



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY**

02 JANUARY 2021

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**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

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

02 Sun	9.00	Vincent Ayamnde – RIP
	11.00	Rajani Reginald – RIP ( <i>1<sup>st</sup> Anniv</i> )
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

**WEEKDAY OF CHRISTMAS TIME**

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

03 Mon <i>The Beatified Martyrs of Southwark</i>	9.30	Jimmy Costello – RIP ( <i>Seamus &amp; Irene</i> )
04 Tues <i>Feria of Christmas Time</i>	9.30	Toni Wiczorec – RIP ( <i>Maranzano</i> )
	19.00	J & J Edet & Family ( <i>IE</i> )
05 Wed <i>Feria of Christmas Time</i> <b>Vigil of the Epiphany</b>	9.30	Heather Trutwein – RIP ( <i>George</i> )
	<b>19.00</b>	Jacques & Rita Pierce – WB ( <i>IE</i> )
06 Thurs <i>The Epiphany of the Lord:</i> <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b>	7.00	Denis David – RIP ( <i>Mrs Godfrey</i> )
	9.30	John Tumilty – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
	19.00	Family & Friends ( <i>IE</i> )
07 Friday <i>Feria of Christmas Time</i>	7.00	Joyce Udofia & Family ( <i>IE</i> )
	9.30	Anne Martin
08 Sat <i>Feria of Christmas Time</i>	9.00	Robin Jackson – RIP ( <i>Ghislaine</i> )

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

08 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Mary & Francis Leonards ( <i>Seamus &amp; Irene</i> )
09 Sun	9.00	Richard Grodzik – RIP
	11.00	Dennis Peiris ( <i>Dinak Peiris</i> )
	18.00	Holy Souls

**OTHER SERVICES**

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

**EMBRACING THE WORD MADE FLESH**

On this second Sunday after the Nativity of the Lord, we continue to celebrate Christ, the Wisdom of God who, through the mystery of the incarnation has taken flesh and has come to live among us, as the true light that shines in the dark, overpowers darkness and enlightens all peoples.

In today's Gospel (Jn 1:1-18), the evangelist John in the prologue to the fourth gospel (the same passage read at the Mass during the day on Christmas Day), unveils for us the wondrous mystery of God becoming human in the person of his Son Jesus Christ, by tracing his 'origin' beyond his conception and birth (cf. Mt 1 and Lk 1-2), to his eternal beginning, that is, even before creation. Jesus is not just the Word (*Logos*) that was with God (the Father) in the beginning; he is also God: "*In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God and the Word was God.*" More so, He is the Word that brought about the beginning all of things since "*through him all things came to be*" and "*all that came to be had life in him.*" The Word is dynamic. He creates from nothing.

The productive and performative power of the Divine Word is clearly manifested in the account of creation in Genesis (1:1-2:2). It is remarkable that the entire creation, the heavens and the earth, and the first humans (Adam and Eve) were created at the command of God's Word. "*God said: let there be ... and there was ...*" So powerful is God's Word that it cannot be resisted (Jr 20:9; see 1:4-9; Ez 2-3:11). Always reliable. God's Word is his bond since it cannot be uttered in vain. Just as the rain and snow do not come down from the heavens without watering the earth and causing things to grow and flourish, God's word does not return from the earth without accomplishing his plan (Is 5:10-13).

Christians do not only wonder at or acclaim the dynamism of the Eternal Word. Particularly, they contemplate and celebrate his in-break into space and time by virtue of the mystery of the incarnation. "The Word was made flesh, and lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth." As proclaimed in the Preface of the Nativity (No. 1), "we recognise in him God made visible" so that "we may be caught up through him in love of things invisible." In the words of the apostle Paul in the second reading (Ep 1:3-6,15-18), these are "the spiritual blessings of heaven" which God bestows upon believers in Christ. The Incarnation is, therefore, a concrete manifestation that God "chose us in Christ," before the world was made "to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons and daughters, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace." The Incarnate Word is the source of all that we require to fulfil our calling as sons and daughters of God for, "indeed, from his fullness we have, all of us, received – yes, grace in return for grace." Paradoxically, however, by becoming one of us, the Eternal Word also places himself at our disposal and, therefore, becomes vulnerable. The evangelist John describes this in terms of the world's ignorance about his presence and the rejection by his own people.

