quite dead, our faith in salvation through the Cross of Christ must be accompanied by the readiness to embrace our own crosses and carry them after him. ©IAE

<b>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</b>	
<b>1ST READING</b>	Wisdom 2:12,17-20
<b>2ND READING</b>	James 3:16-4:3
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Mark 9:30-37

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Justina Joseph Edet, Elizabeth Saunders, Audrey Swallow, Maureen Kenny, Fr. Chris O'Brien, 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, 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, Christine Howey, Hazel D'Aguir, and Monica Tett.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £424.26

Gift-aid: £471.89 **Total: £896.15**

Donation (x1): £100.00

*\*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:

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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



### Parents' Business Meeting

Monday, 13 September at the Catholic Hall at 7.30pm.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2020



**Candidates Meeting:** Suspended due to Covid restrictions. Look out for updates on this space!

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

For Catholic Education Service (CES), which acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies, and colleges in England (and Wales?), educating over 800,000 students. CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas. Thank you for your generosity.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** For Home Mission

### LIFTS TO CHURCH: MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still open to take on board more volunteers to help bring parishioners who may need transport to Mass on Sundays.

If you feel you can help, or would like to find out more, please contact the parish office (email preferably) with your name, phone number, and the Mass you normally attend. Thanks in advance.

### NOTICE FOR READERS AT MASS

All readers who would like to appear on the rota should please notify Mareen.

**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 this week and next.

### UPCOMING PARISH LENTEN PROJECT EVENTS:

#### 1. JUMBLE SALE – POSTPONED TO 2<sup>ND</sup> OCT

The Lenten Project is holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday 2 October 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)

#### 2. AFRICAN NIGHT – 16<sup>TH</sup> OCT: More details next week!

### SPONSORED WALK

Donations still accepted via 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.

### † FR CHRIS O'BRIEN – RIP

Thank you to all who were able to attend (or take part virtually) at his Requiem Mass here in OLI on Tuesday.

**Funeral:** Monday, 20 September at 12.15pm at St Vincent de Paul, 2 Bentinck Road, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 2BP.

### † ANDREA SHEPHERD – RIP

Kindly pray for Andrea Shepherd (wife of Paul Shepherd) who died on Thursday, 2 September at Kingston Hospital, aged 72. Condolences to Paul and the family. **Funeral:** Wednesday, 22 September at 1.00pm. May she rest in peace. Amen.

### † MAUREEN KENNY – RIP

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

### † 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.