



TWENTY-SEVENTH 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>**

02 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Rajani Reginald – RIP
03 Sun <i>Rosary Sunday</i>	9.00	Theo Fernandes – RIP (<i>Basilisa</i>)
	11.00	Irene Keane – RIP (<i>M. C. Taylor</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

TWENTY-SEVENTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

04 Mon <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	9.30	Matilda Fernandes – RIP (<i>J. Fernandes</i>)
05 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Paddy Dalton – RIP (<i>Emmett Fam</i>)
	19.00	E & S Walsh – 68 th Wed Anni
06 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Justina J Edet – RIP (<i>OLI SVP</i>)
	19.00	Elaine Intranova - WB
07 Thurs <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Kate & Drew Harderly
08 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	For all Confirmation Candidates
	9.30	Maureen Farrell – RIP (<i>B&D Marley</i>)
09 Sat <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	9.00	Fr Chris O'Brien – RIP (<i>OLI SVP</i>)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

09 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	John & David Doyle (<i>Doyle Hall Fam</i>)
10 Sun	9.00	Joe Murphy – RIP (<i>P & B Mitchell</i>)
	11.00	M.V. Thomas – RIP (<i>Roy & Family</i>)
	18.00	James & Hilda Powell (<i>FM</i>)

OTHER SERVICES

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

EMBRACING GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN

Jesus invites us in today's Gospel (Mk 10:2-16) to rediscover God's original plan for human beings based on our being created in God's image and likeness. He does this in two loosely related contexts.

The first is Jesus' encounter with some Pharisees who approached him to test him with a question about the legality of divorce. Obviously, they are not asking this question to learn or discover more from Jesus. They ask it to test him, to establish where he belongs and consequently pigeonhole him, or possibly force him into some legal error to find legal grounds to discredit and/or indict him. Characteristic of Jesus, he puts the question back to them: "What did Moses command you?" Their response based on Deuteronomy 24:1-5, shows that they were not sincere enquirers; they knew that the Mosaic Law had permitted divorce on account of indecency. However, at the time of Jesus, there was no agreement on the legitimate grounds for divorce. The Pharisees were divided between two leading rabbinic schools. Whereas the strict school of Shammai insisted on adultery as the only ground, the liberal school of Hillel, would allow divorce for trivial reasons such as displeasing the man. The immediate and long-term impacts of this on women (and children) cannot be overemphasised. Since women could be divorced at the whim of men, they lacked the needed security for a stable family life in marriage and were largely left at the mercy of men. In today's Gospel, Jesus interrogates the Mosaic allowance and its application. Without questioning its propriety, he describes it as a concession to human sinfulness: "It was because you were so unteachable that he [Moses] wrote this commandment for you." Echoing today's first reading (Gn 2:18-24), he challenges the Pharisees to return to God's original intention: "But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body ... So then, what God has united, man must not divide." Clearly, Jesus goes beyond the logic of the Law. In uncovering God's will for man and woman in marriage as a serious life-long commitment and encouraging all to strive after it, Jesus also affirms and defends the equal dignity of women together with men in marriage.

Following Jesus' teaching and example, the Church presents this original plan of God to all its sons and daughters who are called to the sacrament of holy matrimony. In doing so, the Church, like Jesus, is not unaware of the fact that things can sometimes go terribly wrong in and with marriages, or that marriages sometimes do collapse, or that the permanence of marriage cannot be taken in isolation of the overall original plan of God for man and woman in marriage as well as the mental health and the physical, social, and spiritual wellbeing of both spouses and their children. Pastoral care for spouses and their marriages and family life through prayers, the sacraments (especially Penance and Eucharist), and ongoing accompaniment is, therefore, part and parcel of the Church's pastoral ministry.

The second context is provided by the disciples' reaction at the presentation of some little children to Jesus for him to touch and bless them. By warning the disciples against turning the little children away, Jesus affirms their equal dignity and importance. Besides, in the light of his defence of the permanence of marriage in the first part of Gospel, Jesus here makes a strong case for family life, especially the role of children in the sacrament of marriage. Thus, he unveils another important aspect of God's original plan for man and woman in the sacrament of matrimony, namely, the procreation and upbringing of children, and invites us to embrace, defend, and promote these plan and values through our words and actions.

Strikingly, embracing God's original plan requires complete trust and dependence upon God for which children are a perfect model. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Wisdom 7:7-11
2ND READING	Hebrews 4:12-13
GOSPEL	Mark 10:17-30

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, Iola 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, Hazel D'Aguiar and Elaine Intranova

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £431.14

Gift-aid: £410.58 **Total: £841.72**

**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), 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



For those children who are **currently** in Year 9. Registration will be available in the New Year.

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

DBS RE-CHECK FOR VOLUNTEERS

Please see letter from the Archdiocese Safeguarding Office on the Parish website. Thank you.

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, contact phone number, and the Mass you normally attend. In the coming weeks we will contact you to take this forward but 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 Monday to Friday, 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

AFRICAN NIGHT – 16TH OCT

Starting with a special Mass with African Choir at 6.30pm, followed by activities in the Hall at 7.30pm – 11.30pm. Please, come and enjoy a variety of African 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

Donation still accepted via the following Justgiving site:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Our-Lady-Immaculate-Church> Many thanks for your support!

SEASON OF CREATION

1 Sept – 4 Oct is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our brothers and sisters in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. As the urgent need to solve the environmental crisis continues to grow, Christian churches have been called to strengthen their united response. Visit www.seasonofcreation.org for more information.

ROSARY CRUSADE OF REPARATION

This event is back after being suspended during the pandemic. It will take place on Saturday 9 October 2021, assembling by 1.45pm outside Westminster Cathedral (Ambrosden Avenue); nearest Underground: Victoria. The day ends around 3.45pm (Anticipated Mass of Sunday at 6pm). For information contact Francis Carey - 01494 729223 or Mathias Menezes – 020 8764 0262; 07950 384515. You can also email: rosarycrusade@duc-in-altum.co.uk or visit: rosarycrusadeofreparation.blogspot.com

† MAUREEN KENNY – RIP (Aged 85)

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

† 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