



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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

18 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Those who support the work of missionaries
19 Sun <i>Home Mission Sunday</i>	9.00 11.00 18.00	Missionaries facing Persecutions Pat Fulford – 75 th B/D (OLI SVP) Connor's Family Intentions

TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

20 Mon <i>Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Co</i>	9.30	Justina J Edet – RIP (<i>Szymanski's</i>)
21 Tues <i>St Matthew</i>	9.30 19.00	Tom Delaney The Sick & Elderly in the Parish
22 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	Daniel Doherty – RIP (<i>S&I Houston</i>) Frederick & Dolly Sirman (<i>FM</i>)
23 Thurs <i>St Pio Pietrelcina</i>	7.00 9.30	Iole Maranzano – RIP Heather Trutwein – RIP (<i>George</i>)
24 Friday <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	7.00 9.30	Holy Souls Sr Scholastica – RIP (<i>S Simon</i>)
25 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Holy Souls (<i>J. Fevri</i>)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

25 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Geovanis Gongora – RIP (<i>G Sharp</i>)
26 Sun	9.00 11.00 18.00	Dec'd of Angelica De Stasio & Family Felimon Buenafe – RIP (<i>J. Espiritu</i>) <i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

OTHER SERVICES

Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
St Anthony of Padua Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Tuesday: after morning and evening Masses Wednesday: after morning and evening Masses
Our Lady of Fatima	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.

WELCOMING GOD'S LITTLE ONES

Jesus makes another prediction of his paschal mystery in today's Gospel (Mk 9:30-37). This second predication of his salvific suffering, death, and resurrection in Mark is made against the background of the first announcement last Sunday (Mk 9: 27-35) and in the context of his travelling with the disciples secretly through Galilee towards Jerusalem, where the full drama of his sacred passion would play out, reaching its penultimate climax with his crucifixion, death, and burial on Good Friday – and finally with his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Once again, Jesus is very forthright about the fate that awaits him in Jerusalem: "he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.'" But his disciples do not understand him and are afraid to ask him. Instead, they are preoccupied with the lure of fame, prestige, and power. Jesus sees through their selfish preoccupation and challenges them to re-think their attitude and vision, saying: "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all." This is Jesus' own way. As Paul says: "Though he [Jesus] was in the form of God... he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave ... and became obedient even to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name ..." (Ph 2:5-11). For Jesus, welcoming the little ones in his name, is welcoming not just him but also the Father who sent him. This teaching of Jesus clearly contrasts with the insignificant position of children not only among the Jews (see Mt 13:21; 19:13-15) but also, generally, in the ancient world.

The priority given to the little ones by Jesus reminds us of God's 'preferential option' for the powerless and vulnerable. Welcoming Jesus and the Father through welcoming 'children' is not merely a matter of ethical choice. To Welcome the little ones in Jesus' name is, above all, an invitation to embrace childlikeness and the virtues associated with it – powerlessness, docility, innocence, trust, transparency, etc. This is what Jesus means when he insists, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). As he approaches his impending passion and death in Jerusalem, Jesus, in his innocence, humility, powerlessness, vulnerability, and utter trust in the Father's will, is an epitome of the little ones whose disguised presence in the little ones around us – in our family, school, Church, and society – always bids us to be open to welcome and embrace them. Jesus, therefore, offers us a model of discipleship that is rooted in humble service of those from whom we can expect little or nothing in return as such. This, he emphasises, constitutes the main criterion with which we will be judged by God. For "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). Following Christ's way is certainly counter cultural to the ways of the world where fame, power, and prestige are celebrated and oftentimes abused (see Mk 10:42-44). However, it is the antidote, as James teaches in the second reading (Jm 3:16-4:3) against the violence, conflicts, and wars that have destroyed us and our world: "Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done." We can overcome the lure of fame, power, prestige by learning to embrace the little ones in and around us and, by God's grace, gradually become truly God's little ones ourselves. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Numbers 11:25-29
2ND READING	James 5:1-6
GOSPEL	Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £466.68

Gift-aid: £342.99 **Total: £809.67**

2nd Collection for Catholic Education Service: £371.69

**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 online.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 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



Pray for our candidates and their parents and catechists.

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

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: - 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 Sunday.

If you feel you can help, or would like to find out more, please contact the parish office (email preferably) with your name, phone contact, 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 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

Will be collected this weekend after the 9 & 11 am Masses.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. JUMBLE SALE – 2 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

2. AFRICAN NIGHT – 16TH OCT: More info, 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

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

† ANDREA SHEPHERD – RIP (Aged 72)

Funeral: Wednesday, 22 September at 1.00pm. May she rest in peace. Amen

† JUSTINA JOSEPH EDET – RIP (Aged 74)

Kindly pray for Justina Joseph Edet (*mother of Fr Ignatius*) who died on 15 August. **Funeral:** Thursday, 23 September at 10am in Nigeria. Livestream link: <https://youtu.be/q4U6NQ4VJMU>

† MAUREEN KENNY – RIP (Aged 85)

Funeral: Monday, 11 October, 12.15pm. May she rest in peace. Amen.

† IOLE MARANZANO – RIP (Aged 98)

Kindly pray for Iole Maranzano (*mother of Alex Maranzano*) who died on 17 September. May she rest in peace. Amen