



TWENTY-EIGHTH 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>

09 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	John & David Doyle (<i>Doyle Hall Fam</i>)
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10 Sun <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Families</i>	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 – RIP (<i>FM</i>)

TWENTY-EIGHTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

11 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Justina J. Edet - RIP (<i>Mary C Taylor</i>)
	12.15	Funeral – Maureen Kenny

12 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	John Dolan – RIP (<i>B&D Marley</i>)
	19.00	Joe Murphy – RIP (<i>M&N Connolly</i>)

13 Wed <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	9.30	Thanksgiving (<i>A. Tissera</i>) Including Yr. 4 School Mass
	19.00	Jean Casey – RIP (<i>M. Tett</i>)

14 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Cathy Davern – WB (<i>N. D'Aguiar</i>)
	9.30	A & L Manuepillai – RIP (<i>Stella & Family</i>)

15 Friday <i>St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)</i>	7.00	Anita, Jaygath, Mickel & Vincent (<i>Tissera</i>)
	9.30	Dec'd Members Furlong Family

16 Sat <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Clair Branskill – RIP (<i>S. Wells</i>)
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

16 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Private (<i>Rosamma & Simon</i>)
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17 Sun	9.00	Jan Leightley – RIP (<i>M C Taylor</i>)
	11.00	John Peter – RIP (<i>Fagunthala</i>)
	18.00	Rose & Anthony Mills – RIP (<i>S Mills</i>)

OTHER SERVICES

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

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.

GIVING UP EVERYTHING TO FOLLOW JESUS

The cost of discipleship is emphasised in today's Gospel (Mk 10:17-30). Following from last week's discourse with the Pharisees who had approached Jesus to question him about the grounds for divorce (Mk 10:2-16), today an unnamed man approaches him to ask about what he must do to inherit eternal life. This is a very important question. Among others, the question expresses the deep desire of the questioner to realise God's purpose for him, namely, 'to know, love, and serve him in this world, and to be happy with him in the next.' Strikingly, it leads to a discourse of salvation with Jesus which can both inspire and challenge us in our attempt to respond to the call of the Gospel in imitation of Christ as his missionary disciples.

On the face value, the first response of Jesus appears discouraging. "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone." However, on a deeper reflection, this statement is closely linked to what follows, namely the basic requirement for eternal life: The Ten Commandments. In the words of John Paul II, "in the ten words of the covenant with Israel God is revealed as the one 'who alone is good,'" hence, "God is the 'model' for moral action" (*The Splendour of Truth*, §10). By describing Jesus as good, the questioner, in a way, though unbeknownst to him, points towards his divinity *since God alone is good*. And, by virtue of his divinity, Jesus is not only the model par excellence of the moral action that leads to eternal life; he is eternal life itself (see Jn 17:3).

Obviously, we can learn a lot from the man's response to Jesus which is, unfortunately, ambivalent. First, his faithful observance of the commandments from his "earliest days," is commendable. And so, "Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him." We can say in Paul's terms that as far as the righteousness that comes from keeping the law is concerned, he is faultless (Ph 3:6b). In the same vein, he is insufficient with regards to salvation as a gift of God's grace, which always requires something more than the mere keeping of the commandments. The latter demands total trust and dependence on God and, consequently, renunciation of all forms of earthly attachments and preoccupations. Jesus clearly identifies this as lacking in the man and wants him to remedy the situation if he must realise his laudable ambition. He tells him, "Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Despite the promise attached to this invitation, his subsequent response is disappointing. It is striking how the initial enthusiasm with which he recalls his faithful observance of the commandments quickly fades away, leaving him downcast as he walks away sad. Notably, the problem is not with his stunning wealth. It is with his dependence upon it for his security which, in turn, hinders him from responding to the call of the Gospel.

Throughout history, men and women have attempted to respond to the call to radical discipleship, some literally like Anthony of Egypt and Francis of Assisi, and some symbolically through various forms of consecrated life through commitment to the evangelical counsels of chastity, poverty, and obedience, and more recently through new forms of common life in community embracing, priest, religious and laity, as well as heroic life of renunciation in family and society. Nonetheless, the call is extended to all of us and each of us is invited to respond to it with generosity and love based on our state of life.

Like divine Wisdom in the first reading (Ws 7:7-11), which is esteemed more than sceptres or thrones, in comparison with which riches are considered nothing, gold as a pinch of sand, etc. nothing can or should be prized above our desire for eternal life and God's kingdom (see Mt 13:44, 45). This is what it means to give up everything to follow Jesus. It both presupposes and goes beyond mere keeping of the commandments since Jesus is the fulfilment of both the Laws and the Prophets (see Mt 5:17). ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 53:10-11
2ND READING	Hebrews 4:14-16
GOSPEL	Mark 10:35-45

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, Pat Amanpour, Canon Richard Hearn 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



Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on the first weekend of every new month.

LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £561.29

Gift-aid: £369.48

Total: £930.77

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR SEPT 2021

A. Cash / cheques – 3,292.88

1. Gift-Aided – 1,644.00

2. Non-G/A – 1,648.88

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 3,113.00

1. Gift-Aided – 2,535.00

2. Non-G/A – 578.00

C. Contactless Machine – 355

Total = £6,760.88

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Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

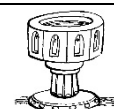
Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at online.co.uk), or by online banking:

RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.

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Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook: tolworthac@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

COLUMBAN MISSION APPEAL NEXT WEEK

Fr. Tom Ryan SSC from the Columban Missionaries will be visiting the parish next weekend to seek greater support and prayers for their continued work.

LIFTS TO CHURCH: MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

More volunteers needed 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.

TO ALL EXISTING ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking to fully reintroduce altar servers at Sunday Mass from next weekend of 16/17 October. We only need a small number at first. Existing servers should turn up on the day at the Mass they wish to serve and sign-in, so we know who is at each Mass. Bring and wear your mask each time when serving. All the albs and cinctures have just been cleaned. A Rota will be drawn up in due course. Many Thanks. *Jacques Lamberts.*

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; Families - £25. All proceeds go to the Lenten Project.

JUMBLE SALE

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered. The total amount raised was a wonderful £260!

SPONSORED WALK

Donation still accepted via the following Justgiving site:

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

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Kingston Community Library has been delivering library books to the housebound throughout the pandemic. Now that restrictions are being relaxed, we need more volunteers to help widen the range of our activities, which may include delivering books, reading aloud, compiling, and discussing reminiscence boxes for those with partial memory loss, contributing to book club discussions. For more information, please ring the Community Library at 0208 5476451.

† MAUREEN KENNY – RIP (Aged 85)

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

† IOLA MARANZANO – RIP (Aged 98)

Funeral: Monday, 11 October, 12.00pm at Holy Angels Church, Ash, Surrey. Livestream at <https://vimeo.com/619384804/10d795ffb5>
Burial: will be in Rosello, Italy (*village of Iola's birth*). May she rest in peace. Amen.

† PAT AMANPOUR – RIP

Kindly pray for Pat Amanpour *who died on 5 October*. May she rest in peace. Amen. Condolences to Christiane, Fiona, Lizzy & Leila.

Funeral: Tuesday, 19 October at St Raphael's, Portsmouth Road at 11.30pm. **Committal:** Surbiton Cemetery at 1pm.

† CANON RICHARD HEARN – RIP (Aged 56)

Kindly pray for Canon Richard Hearn, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, who died on 7 October. May he rest in peace. Amen.