



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

24 OCTOBER 2021

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School: Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mr Ben Martin

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

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

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

THIRTIETH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

25 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Sarah & James Conmey – RIP <i>(S. Mills)</i>
26 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	William Martin – RIP
	19.00	Susan Walsh – RIP <i>(J. Dunseath)</i>
27 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Francis Powell – RIP <i>(E. Powell)</i>
	19.00	J.T Mills & Margaret Heraghty – Private Intentions <i>(Mills)</i>
28 Thurs <i>Ss Simon & Jude</i>	7.00	Jack Curran
	9.30	Denis & Maureen Farrell – RIP
29 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	John Walsh – RIP <i>(J. Dunseath)</i>
	9.30	Bella Fernandes – RIP <i>(Basilia)</i>
30 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Mary & P Hosey's Intentions

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

30 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Nancy & Noel Ryan - RIP <i>(M. Tett)</i>
31 Sun <i>Vigil of All Saints</i>	9.00	Margaret Lavin – WB <i>(J. Dunseath)</i>
	11.00	Pat Amanpour – RIP
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

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.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES – 7 NOVEMBER

- Surbiton Cemetery – 2pm
- Kingston Cemetery – 3pm

Please assemble at the cemetery chapel

RESILIENT FAITH AND STUBBORN HOPE

The healing of Bartimaeus, the blind man by Jesus in today's Gospel (Mk 10:42-56) demonstrates the fulfilment of the messianic hope of Israel in the life and ministry of Jesus. Expressing this hope in the first reading (Jr 31:7-9), the prophet Jeremiah mentions the blind among Israel's remnant who are saved by the Lord. The first reading reminds us of the important place of healing, deliverance, and meeting the needs of the poor in Israel's messianic expectation. In the Gospels, these would serve as pointers to the identity and mission of Jesus as the Messiah (See Mt 11:2-6; Lk 4:18-21; 11:20). Generally, the people were limited in their understanding of the nature of Jesus' identity and mission. For them, the messiah was expected to set Israel free in a political and/or military sense (see Lk 24:18-21) and, consequently, restore the dynasty of David. This was obviously far from Jesus' messianic vision and mission, the nature and purpose of which he spoke about frankly. That is, to establish the reign of God, through the paschal mystery of his suffering, death, and resurrection, as against the kingdom of this world, established through violence (Jn 18:36-37). Interestingly, it is on the journey towards Jerusalem to fulfil this mission that the blind beggar encounters him and is subsequently healed though that encounter.

Beyond pointing to Jesus' messianic identity and mission, the healing of Bartimaeus also calls our attention to the power of faith and the importance of praying with faith. The picture of Bartimaeus in the Gospel narrative is indicative of one who is plagued by two related deprivations. He is physically blind and materially poor. The poverty that drives him to sit by the roadside to try to eke a living from begging for alms is not unconnected to his visual disability. Sadly, this is still a common scene in many parts of the world today, even amidst the affluence of our post-industrial age! We can only imagine how long Bartimaeus has been in this parlous and desperate condition. Who would not empathise with him? This is what he wants from Jesus (and what the 'Bartimaeuses' in our family, Church, and society, want from us!): "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me!" Challengingly, undeterred by the scolding crowd who wants to shut him up, he shouts the louder still, until he attracts Jesus' attention. At that moment, everything stops, and Jesus asks that he be called up.

Why does Jesus ask the same people who wanted to prevent him from reaching out for help, to be the ones calling him to come to him? Perhaps to remind us that, as his disciples, we cannot be aloof to the sufferings of those around us. In other words, that the cry, "Son of David, have pity on me," that echoes from the poor and vulnerable, the elderly and unborn, the marginalised, the suffering and dying, etc., is not just addressed equally to all of us today. It also demands our response, first by allowing ourselves to be touched by it and then taking positive actions to speak out and/or act with love and mercy.

The persistence of Bartimaeus against all odds is also a big lesson for all of us. It highlights his strong faith. Indeed, it shows that, despite his physical blindness, he has a clear vision of Jesus and what he can do for him. It is this rich faith and clear vision that makes him recognise the presence of Jesus as passes by and draws his to want to encounter him. His resilient faith and stubborn hope finally make him well again and set him on a new path of discipleship: "Go; your faith has saved you." Thus, Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:7, "We walk by faith and not by sight."

This message is relevant for us as we mark World Mission Sunday today, a day "when the entire global Church comes together to support mission," through prayer and generous donations in support of *Missio*, the Church's official agency for foreign missions. With the bold faith and clear vision of Bartimaeus, let us respond generously to the Holy Father's Message marking this day, themed: "*We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard*" (Acts 4:20). ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Deuteronomy 6:2-6
2ND READING	Hebrews 7:23-28
GOSPEL	Mark 12:28-34

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, Christiana Nta, Allison Hudson, 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: £593.08

Gift-aid: £344.94 **Total: £938.02***

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

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

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.

MASS FOR DECEASED PARISHIONERS & RELATIVES

There will be a special Mass on All Souls Day (**2 Nov**) for all deceased parishioners and relatives of parishioners who died within the last one year (from 2 Nov 2019). **Time:** 7pm.

During the Mass, they will be remembered, and a family member or parishioner will be invited to light a candle in their memory as we pray for them. All who attend will also be welcome to light a candle as we pray for their departed loved ones. **NB:** Please, send names with dates of death to Fr Ignatius via the parish office by 30 October.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY (*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.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL THE SAINTS

Per the Universal Calendar and without any prejudice to the National Calendar, we will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints here in the parish on 1 November. There will be 4 Masses:

- **Sunday, 31 October:** 6pm (Vigil Mass)
- **Monday, 1 November:** 7am, 9.30am, and 7pm

ALL SOULS' DAY – 2 NOVEMBER

This is the day when the Church commemorates all the faithful departed; it is a quasi-penitential day, marked by prayer and fasting. A plenary indulgence, applicable only to holy souls, may be gained once in any church either on All Souls' Day, or on the preceding or following Sunday or on the Feast of All Saints, on the usual conditions, viz a visit to a church, where the Our Father and Creed are recited, sacramental confession, Holy Communion, and prayer for the Holy Father's intention. Those who visit a cemetery between 1st and 8th November and pray for the faithful departed, may obtain a plenary indulgence, applicable to the holy souls (and at other times a partial indulgence).

There will be 3 Masses in the parish: 7am, 9.30am, and 7pm.

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 November that may help answer your questions about the Church and, if you wish, enable you to take further steps.

AFRICAN EVENING: £3,350.00 raised!

Our Lady Immaculate Church
Parish Lenten Project



Thank you to all who attended and to all volunteers. It was indeed a memorable evening and a fantastic way to conclude the 50th anniversary of the Parish Lenten Project.

CHURCH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Many thanks to those parishioners who came to clean the Church and grounds in August. At the time it was suggested that this should be a regular event. We are now asking for volunteers to join a monthly rota to do such things as cutting the grass, weeding, pruning, and cleaning the brass door fittings. With enough volunteers you would only be needed once every 2/3 months.

If you can help, please text or phone Rosemary McDermott ([07557 057083](tel:07557057083)) or Jon Butcher ([07979 052957](tel:07979052957)) leaving your name and contact details. Thank you.

AFTERNOON FOR ADULTS

Tuesday 26th October from 2-4pm, the Afternoon for Adults group is restarting. We hope you can join us in the RDJ room. Everybody is welcome, drivers available to bring the hard of walking. Come for an afternoon tea, coffee, and home-made cakes!

SYRO MALABAR PRAYER VIGIL: First Friday: 7-11pm.