



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

28 NOVEMBER 2021

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

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

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

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	Dec'd OLI Parish Clergy – RIP

**FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

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

29 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Sr Mary Wilhelmine – RIP ( <i>S Kochery</i> )
30 Tues <i>St Andrew</i>	9.30	Dec'd Parishioners – RIP
	19.00	Dec'd Members of Tolworth UCM
01 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Family & Friends of K Jankowski
	19.00	Confirmation Programme
02 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Suresh – B/D Thanksgiving ( <i>Mary</i> )
	9.30	Rajani Reginald – RIP
03 Friday <i>St Francis Xavier</i>	7.00	FHC Programme
	9.30	Edward Howe – RIP ( <i>S Howe</i> )
04 Sat <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Catherine Yapp – WB

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

04 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	John & David Doyle ( <i>Doyle Hall Family</i> )
05 Sun	9.00	Linford Fuller – RIP ( <i>L Lewis</i> )
	11.00	John & Margaret Gowers–RIP( <i>FM</i> )
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

**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 has now ended. However, the livestreaming of all our weekday and Sunday Masses will still continue so that those who may not yet consider it safe for them to attend Mass in person, especially over the weekend, can continue to 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/>

**ADVENT: WACTHING, WAITING AND WITNESSING IN HOPE**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. It marks the beginning of a new liturgical season and a new liturgical year (Year C). During this Year, the Gospel reading for Sundays will be taken mainly from St Luke, just as St Matthew and St Mark are read, respectively, in the other two liturgical years (A and B).

Advent marks a two-fold preparation connected to the coming of the Lord. First, it is a period of preparation for the celebration of his first coming. In this regard, the Church invites all her sons and daughters (and through them, all people of good will), to prepare themselves through the four weeks of Advent to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas. Secondly, looking beyond Christmas, Advent offers believers the opportunity to prepare themselves in hope to welcome him at his second coming at the end of time, *the Parousia*. Thus, whereas the first aspect of Advent looks backwards to the fulfilment of God's promises to his people in the past, the second looks forward in hope to its final consummation when the incarnate Word, the Son of Man comes again in his glory (Mt 16:27-28; 25:31) and subject all to the Father who will become "all in all" (1 Co 15:28).

In the light of these, Advent invites believers to cultivate a disposition and spirit of joyful hope, vigilant waiting, and preparation through constant prayer, reflection, and active charity. Notably, the readings of this first Sunday in Year C are marked with this invitation.

Faced with the imminence of their inevitable conquest and subsequent captivity by the Babylonians, in our first reading, the prophet Jeremiah (33:14-16), renews the people's hope in God's faithfulness by reminding them that God will fulfil his promise to Israel and Judah. The sack of Jerusalem by the king of Babylon and his army, would not have final word over the city 'cherished by the Lord' (see Ps 122). The fulfilment of the promise focusses on "a virtuous Branch" from "David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land." From him the restored city would receive a new and symbolic identity: "The-Lord-our-integrity." With the eventual rebuilding of the Temple after the exile in Babylon, the people of Israel continued to yearn for the promised Davidic king who would liberate them from the world powers that had tyrannised over them. As successive kings failed to achieve this over time, this yearning progressively focussed on an expected messiah. In the light of the New Testament, this hope was definitively fulfilled in the mystery of the incarnation. The birth of Christ which most Christians celebrate at Christmas is a watershed in the history of religions. With it, God's self-disclosure of God's self (revelation) to humanity reaches its climax (Hb 1:1-4), and through his paschal mystery salvation is accomplished for all, though, as St Paul says, all must continue "to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling" (Ph 2:12). This implies, among others, not only being able to discern and interpret 'the sign of the times' (Lk 12:56), but more so, being vigilant. Thus, in the Gospel (Lk 21:25-28,34-36) Jesus teaches his disciples to be vigilant so that they will be ready when the Son of Man comes in power and great glory. In the second reading (1 Th 3:12-4:2), St Paul instructs the Christians in Thessalonica to be holy and pleasing to God while waiting for the coming of our Lord. He also emphasises the need and urgency for them to grow in love and to love one another and the whole human race. For Paul the time of waiting was no time for sloth (

