



TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

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

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

TWENTY-NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

18 Mon <i>St Luke</i>	9.30	Enrico Mortini - RIP (<i>K. Jankowski</i>)
19 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Angelita Casignato – WB (<i>Wong</i>)
	19.00	T-Giving (<i>Rosamma, Simon & Fam</i>)
20 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Thomas Kane - RIP (<i>K. Jankowski</i>)
	19.00	Julia Jeannet – RIP (<i>P. Jeannet</i>)
21 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Sr. Romana – RIP (<i>S. Kocherry</i>)
	9.30	Tony Brennan – RIP (<i>Sparrow Fam</i>)
22 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Antonisamy – RIP (<i>Mary</i>)
	9.30	Alice Tumilty – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
23 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	K. M. Ho – WB (<i>J. Wong & Family</i>)

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

23 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Mr Rayappu & Mr Villiyam – RIP (<i>A Peter</i>)
24 Sun <i>Day of Prayer for the Evangelization of the World</i>	9.00	Anne Martin – BD
	11.00	Angelita Casignato – WB (<i>J. Wong</i>)
	18.00	Peter & Joseph Campbell - RIP

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.

THE AUTHORITY OF SERVICE

Today's Liturgy of the Word invites us to reflect, among others, on Christian discipleship as a call to sacrifice and service in imitation of Christ, "the Son of Man" who, as he insists in the Gospel (Mk 10:35-45), "himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The tone is set by the prophet Isaiah in the first reading (Is 53:10-11), which is drawn from the last verses of the *Fourth Song of the Suffering Servant of Yahweh* (Is 52:13-53:12). The identity of the Lord's servant in this and the other three songs (Is 42:1-9; 49:1-7; 50:4-11) may still be open to debate. However, from its original setting, the evidence in the text points to the songs referring to the prophet (Second Isaiah) and, beyond him, to the perfect Servant whom God will send in the future (Is 42:1-12). For Christians, the prophesies of the *Suffering Servant* look towards the New Testament for their ultimate fulfilment. And this is accomplished in the mission and sufferings of Jesus who reveals himself as the Suffering Servant (see Mk 8:31; 10:45) especially in his Passion and death. The second reading partly alludes to this when it refers to Christ as a high priest who was capable of "feeling our weaknesses with us," and "one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin." His identification with suffering and sinful humanity is the source of salvation and reconciliation, fulfilling, as he does, the prophesy of Deutero-Isaiah: "By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself." According to scripture scholar, M. Duggan, "The Song of the Suffering Servant is at the heart of the Gospel message because it shows us that Christ has atoned for our sin." The authority and power of Jesus lies precisely in his sacrificial love, in his total self-giving of himself in complete obedience and submission to the will of the Father.

Sadly, the disciples are slow to understand him and his mission. Focusing instead on power, position, privilege, and fame, they miss completely the message and mystery of the cross. Certainly, this is not only a problem for the audacious brothers, James and John, who approach him to ask for special favours for themselves over and above their colleagues. The other ten who are indignant at the two sons of Zebedee also covet the same privileges. Hence Jesus seizes the opportunity to teach all of them about the real meaning and purpose of authority and true greatness: "You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all." He himself is the perfect example of this humble, self-effacing, and sacrificial love at the service of all. For he practises what he preaches and invites us to follow him if we must be his true disciples. As he said after washing the disciples' feet at the Last Supper: "If I, then, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you should wash each other's feet. I have given you an example so that you may copy what I have done to you" (Jn 13:14-15).

Jesus is evidently offering us a style and model of leadership and authority that is indeed countercultural. This consists in authority as the exercise of the will to serve in a sacrificial manner. His image of both authority and greatness is service. For him, the leader is one who serves. As he says in Lk 22:27: "For who is the greater: the one at table or the one who serves? The one at table, surely? Yet here I am among you as one who serves!" Surely, this is contrary to the exercise of the will to power and dominance which is normally despotic, self-serving, and exploitative in nature. Christ's servant-leadership is an invitation to us to critically examine our understanding and ways of exercising leadership and authority in the family, Church, school, workplaces, among our peers, etc. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Jeremiah 31:7-9
2ND READING	Hebrews 5:1-6
GOSPEL	Mark 10:46-52

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Pat Amanpour, Fr Robert Copsey, Canon Richard Hearn, Patrick Okon Udofia, Christina Nta, 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, Shirlene A., Ida Rebello, Kathleen McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Christine Howey and Hazel D'Aguiar.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £463.69

Gift-aid: £305.91 **Total: £769.60**

**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.

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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



Kindly pray for our candidates and their parents and catechists. Thank you.

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

COLUMBAN MISSION APPEAL THIS WEEK

We welcome Fr. Tom Ryan SSC from the Columban Missionaries who is visiting the parish this weekend to seek greater support and prayers for their continued work. More information on posters!

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (MISSIO)

Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools, and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young, or poor.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

Archbishop John Wilson has issued a Pastoral Letter to be read in all parishes this weekend. A copy is also available on the parish website.

NOVEMBER LIST

The month of November is specially dedicated to the commemoration of the faithful departed, through prayer, penance, and Holy Mass. Holy Souls' envelopes are now available in the Narthex; please, collect an envelope and fill in the names of your departed family and friends. If you would like to make an offering towards ongoing Masses for the Holy Souls, kindly indicate the enclosed sum on the envelope. Thank you.

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.

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.



SRI LANKAN EVENING

What a lovely evening had by everyone, thank you to all who attended and to all those who volunteered. The total raised was an amazing £1,547.00!

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.

† 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.