



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

31 OCTOBER 2021

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

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

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

THIRTY-FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

01 Mon <i>All Saints</i>	7.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	9.30	Ivan Flanagan – RIP
	19.00	Patrick Okon Udofia – RIP
02 Tues <i>All Souls</i>	7.00	Justina Edet & P Udofia – RIP
	9.30	The Holy Father's Intention
	19.00	Departed Parishioners & Friends
03 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Des Rochford – RIP
	19.00	Patrick Curran
04 Thurs <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	7.00	Holy Souls (<i>J Dunseath</i>)
	9.30	Pat Amanpour – RIP
05 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Julia & Family (<i>K Hashmi</i>)
06 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Pat Amanpour – RIP (<i>Fox Fam</i>)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

06 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Joe Murphy –RIP (<i>M & J Hoey & Fam</i>)
07 Sun	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i>
	11.00	John S. D'Abreo – RIP (<i>E. D'Abreo</i>)
	18.00	Alexius Yap – RIP (<i>C. Yap</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 / LIVINGSTREAMING

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

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

Please assemble at the cemetery chapel

LOVE IS THE ANSWER

The Christian confession of faith in one God is a shared patrimony with the Jewish faith (Judaism). And connected to it is the centrality of God's commandments (the Law) in the fostering of the relationship between God and humans. The Pentateuch or Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy) contains a total of 613 commandments communicated by God through Moses, 10 of which (the *Ten Commandments* or *Decalogue*) are very prominent. Their significance is underscored by the fact that obedience to them is not simply a duty towards God but also what brings the people into and sustains them in relationship with God and others. So, for Jews as well as Christians, God's law is the guidance for life lived in harmony with God, neighbour, and creation. Thus, in the first reading (Dt 6:2-6), we read: "Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life.... prosper and [have] great increase....'"

Obviously, living according to the commandments presupposes knowing them well, which was a complex and complicated task for the Jews due to their large number. As a result, a tradition emerged of focusing the mind by summarising the Law into its essential elements. Starting with the prophets (Is 33:15; 56:1; Mi 6:8; see Ps 15), it became particularly popular among the rabbis and their pupils. Hence the question by one of the scribes to Jesus in the Gospel: "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus answers by appealing to two texts in the scripture. The first (see the first reading) is the centrepiece of Israel's declaration of faith in one God (*the Shema*), recited during morning and evening prayers and at bedtime and by martyrs before their death: "Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength..." The second is from Leviticus 19:18: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." No commandment, he insists, is greater than these two. Beyond endorsing Jesus' answer as impressive and true, the scribe also maintains that the love of neighbour takes precedence over religious rituals. Of course, Jesus who healed on a Sabbath (Lk 14:1-6) and eulogised the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37), could not have agreed any less. Thus, despite their known differences and conflicts in the Gospels, Jesus and the scribe clearly agree on the primacy of love in matters of religion. Both emphasise the intimate link between love of God and love of neighbour. John the evangelist explains this concretely: "Anyone who says, 'I love God,' but hates his brother, is a liar, since a man who does not love the brother that he can see cannot love God, whom he has never seen. So, this is the commandment that he has given us, that anyone who loves God must also love his brother" (1 Jn 4:20-21).

Besides, by both citing the *Shema*, they equally highlight that love of God must be comprehensive and absolute – *with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength*. This means that the love of God must be above all others. Truly understood, it can never be one among others, but always the foundation and rationale for the love of others. In other words, just as the love of neighbour makes the love God tangible, so does the love of God validate the love of neighbour. This is what Saint Paul means when he says in Romans 13:10: "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments." ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	1 Kings 17:10-16
2ND READING	Hebrews 9:24-28
GOSPEL	Mark 12:38-44

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially, Michael Donovan, Patrick Okon Udofia, Christiana Nta, Allison Hudson, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.	SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK (LIVESTREAMING) There will be a second collection next to support the funding for livestreaming. Thanks for your generosity!	
	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, Hazel D'Aguiar and Mary O'Mara.	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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Sunday, 31 October: 6pm (Vigil Mass) o 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 1 st and 8 th 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.	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		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.	
	LAST WEEKEND Non-Gift-aid: £529.94 Gift-aid: £396.60 Total: £926.54* 2nd Collection – Missio: £237.62 Columban Mission Appeal (24 Oct): £487.70 Thank you for your generosity to your parish. <i>Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), or by online banking:</i> 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	SYNODAL PROCESS: Two sessions in the Catholic Hall – Saturday, 13 Nov after 6.30pm Mass & Sunday 14 Nov at 10am. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and share ideas. 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.	
<i>*Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on the first weekend of every new month.</i>		UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS A small group representing Tolworth Foundation attended the Diocesan Rally Mass and AGM at Southwark on October 16th. There was a good turnout and very positive news regarding the future of our Organisation. On Tuesday November 30th at 7pm Mass in our church will be offered for all our deceased members. This will be followed by a short meeting in the old chapel - our first since lockdown. We shall be resuming our meetings on the third Tuesday of the month after November.	
INFANT BAPTISM		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) or Jon Butcher (07979 052957) leaving your name and contact details. Thank you.	
	Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. Next course: TBA	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! COFFEE MORNINGS After 9.00am Mass every Sunday in the Church Hall. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer.	
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION		SYRO MALABAR PRAYER VIGIL: First Friday: 7-11pm.	
	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 1 November (2pm).			