



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

30 JANUARY 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

29 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Antonio Ciaiola & Michele Decristofaro – RIP
30 Sun	9.00	JB Effiong – WB (<i>IE</i>)
	11.00	Borsa Family – WB (<i>Bambi</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

31 Mon <i>St John Bosco</i>	9.30	Seamus & Irene Houston (<i>J Crowley</i>)
01 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Elizabeth Wilson – RIP (<i>L Jones</i>)
	19.00	Holy Souls
02 Wed <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	9.30	Rajani Reginald – RIP
	19.00	Holy Souls
03 Thurs <i>St Laurence of Canterbury</i>	7.00	Dorothy Hawes – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	Liza Mckeen
04 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Jim Ballesteros – WB (<i>Maranzano</i>)
05 Sat <i>St Agatha</i>	9.00	Holy Souls

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

05 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Peter Gillet – RIP (<i>K McLaughlin</i>)
06 Sun	9.00	Shanti Annette –RIP (<i>Month's Mind</i>)
	11.00	Michael Donovan – RIP (<i>Papal Knights GB</i>)
	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	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
Charismatic Prayer Meeting	Friday, 7pm in the Old Chapel

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.

OVERCOMING REJECTION AND HATRED WITH LOVE

The importance of the word of God in our journey of faith, in the Christian life and mission, was highlighted in last Sunday's first reading and Gospel. The theme is expanded upon this Sunday.

We hear about the call of Jeremiah (1:4-5,17-19) by God to be "a prophet to the nations" in the first reading. His was the difficult mission of announcing God's word to an obstinate and unreceptive people of Judah during the impending Babylonian invasion. His task was to speak the truth in love, warning the king and people about the impending disaster that would come upon Judah and Jerusalem (19; 26:1-6). His mission would certainly set him up against the king, the religious establishment, and the people. He was arrested, imprisoned, and tortured (20:1-2). Summarily tried and sentenced to death by temple priests and prophets (26:11-15), he was saved by the swift intervention of some civic leaders (26:15-24). Yet, he was steadfast, reassured by God's words, "They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you."

In the Gospel (Lk 4:21-30), Luke continues his narrative of Jesus' public pronouncement in the synagogue. His audacious declaration that the prophecy of Isaiah about the 'Lord's anointed one,' was fulfilled in and by him attracted a mixed response from the people. On the one hand, "he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips." On the other, they queried his provenance, saying, "This is Joseph's son, surely?" But, undeterred, Jesus defends his mission to the poor, the disadvantaged and the outcast (see Lk 5:6), by citing the experiences of Elijah (1 Kgs 17:7-16) and Elishia (2 Kgs 5:1-14), great prophets of God, who reached out to and were welcomed and cared for by Gentiles. Their inability to refute him, made them furious and they tried to do away with him, "but he slipped through the crowd and walked away." Luke clearly situates Jesus, like Jeremiah, within the long line of Israel's prophets who were resisted, rejected, ridiculed, and persecuted by their own folks. Though he would pay the ultimate price for his prophetic boldness on the cross, his detractors could not have the last laugh. His resurrection and ascension vindicated him, his message and mission and, with the sending of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the universal dimension of his vision and mission became fully inaugurated – and continues to spread to the ends of the earth.

Through their prophetic ministry, both Jeremiah and Jesus spoke the truth in love to their contemporaries. They stood up for their conviction as God's messengers. Even at great personal cost, they remained faithful. Of course, their ultimate motive was to do God's will. Concretely, this means loving God above all else and for his sake loving others not only as we love ourselves (Mt 22:37-38), but as Christ loves us (Jn 13:34). This resonates with the message of St Paul in today's second reading (1 Co 12:31-13:13) on the supremacy of love (charity). Their response, especially Jesus' to rejection, ridicule, persecution, and execution on the cross, is outstanding. It epitomises St Paul's assertion: "Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes."

Through baptism, all of us Christ's faithful (clergy and laity) share in the prophetic nature and mission of Christ (see *Lumen gentium*, §12). Throughout history, fidelity to this gift / mandate is normally fraught with painful consequences especially when the truth of the Gospel contradicts human ideologies. Jeremiah and Jesus encourage us not to give up in such situations. Instead, considering the above words of St Paul, they remind us that love is the true answer to the rejection and hatred that we might face on account of the truth. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 15:1-11
GOSPEL	Luke 5:1-11

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Fr Paulinus Umana, Tim Sheehan, Mary Sheehan, Shanthy Thesailankaimannan, Roger Morton, Betty McMahon, and those whose anniversaries occur 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, Kathleen Kelly, Jim Ballesteros, and Biran Enright.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £1,021.42

Gift-aid: £395.50 Total: **£1,416.92***

**Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on or after 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:

RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022



If you have a son / daughter in school year 9 (or year 10), and they would like to be included in the programme this year, please download an application form from our website (under Sacraments) and follow the directions on the covering letter.

The final date for applications is **Sunday 6th March**, which will not be extended.

Those older than Year 10 should speak with the parish priest.

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

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL TODAY

The second collection today is for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). SPUC is currently campaigning to protect Pro-Life speech. Pro-Life witness is being restricted now more than ever in the 21st Century. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.

11AM MASS ON THE FIRST 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 first Sunday of the month.

FIRST YOUTH MASS THIS SUNDAY @ 6PM

All young people are warmly welcome. Parents are passionately requested to encourage and support them to take active part.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We urgently need a large number of altar servers, to help with all our Sunday Masses. Age is no barrier; both young people and adults are equally welcome. The only requirement is that you have made your First Holy Communion. Adults will need to complete a DBS check before being added to the Rota.

The Training Course for new servers begins on **Sunday, 6 February at 12.30** in the Sacristy and will last for about 45 minutes. The course will run for up to 6 weeks. The course enables those wishing to serve at Mass to get a basic understanding of the Mass itself and to get familiar with all the actions and skills required. All would-be servers must complete the course before being admitted to the serving team.

Any questions? Please, contact the Parish Master of Ceremonies, Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793.

GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST (Bereavement Retreat)

Mourning the loss of a loved one? Trying to cope with feelings out of control? If so, this retreat is for you. It runs from Friday 18th – Sunday 20th March at Aylesford Priory. To book or find out more telephone 01622 717272.

VACANCIES

We currently have vacancies for a parish secretary at Mortlake, a youth minister for the Bromley Deanery, an office administrator for Safeguarding, and a caretaker for the Cathedral site. More details can be found on the Diocesan Website: [Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://WorkwithSouthwark.ArchdioceseofSouthwark.rcsouthwark.co.uk)

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.

† MARY ANNE SHEEHAN – RIP

Kindly pray for Mary Ann Sheehan who passed on peacefully at the Royal Star & Garter, on Friday 14 January. Our condolences to the family. **Funeral Service:** Wednesday, 2 February, at 1pm. May she rest in peace. Amen.

† TIM SHEEHAN – RIP

Kindly pray for Tim Sheehan, former Headteacher OLI School, who passed on recently. Our condolences to Joyce and the family. **Requiem Mass:** Thursday, 17 February, at 11am. May he rest in peace. Amen.