



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

16 JANUARY 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

15 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Violet & Laurence Seager & Gwen & Kenneth Batty (<i>Sandra & Bev</i>)
16 Sun <i>Peace Sunday</i>	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	11.00	Fr Gerald Abuchi – BD (<i>D'Silva</i>)
	18.00	Walter Sice – RIP (<i>FM</i>)

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

17 Mon <i>St Anthony of Egypt (Abbot)</i>	9.30	Monica & Fergus Regan
18 Tues <i>Feria (Octave of Christian Unity)</i>	9.30	Joseph Joseph – RIP (<i>S Matthew</i>)
	11.00	Requiem Mass: Shanti T– RIP
	19.00	Suzanne O'Keefe – WB (<i>Fiona A</i>)
19 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Michael Donovan –RIP (<i>M Maxwell</i>)
	19.00	Florence & Ethel Eales (<i>FM</i>)
20 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Toni Wieczorek - RIP
	9.30	Celsus & Melanie Joseph (<i>Stella J</i>)
21 Friday <i>St Agnes (Virgin & Martyr)</i>	7.00	Thomas Chivers & Family (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	Monica Tett's Intentions
	11.00	Requiem Mass: R Morton – RIP
22 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Roger Morton – RIP (<i>Hayes Family</i>)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

22 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Fraser Family – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
23 Sun <i>First Communion Mass at 9am</i>	9.00	Joan & Paul Lavelle & Family
	11.00	Dennis Peiris – RIP (<i>G Peiris</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 / LIVESTREAMING

The dispensation from Sunday obligation granted by the Bishops Conference has been restored.

The livestreaming of all our weekday and Sunday Masses will 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.

A FORESTATE OF THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which we celebrated last Sunday marked the end of Christmas Time and the beginning of the Ordinary Time of the Year before Lent. Hence, today is the Second (and not the First) Sunday of the Year.

The nuptial imagery is invoked in today's Liturgy of the Word, particularly in the first reading (Is 62:1-5) and the Gospel (Jn 2:1-11) to express God's promise of restoration to the people of Israel and its fulfilment in Jesus Christ, respectively.

Against the backdrop of the numerous challenges faced by the people of Israel after their return from exile in Babylon (especially their inability to rebuild the Temple to its former splendour due to scarcity of materials, lack of manpower, and economic depression, and the loss of the Davidic dynasty), the prophet (Third Isaiah) reassures a seriously despondent people, of God's faithfulness and closeness to them. He tries to lift their spirit by informing them that God did not and would not abandon or forsake Israel for ever. Instead, God would betroth Israel again to himself, giving her a new beginning symbolised by a new name: "... and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer...no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken,' nor your land 'Abandoned,' but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'...." This would happen at God's initiative. For, at the appointed time, God will take the people to himself as a bridegroom takes a new bride. When this happens, Yahweh will delight in and rejoice over them as a bridegroom does with his bride.

The prophecy of Isaiah echoes in the account of the first 'sign' of Jesus in John's Gospel through which he reveals again, his divinity, his glory as the Son of God. As a guest to a private Jewish wedding, we might wonder what Jesus' business was concerning the couple running short of wine. And so, we can understand his apparently spontaneous response when his mother approached him to tell him about this potentially embarrassing situation for the couple: "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet." How did she feel? Disappointed? Embarrassed? Whatever! It is obvious that Mary's next line of action is indicative of her faith and trust in the Son of God whom she was privileged to give birth to as also her son. Her relationship to Jesus as both mother and true disciple could not be clearer. As a mother, conscious of Jesus' identity as the Son of God, she believed and, indeed, expected him to do something to save the day. But, like when he was found at the temple after missing for three days (Lk 2:49), his negative response to his mother highlights the fact that Jesus cannot be bound by mere family relationships (see Lk 11:28). And vintage Blessed Mother. She does not disappoint! As she surrendered to the Word at the Annunciation, she keeps doing so every step on the way. Hence, she says Fiat (yes) once again. But this time, she also teaches / directs others to do so too: "Do whatever he tells you." This is how Mary leads us to the wedding feast of the Lamb (see Ap 19:6-9), the Holy Eucharist wherein the same Jesus who changed water into wine, manifest his love for us by changing bread and wine into his precious Body and Blood with which he nourishes us as a foretaste of his heavenly banquet.

