



# Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

**07 NOVEMBER 2021**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Ignatius Edet + **Curate:** Fr. Joseph Edem + **Deacon:** Rev. Al Callan + **Secretary:** Mrs Denise Kidd

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

## MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

### THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

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

06 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Joe Murphy – RIP ( <i>Hoey &amp; Family</i> )
07 Sun <i>World Day of the Poor</i>	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	11.00	John S. D'Abreo – RIP ( <i>E D'Abreo</i> )
	18.00	Alexius Yap – RIP ( <i>C Yapp</i> )

### THIRTY-SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:** Monday – Friday at 8.30am

08 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Pat O'Reilly – WB ( <i>Seamus &amp; Irene</i> )
09 Tues <i>The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica</i>	9.30	Philip Dray – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
	19.00	Angelita Casignado – WB ( <i>M Ho</i> )
10 Wed <i>St Leo the Great</i>	9.30	David Sheridan ( <i>Mrs Sheridan</i> )
	19.00	Seujan Kajaruban – 14 <sup>th</sup> BD ( <i>Kajarubani Family</i> )
11 Thurs <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	7.00	Walter & Harold Hawes – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
	9.30	George Janowski – RIP ( <i>Janowski</i> )
12 Friday <i>St Josaphat</i>	7.00	Con Diver – WB ( <i>M Connolly</i> )
	9.30	Joseph Edet – RIP ( <i>C Yapp</i> )
13 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Mariam Thomas – RIP ( <i>M.Thomas</i> )

### THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (B)

13 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Dec'd Mems of Varant & Pallath Families ( <i>S. Varant</i> )
14 Sun <i>Remembrance Day</i>	9.00	Fr. John Butler – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
	11.00	Philip Dray – RIP ( <i>A Dray</i> )
	18.00	Desire John Sice – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )

### OTHER SERVICES

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

### SACRIFICIAL GENEROSITY

Reflecting on 'Sacrifices born of love,' in his recent encyclical letter (*Fratelli Tutti*, §187) – Pope Francis observes that, "Only a gaze transformed by charity can enable the dignity of others to be recognized and, as a consequence, the poor to be acknowledged and valued in their dignity, respected in their identity and culture, and thus truly integrated into society." Today's liturgy of the word demonstrates this, especially in the first reading (1 Kgs 17:10-16) and the Gospel (Mk 12:38-44) in the narratives of the sacrificial generosity of two widows, one a Gentile and the other possibly a Jew.

In the first reading, the prophet Elijah approaches a poor Sidonian widow for water and food. Without any question, she trusts him and selflessly shares her last allowance of food with the prophet and, as he had prophesied, she and her son are provided for by the Lord throughout the intense famine. Her identity as a Gentile is quite intriguing. A Jewish prophet asking a Gentile widow for food? We recall here the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well and her reaction to his request, "Give me a drink." "What? You are a Jew, and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink? – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans" (Jn 4:9-10a).

In the light of the above remarks of Pope Francis, through the gaze of charity, the encounter between the prophet and the widow is not just a chance event based on convenience. It expresses their mutual recognition of each other's dignity through their shared adversity. On the one hand, Elijah, the powerful Jewish prophet, recognises and values the dignity of the poor Gentile widow and does not hesitate to express his vulnerability before her (cf. Jn 4:7-9), thereby, placing himself at her mercy. She, on the other hand, equally recognises and values the dignity of the vulnerable Jewish prophet and relying on his word about God's promise, completely places herself and her meagre resource at his disposal. In the New Testament, Jesus contrasts the openness and receptiveness of this Gentile widow to the narrow-mindedness and stubbornness of his fellow Jews against his messianic identity and mission (see Lk 4:25-26).

The sacrificial generosity of the Zarephath widow is echoed in the second part of today's Gospel. Jesus singles out and extols the paltry contribution of the poor widow to the temple treasury over and above the huge sums from the rich because, unlike the latter who give from their surplus, she gives everything she had to live on. Jesus' message is obvious. For him, *true generosity* is measured not so much by what is given but by what is left after giving. So, what matters is not the *quantity* but the *quality* of our response to the call of the Gospel. Besides, we cannot use religious piety to disguise a lack of love and sensitivity to the needs of those around us, or the duty to work for justice, truth, reconciliation, and peace. Hence, Jesus warns his disciples in the first part of the Gospel to shun the hypocrisy, pride, self-righteousness, and greed of the scribes "who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers."

The main difference between the poor widow who gives her all to the treasury (like her Sidonian counterpart in the first reading) and the scribes lies not so much in the worth of their material possessions and/or donations, but in their spiritual disposition.

The two generous widows typify not just the materially poor, but *the poor in spirit* (see Mt 5:3), that is, those who trust ultimately in God and depend on him – not in themselves or in their worldly possessions, privileges, fame, power, etc. – and, therefore, are liberated and enabled to offer themselves and their all (resources, time, talents, knowledge, forgiveness, etc.) for the greater glory of God and the salvation of all. They are those who imitate Christ, the eternal high priest who, according to the second reading (Hb 9:24-28), sacrificed himself for the salvation of the world. ©IAE

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

<b>1ST READING</b>	Daniel 12:1-3
<b>2ND READING</b>	Hebrews 10:11-14, 18
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Mark 13:24-32

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



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.



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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £630.52

Gift-aid: £363.48 **Total: £994.00\***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Next Week:** Archbishop's Administrative Fund – for meeting the cost of the central administration of the diocese.

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR OCT 2021

A. Cash / cheques – 4,356.83

1. Gift-Aided – 2,042.00

2. Non-G/A – 2,314.83

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 2,769.00

1. Gift-Aided – 2,266.00

2. Non-G/A – 503.00

C. Contactless Machine – 323.00

**Total = £7,448.83**

**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](http://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](mailto: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

## 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

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK (LIVESTREAMING)

There will be a second collection this week to support the funding for livestreaming. Thanks for your generosity!

### SYNODAL PROCESS – NEXT WEEKEND!

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.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS & REPOSITORY NEWS

The repository will now be open every Sunday after 9am mass to sell Christmas cards and other gift items. Consider supporting your parish by stocking from the repository. We welcome back any of our long-standing volunteers to help open the repository but there won't be a rota just yet. Meanwhile, Denise has offered to sell the Christmas cards box for £3.50 in the Parish Office from 10am to 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

### 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.

### ATTENTION ALL EXISTING ALTAR SERVERS!

We are reintroducing altar servers at all Sunday Masses. So, we ask that existing servers turn up on the day at the Mass they wish to serve and sign in (on the noticeboard), so we know who is at each Mass. They will need to bring and wear their own mask each time they serve. A Rota will be drawn up in due course. We need your help and look forward to welcoming you back. Many Thanks.

### 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.

### 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 on our future.

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 Tuesday of December.

### 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!

### COFFEE MORNINGS

After 9.00am Mass every Sunday in the Church Hall. Please contact the Parish Office to volunteer.

### † MICHAEL DONOVAN – RIP

Kindly pray for Michael Donovan, a long-standing parishioner, who died on Thursday, 21 October. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Angela, and the family. May he rest in peace. Amen

**Requiem Mass:** Friday, 19 November at 11.00am. **Committal:** Kingston Crematorium at 12.20pm.