



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

21 NOVEMBER 2021

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

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

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
THE LAST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE 1)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
22 Mon <i>St Cecilia</i>	9.30	Margaret & Thomas Kane – RIP (<i>K Jankowski</i>)
23 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Pat Amanpour – RIP (<i>Szymanski</i>)
	19.00	Monica Tett – WB
24 Wed <i>Ss Andrew Dũng-Lac & Co</i>	9.30	John McCorkell – RIP (<i>C McCorkell</i>)
	19.00	Housebound Parishioners
25 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Monica Tett – WB (<i>D Kidd</i>)
26 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Carlota Fernandes – RIP (<i>James</i>)
27 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Gerard Dodds – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)		
27 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	A Sivers – Special Intention
28 Sun	9.00	Janaki Gandhimathi – RIP (<i>Mary</i>)
	11.00	D'Souza, Middleton, & Tremenheere Families – 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 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.

VACANCY AT OUR LADY IMMACULATE SCHOOL

Our Lady Immaculate have a vacancy for a SEN Teaching Assistant to join our wonderful school.

Please see the school's website for more details:

<https://www.oli.kingston.sch.uk/vacancies/>

WITNESSING AS A KINGLY PEOPLE

Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end (Ap 1:8; 22:13). Hence, the Church's (or Liturgical) Year which begins with the expectation of his first and second comings on the First Sunday of Advent (next Sunday), always ends with the celebration of his universal sovereignty on the Last Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Today's readings and Mass texts point to the significance of the kingship of Christ. In the first reading, the prophet Daniel (7:13-14) prophesied about the coming of the *son of man*, the angelic representative of God's holy people who presents himself at God's throne. The passage is central to Daniel's vision of the four successive earthly kingdoms whose tyranny over the people of Israel, their culture, and religion would be upended by God's sovereignty over and above this world (7:9-27). For Daniel, the overturning of the powers of this world, represented by the four empires that lorded it over the people of Israel, and pillaged and desecrated the Temple in Jerusalem implies that Yahweh has already bestowed his Kingdom to his holy ones epitomised by the triumph of the son of man. Notably, Daniel tends to visualise this triumph in political terms in line with the apocalyptic (end-time) expectations of the Jews at the time. But the fulfilment of this prophecy is described spiritually by the evangelist John in the second reading (Ap 1:5-8), with deeply sacramental imagery drawn especially from Christian initiation in the early Church: "He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father" (cf. 1 Pt 2:9). Further, Daniel's vision concerning the radical difference between God's Kingdom and all earthly sovereignties, and its superiority over and above the latter is taken over in the New Testament particularly in the words and actions of Jesus Christ (Jn 18:36; cf. 6:15). Indeed, the Kingdom was a dominant theme of his ministry (see Mk 1:15; 11:10; Mt 12:28; 13:24-50). Now, the Gospel (Jn 18:33-37) offers a pertinent insight into Jesus's understanding of his kingly office and role, tellingly within the context of his paschal mystery. Perhaps nothing within today's Gospel passage better expresses the contrast between the kingship of Jesus and earthly kingships than the gulf between him and his interrogator, Pontus Pilate.

Fundamentally, unlike Pilate's, Jesus' kingship is not of this world. Because his Kingdom transcends space and time, Jesus remains unfazed by public opinions, but remains committed to the truth. This is radically different from the portrait of Pilate in John's narrative of the passion: An insecure person despite his position and power; he is unable to act on his conviction about Jesus' innocence. Alas, he must take a stand, namely, between the Truth – Jesus (Jn 4:6) – and political expediency (his position and friendship with Caesar). Sadly, he does not disappoint. He chooses the latter. But Jesus is secure. Confident of the Father's love, he dares to speak the truth even to the point of sacrificing himself. For, since his Kingdom is unlike the world's, it can neither be advanced nor threatened by power, force, or violence. Hence, his non-violent response to the brutal violence against him and his warning to his disciples against violence (Mt 26:52 cf. 5:9,38-48; 1 Pt 3:9). Moreover, it is through the paschal mystery of his suffering, death, and resurrection that Jesus establishes his kingship as "an eternal and universal kingdom, a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace" (*Preface of the Mass of Christ the King*).

Through holy baptism the Christian people are, in Christ, constituted here on earth into a priestly, prophetic, and kingly people (Vat. II, *Lumen gentium*, §§ 9, 12 & 36). Celebrating Christ, the King of the Universe, therefore, reminds us of the nobility of our Christian calling and the duty associated with it, that is, to serve him who "came not to be served but to serve" (Mk 10:45), by witnessing to his truth, his love, his mercy, and his way in the world. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Jeremiah: 33:14-16
2ND READING	1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
GOSPEL	Luke 22:25-28,34-36

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'Aguiar, Mary O'Mara, Eileen Cullen, Monica Tett, and Elizabeth Jones.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	
	<p>LAST WEEKEND Non-Gift-aid: £684.20 Gift-aid: £407.06 Total: £1,091.26*</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 Archbishop's Administrative Fund: £185.50</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	
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.	

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.	

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
<p>2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Catholic Youth Services To support youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Youth Service.</p> <p>ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS FOR DEANERY CLERGY Friday 26 November at 7pm, at St. Joseph Church, New Malden. All are welcome.</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>MASS FOR DECEASED UCM MEMBERS Tuesday, 30 November at 7pm. Afterwards there will be a short meeting in the Old Chapel with light refreshments.</p> <p>ATTENTION ALL EXISTING ALTAR SERVERS! We encourage existing altar servers to return to serve at all Sunday Masses. No rota for now. Turn up at the Mass you wish to serve and sign in (on the noticeboard), so we know who is at each Mass. We need your help and look forward to welcoming you back.</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>	
 Our Lady Immaculate Church Parish Lenten Project	
<p>The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for 50 years. The aim of the Project is to give the parish a charitable focal point during Lent and give everyone (all groups, clubs, and societies) in the parish the opportunity to take part in fundraising for projects in the developing world.</p> <p>The Lenten Project AGM will be held on Sunday 12th December 2021 at 7.00pm in the Old Chapel. At that meeting we will select the charities which we will be supporting during Lent 2022. We are now actively seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities.</p> <p>If you have a Charity you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2022, please complete the charity nomination form, in Word, which can be found with the criteria for selecting a charity at: http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/ You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of Church or obtain one from the Parish Office. The deadline for forms will be advertised in the newsletter. Once you have completed the form, please either email it to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk or place it through the Presbytery letter box. For more information, please contact: Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email: Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk</p> <p>PARISH LIBRARY BOOKS & DVDs PLEASE, bring back your Parish Library books & DVDs to the Old Chapel or RDJ Room as soon as possible with a label: "Parish Library", as we will be taking stock. This will save us phoning you individually.</p>	