PS: Today is observed in England and Wales as Peace Sunday, celebrating the annual World Day of Peace, established fifty-five years ago by Pope Paul VI, and normally marked on the 1st of January. This year, Pope Francis recommends "three paths for building a lasting peace" in his message, titled: "[Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace.](#)" For him, these "are three indispensable elements for 'making possible the creation of a social covenant' without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial." ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Nehemiah *:2-6,8-10
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 12:12-30
GOSPEL	Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Pauline Jeyendra, Shanthe Thesailankaimannan, Toni Wiczorek, Roger Morton, Raj Devarajan, 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, Elizabeth Jones, Ray Lewry, and Kathleen Kelly.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £684.87

Gift-aid: £366.10 Total: **£1,050.97***

**Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on the first weekend of every new month.*

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), or by online banking:

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Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook: 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 Years 9/10. Registration: Watch this space!

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

FIRST COMMUNION MASS: 23 JANUARY 9AM

Forty-six young people of our parish will be making their First Holy Communion next Sunday at the 9am Mass. Kindly keep them, their parents and family, and catechists in prayers.

OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY (13-25 JANUARY)

January 13–25 (the octave of Saints Peter and Paul) is traditionally observed as a week of prayer for the unity of the Body of Christ, in line with Jesus' prayer in John 17:21, "That they [his followers] may be one."

The reflections and prayers for this year have been prepared by Christians in the Middle East, on the theme: "We Saw the Star in the East, and We Came to Worship Him" (see Mt 2:2).

In communion with our Christian brothers and sisters all over the world, particularly in the Middle East, we are all invited to take part in this initiative in our personal, family, and communal prayers / worship. Prayer resources on the theme can be found at <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2022/>

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

In response to some of the suggestions made during our synodal consultation in November, a Mass for young people will be celebrated on the last Sunday of the month at the 6pm Mass, starting 30 January.

Parents are passionately requested to encourage and support the young people of our parish to take active part in this initiative. If you would like to help to facilitate this programme, please contact Fr Ignatius through the parish office. Thank you.

11AM MASS ON THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The Common of the Mass (Kyrie, Gloria, etc.) will be led by the choir in Latin at the 11am Mass on the last Sunday of the month.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

Magnificat Living Ministries, a Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group, will be meeting Friday, 21 January 2022 in the Old Chapel for an evening of Prayer, Praise and Worship from 7.30pm to 9pm. We will start with the rosary and there will be a time of sharing the word of God and prayer ministry. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome. For enquiries contact: magnificatministries.global@gmail.com

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION – 2022

In order to give the children in our parish the opportunity to join the Sacramental programme, we are planning a further series of teaching sessions, beginning in February and ending in June.

If your child is currently in Year 3 or above and you would like them to participate in this programme, you must attend a preliminary meeting on Monday 31st January at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Formal registration will follow during the week beginning Monday 7th February.

NB: All Sessions (except for 'Second' Reconciliation) will be held on Saturdays from 10.30am to 11.30am.

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.

† ROGER MORTON – RIP

Kindly remember Roger Morton who passed on peacefully on Wednesday, 22 December at Princess Alice Hospice.

Requiem Mass: Friday, 21 January, at 11am. May he rest in peace. Amen.

† SHANTI ANNETTE THESAILANKAIMANNAN – RIP

Kindly remember Shanti Annette (Baby) Thesailankaimannan, of 69 Cranbourne Avenue who passed on peacefully on Friday, 7 January at home.

Requiem Mass: Tuesday, 18 January, at 11am, followed by Committal at Kingston Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.