Celebrating his Nativity, we are invited to be attentive to and recognise his presence in our life and world and to dare to welcome and embrace him who always stands at the door of our hearts and life and knocks, begging for a chance to come in and dwell with us (see Ap 3:20), and for our acceptance so that he may make us truly children of God and co-heirs with Him. ©IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
<b>2ND READING</b>	Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Lk 3:15-16,21-22

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	<b>Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died</b> , especially Peggy Spicer, Toni Wiczorek, Roger Morton, Raj Devarajan, and those whose anniversaries are remembered at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.	<b>THURSDAY, 6 JANUARY: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> A Holy Day of Obligation. There will be four Masses to mark the Solemnity: 7pm on Wednesday, 5 January (Vigil) and 7am, 9.30am, and 7pm on Thursday, 6 January.	
	<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.	<b>IN GRATITUDE</b> We would like to thank you all for your love and generosity during this Christmas. God bless you, Fr Ignatius & Fr Joseph.	
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTIONS</b>		<b>CRIB OFFERING</b> Our parish Crib Offering this year will go to support the Catholic Children's Society's (CCS) Southwark Crisis Fund, which provides help for local families who are facing real hardship and have nowhere else to run to. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website <a href="http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib">www.cathchild.org.uk/crib</a> .	
	<b>LAST WEEKEND (26 DECEMBER)</b> <b>Non-Gift-aid:</b> £556.03 <b>Gift-aid:</b> £288.74 <b>Total: £844.77*</b>	<b>2022 DIRECTORY &amp; ORDO</b> 2022 Diocesan Directory and Liturgical Ordo is available in the Repository / Parish Office at £4 each. We have 10 copies left.	
<i>*Excluding standing orders &amp; online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on the first weekend of every new month.</i>	<b>CHRISTMAS OFFERING</b> <b>Non-Gift-aid:</b> £2,705.67 <b>Gift-aid:</b> £1,854.51 <b>Total: £4,560.18</b> <i>(Including bank transfers &amp; contactless payments)</i> <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> <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	 The Lenten Project AGM was held on Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2021. At this meeting the charities, which the Parish will be supporting for Lent 2022 were chosen. A copy of the minutes will be on the parish website (Community/Lenten Project). Six charities were nominated in total and four charities were adopted by the committee members present, namely: <b>1. Vathiry Sacred Heart College, Sri Lanka</b> – provides education for children in Sri Lanka who would not receive education otherwise. <b>2. Divya Chhaya Society, India</b> – basic medical facilities in regions where no medical facilities are provided. <b>3. St Mary's College, Uganda</b> – boys Catholic School providing education to a community where poverty is prevalent, and families cannot afford education. <b>4. Handmaids Hospital, Nigeria</b> – essential works to a hospital providing basic medical care to a poor community. If you would like to organise or participate in an event during Lent 2022, please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email <a href="mailto:Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk">Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk</a>	
<b>INFANT BAPTISM</b>		<b>4TH TOLWORTH AIR SCOUTS – AUTUMN TERM 2021</b> We were delighted to be able to fully return to Our Lady Immaculate Parish Hall in September, with enhanced Covid precautions in place. We have welcomed 12 Beavers and 18 Cubs to our Wednesday evening meetings, and the Scouting Section is held on Thursday. The young people have enjoyed learning new scouting skills, working together as a team to solve problems, participate in games and gain Achievement Badges. We are now on a well-deserved Christmas Break and the new term will begin on WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY. If you are aged 6-14 years old and would like to join our Parish Group, contact Mrs Pat Askey at <a href="mailto:pataskey@outlook.com">pataskey@outlook.com</a> or 077952962930, for more information. We also welcome adult helpers to assist our young people. Please contact us for an informal chat.	
Please contact the Parish Office for information pack & to register for the pre-baptism course. <b>Next course:</b> TBA		<b>† TONI WIECZOREK – RIP</b> Kindly pray for Toni Wiczorek who passed on suddenly at home on 4 December, Aged 76 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Angela, and the family. <b>Requiem Mass:</b> Monday, 10 January at 2.30pm. <b>Committal:</b> Kingston Crematorium at 3.40pm. May he rest in peace. Amen.	
<b>SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION</b>		<b>† ROGER MORTON – RIP</b> Kindly remember Roger Morton who passed on peacefully on Wednesday, 22 December at Princess Alice Hospice. He was a long-standing member of the parish. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Rosemary, and the family. <b>Requiem Mass:</b> Friday, 21 January, at 11am. May he rest in peace. Amen.	
	For those children who are <u>currently</u> in Year 9. Registration will be available in the New Year.		
<b>CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS</b> 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.			
<b>FOOD BANK DONATIONS</b> 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.			