



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

14 NOVEMBER 2021

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

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

13 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Dec'd Members 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>)
THIRTY-THIRD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
15 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Justina Joseph Edet – RIP (<i>C Yapp</i>)
16 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Ralph & Lucy Smallwood – 60 th Wedding Anniversary
	19.00	Giulietta & Romano Jankowski – RIP (<i>Jankowski</i>)
17 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Ralph & Lucy Smallwood (<i>UCM</i>)
	19.00	Verna Hutchison – RIP (<i>Janowski</i>)
18 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Murphy Family – RIP (<i>M Connolly</i>)
	9.30	Gerald Moore – WB (<i>F Amanpour</i>)
19 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Katherine Altendorf – RIP (<i>Amanpour</i>)
	9.30	Paul Fernandes – RIP (<i>Fernandes</i>)
20 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Patrick Reyntiens – RIP (<i>Amanpour</i>)
SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE UNIVERSAL KING		
20 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Supporters of Parish Lenten Project (<i>L Lewis</i>)
21 Sun <i>National Youth Sunday</i>	9.00	Patrick Udofia – RIP
	11.00	Tess & Val Middleton – RIP
	18.00	Sylvester Koleosho & Emmanuel Adesanya – RIP

OTHER SERVICES

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

SYNODAL PROCESS – THIS WEEKEND!

Two sessions in the Catholic Hall – Saturday, 13 Nov after 6.30pm Mass & Sunday 14 Nov at 10am. All parishioners are encouraged to take active part.

INSPIRED BY FAITH IN THE RESURRECTION

We are in the second to the last Sunday of the Church Year. Characteristically, as we gradually approach the end of the liturgical year, the readings remind us of the end of time.

The end of the world was not only an important theme for the Jews especially a couple centuries before and during the time of Jesus. It featured significantly in the early Church, particularly because of the expectation of the imminent second coming of Jesus, or the *Parousia* (see 1 Th 4). As an integral aspect of Christian faith, we make the following profession in the 11th and 12th articles of the Creed: "I believe in resurrection of the body," and "I believe in life everlasting," respectively. These two articles expound on what Christian faith and theology describes generally as the (four) *last things* or the *eschatata*, namely, death, judgement, heaven, or hell (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 988-1059).

The book of Daniel was written in about 169 BC at a time of great persecution of the Jews and Judaism to encourage especially the youth to remain faithful even to the point of martyrdom. The main goal of the prophet Daniel was to encourage devout Jews (the *Hasidim*) who embarked on a non-violent resistance against the imposition Greek and pagan culture, religions, and customs in Jerusalem by the Greek tyrant Antiochus Epiphanes IV. Daniel did not only assure of contemporaries of the victory of God's Kingdom over and above this world (7:9-27). His vision of God's victory over the powers of this world reaches a climax in the resurrection of the body (12:2-3) which is read in today's first reading. By insisting that "the learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity," Daniel encouraged devout Jews to understand that they were living in the last days and in the shadow of God's final intervention.

Like Daniel, the evangelist Mark was writing also at a time of pervasive harassment and persecution of the Christian Community in Rome. As a result, the followers of Jesus would naturally worry about whether the end time was near. In today's Gospel (Mk 13:24-32), the evangelist offered them a message of hope by appealing to Jesus' vision of the future. By outlining the signs that would precede the (second) coming of the Son of Man, Jesus reassured his followers that he would certainly come at the appointed (end) time. The sequence of events is noteworthy: the catalogue of cosmic upheavals and sundry disasters will be followed by "the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." We can only imagine the impact of these reassuring words on a community under intense persecution and threat of death by the Roman authorities! However, by not informing them specifically about the day, time, or hour, he invited them to remain open and be always prepared so that they would not be taken unawares when it does happen. Besides, their greatest assurance was not in their capacity to read the signs of the time, but in the trustworthiness of his words: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (see *Is 55:10-11*).

There is a clear urgency in both Daniel and Jesus about their expectation of the in-break of God's Kingdom at the end of time. Yet, for them, the imminence of God's Kingdom over and above the powers of this world was ultimately an invitation and a mandate to remain faithful to God and his commandments. Similarly, our profession of faith in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting is an incentive to live the Christian life in faithfulness to Christ and his vision and mission. Besides, rather than detract from our duty towards the renewal of the face of the earth through working for justice, truth, reconciliation, and peace, it gives us added incentive, as Vatican II says, "to strive to discharge [our] earthly duties conscientiously and in response to the Gospel spirit" (*GS*, 43). ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Daniel 7:13-14
2ND READING	Revelation 1: 5-8
GOSPEL	John 18:33-37

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died , especially, Michael Donovan, Patrick Okon Udofia, Christiana Nta, Allison Hudson, Nita Wickramasinghe, 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, 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'Aguilar, Mary O'Mara and Eileen Cullen.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	
	<p>LAST WEEKEND Non-Gift-aid: £627.37 Gift-aid: £336.05 Total: £963.42*</p> <p><i>*Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on the first weekend of every new month.</i></p> <p>2nd Collection for Livestreaming £384.57 + a single donation of £100.00. Total: £484.57</p> <p>2nd Collection Next Week: Catholic Youth Services – To support youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Youth Service</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

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	
<p>Contactless payment machines are available in the narthex whenever the Church doors are open:</p> <p>Select the amount you wish to give, tap your payment card on the reader, and the payment will come through to the parish.</p> <p>You can also Gift-Aid your donation directly on it.</p> <p>Thank you for your generosity.</p>	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
<p>2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND For the Archbishop's Administrative Fund which helps to meet the cost of the central administration of the diocese.</p> <p>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 up 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 card boxes for £3.50 in the Parish Office from 10am to 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON JESUS This Christmas will be a difficult one for many people in SW London. If you would like to help, please consider supporting a local Christian charity which funds, packs and distributes hampers to families in the area, probably about 1200, to judge from last year. Hampers contain everything for a festive meal - turkey, veg, pudding, cake, biscuits, sparkling non alcoholic drink etc. See website www.christmaslunchonjesus.org.uk, for details of how to donate, help with packing or delivering the boxes. The project will be run this year from Tolworth Recreation Centre.</p> <p>FOOD BANK DONATIONS Kingston foodbank at present is particularly short of rice, instant mash, fruit squash, household cleaning items, bleach, washing tablets etc., razors, shaving cream, shower gel and toothbrushes. Thank you for your generosity.</p>	
60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE	
<p>Congratulations to Ralph & Lucy Smallwood on this great achievement and many best wishes to them as they continue to love and support each other.</p>	
† MICHAEL DONOVAN – RIP	
<p>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</p> <p>Requiem Mass: Friday, 19 November at 11.00am. Committal: Kingston Crematorium at 12.20pm.</p>	