Whereas end-time predictions would normally instigate anxiety and fear, the reassurances that God's promises give us through his Sacred Word, renew our hope; this hope, in turn, deepens our trust in God and strengthens our perseverance in prayer, from where we receive the strength to remain actively steadfast in charity. May this Advent, indeed, be for us all, a time of renewal and strength as we watch, wait, and witness in hope in view of the Lord's coming. ©IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Baruch: 5:1-9
<b>2ND READING</b>	Philippians 1:4-6,8-11
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 3:1-6

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE	
	<b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died</b> , especially, Michael Donovan, Patrick Okon Udofia, Christiana Nta, Allison Hudson, Nita Wickramasinghe, Colm McDonagh, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.
	<b>Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community:</b> 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, Elizabeth Jones, and Ray Lewry.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	
	<p><b>LAST WEEKEND</b>  <b>Non-Gift-aid:</b> £666.93  <b>Gift-aid:</b> £349.47      <b>Total: £1,016.40*</b></p> <p><i>*Excluding standing orders &amp; online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on the first weekend of every new month.</i></p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Cath Youth Service:</b> £225.98</p> <p><b>Thank you for your generosity to your parish.</b>  <i>Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at <a href="http://olionline.co.uk">olionline.co.uk</a>), or by online banking:</i>  <b>RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.</b></p> <p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> 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: <a href="mailto:tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk">tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk</a> or 0208 8399 4368</p>

INFANT BAPTISM	
	<p>Please contact the Parish Office for information pack &amp; to register for the pre-baptism course.  <b>Next course:</b> TBA</p>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION	
	<p>For those children who are <b>currently</b> in Year 9. Registration will be available in the New Year.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS</b></p> <p>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.  <b>You can also Gift-Aid your donation directly on it.</b>  Thank you for your generosity.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOOD BANK DONATIONS</b></p> <p>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>
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PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRISTMAS CARDS &amp; REPOSITORY NEWS</b></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><b>MASS FOR DECEASED UCM MEMBERS</b></p> <p>Tuesday, 30 November at 7pm. Afterwards there will be a short meeting in the Old Chapel with light refreshments.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SVP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY</b></p> <p>On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 2pm, in the Catholic Hall. Entertainment provided by Baz and Dave. All welcome. If there are any parishioners who would like to support us with the celebrations on the day or would like more information about the event; please contact Helen Emmett: 07402327177.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ATTENTION ALL EXISTING ALTAR SERVERS!</b></p> <p>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 style="text-align: center;"><b>CHURCH GROUNDS MAINTENANCE</b></p> <p>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 (<a href="tel:07557057083">07557 057083</a>) or Jon Butcher (<a href="tel:07979052957">07979 052957</a>) leaving your name and contact details. Thank you.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON JESUS</b></p> <p>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 <a href="http://www.christmaslunchonjesus.org.uk">www.christmaslunchonjesus.org.uk</a>, for details of how to donate, help with packing or delivering the boxes. <b>The project will be run this year from Tolworth Recreation Centre.</b></p> <div style="text-align: right;">   Our Lady Immaculate Church  <b>Parish Lenten Project</b> </div> <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><b>The Lenten Project AGM will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7.00pm</b> 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 <b>criteria for selecting a charity</b> at: <a href="http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/">http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/</a></p> <p>You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of Church or obtain one from the Parish Office.</p> <p>The deadline for forms will be advertised in the newsletter. Once you have completed the form, please either email it to <a href="mailto:tolworth@rcaos.org.uk">tolworth@rcaos.org.uk</a> or place it through the Presbytery letter box. For more information, please contact: Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email: <a href="mailto:Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk">Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PARISH LIBRARY BOOKS &amp; DVDs</b></p> <p>Please, bring back your Parish Library books &amp; 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>