



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

06 February 2022

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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

FIFTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

07 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Suzy & Jimmy Cole – WB (<i>Lee & Family</i>)
08 Tues <i>Feria (Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking)</i>	9.30	Michael & Ortanza Aletrari – RIP (<i>J. Tanousis</i>)
	19.00	J. J. Tighe – WB (<i>S Mills</i>)
09 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Anthony Bradley – RIP (<i>Fahy</i>)
	19.00	Sid Linsted – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
10 Thurs <i>St Scholastica</i>	7.00	Joseph & Rose Surry – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	Jim Creighan – RIP (<i>K Fox</i>)
11 Friday <i>Feria (World Day of Prayer for the Sick)</i>	7.00	Annie Sharman – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	James Tumilty – RIP (<i>FM</i>) (<i>Anointing for healing with Blessed Oil</i>)
12 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Francis Thomas – RIP (<i>Matthew T</i>)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

12 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Rosemary Butcher – RIP (<i>Jon B</i>)
13 Sun <i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	11.00	
	18.00	Richard Roy – BD Thanksgiving

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 Group	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.

CALLED TO ENCOUNTER, COMMUNION, AND MISSION

God's call is closely connected with his word. Through his word, God reveals himself to us. He invites us to encounter him, experience his unconditional love and mercy and, consequently, enter into a personal relationship with him as his holy people and / disciples. Reflecting on the call of Isaiah, St Paul, and Simon Peter and his companions, today's liturgy of the word invites us to consider the nature, significance, and implication of God's call to us as an invitation to encounter, communion, and mission.

In the first reading, Isaiah (6:1-2,3-8) describes his call by God in the context of a vision of a heavenly liturgy. The overpowering manifestation of divine glory – *shekinah* in Hebrew – during which Isaiah receives his vocation and mission, contrasts with his deep awareness of his unworthiness. Understandably, Isaiah is afraid to look upon God's holy countenance because he is "a man of unclean lips" living among "people of unclean lips." Purged of his sinfulness, Isaiah is able to hear God's call and, in response, places himself fully at his disposal – "Here I am, send me" – ready to do his will.

St Paul, in the second reading (1 Co 15:1-11), recalls his call and mission as an apostle while appealing to the Corinthians to take seriously the gospel he announced to them. Notably, Paul makes no claim to his outstanding training and oratorical skills as a seasoned rabbi (see 1 Co 2:1-5). For him, the Good News that he preaches is a gift that he himself received and has been mandated to hand on. It is, therefore, what he was taught that he, in turn, teaches the Corinthians, namely, that Christ died and rose again for the salvation of the world, and appeared to many of his followers, beginning with Cephas (Peter) and the apostles. Placing himself at the end of the list, he acknowledges his unworthiness to be called an apostle since he was previously a persecutor (see Acts 9:1-31; Ga 1:11-24). Paul, therefore, echoes Isaiah. Hence, his emphasis on the grace of God which made him an apostle and continue to sustain him in his work, and not on the phenomenal achievements of his apostolic ministry.

Luke's account of the call of the first disciples in the gospel (Lk 5:1-11) is situated within the context of Jesus' proclamation of the word of God to the crowd by the Lake of Gennesaret. The first point of his encounter with the fishermen is apparently about meeting his need, namely, of a platform from where he would preach to the huge crowd, to avoid being crushed. However, as the story unfolds, it becomes evident that the 'borrowing of the boat' from the fishermen had a deeper significance for them, first materially and ultimately spiritually. Like with the Samaritan woman at the well (Jn 4:7-26,39-42), from requiring their boat for practical reasons, Jesus led them gradually to a personal encounter with him. The miraculous bumper catch of fish even in broad daylight served as a catalyst to ignite Peter's eyes of faith to recognise Jesus. Hence his confession of faith in him as Lord while also acknowledging his unworthiness – "Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man." The stage is now set for him and his companions to begin a new life, embrace a new vision, and embark upon a new mission, from fishermen to fishers of men. To take on this new calling and mission, like Isaiah and St Paul, they had to let go everything and follow him. They did not disappoint. This is a lesson for us also.

The three vocation stories in today's readings, especially the gospel, also remind us that whatever demands the Lord might make of us through the gospel do not deprive us of anything. If anything, whenever we dare to let go of anything in response to the call of the gospel, the Lord, indeed, gives us more than we can ever dare to offer of our time, talents, resources, and life (see Mk 10:28-30).

We, therefore, pray for the grace of openness to the word of God so that we may always hear and respond generously to his call as his missionary disciples. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Jeremiah 17:5-8
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
GOSPEL	Luke 6:17, 20-26

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Fr Paulinus Umana, Tim Sheehan, Mary Sheehan, Shanthi Thesailankaimannan, Roger Morton, Betty McMahon, Jim Ballesteros, Vernon Draper, Clive Stevens, 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, Elizabeth Jones, Ray Lewry, Kathleen Kelly, Brian Enright, Wendy Cook, and Jemima Francis.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £758.46

Gift-aid: £376.52 Total: **£1,134.98***

**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.

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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

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

For the Catholic Association for Racial Justice: to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in schools, parishes, and in wider society.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL LAST SUNDAY: £357.95

Thank you for your generous support to the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) in defence of unborn babies and their mothers.

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 this **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://Work with Southwark: Archdiocese of Southwark (rcsouthwark.co.uk))

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT: SRI LANKAN NIGHT – 26 FEB

Saturday, 26 February, 7.30pm – 11.30pm. Please, come and enjoy a variety of Sri Lankan food and entertainment. Tickets are on sale after Mass or contact Joe & Antionette on 07956 891504 or 0208 399 6491: Adults - £10; children 7-12 years old - £5 each. All proceeds go to the Lenten Project.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, celebrating the feast of St. Patrick. 14th March 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Kingston foodbank at present is particularly short of potato foods (tinned new potatoes and powdered mash), jam, rice, instant mash, fruit squash, household cleaning items, bleach, washing tablets etc., razors, shaving cream, shower gel and toothbrushes. Thank you for your generosity.

† BETTY ANN McMAHON – RIP

Kindly pray for Betty McMahon of 134 Chilton Drive, who passed on at home on 21 December 2021, Aged 74. Our condolences to Stuart (son) and the family. **Funeral:** Thursday, 10 Feb, at Putney Vale Crematorium, 1pm. May she rest in peace. Amen.

† TIM SHEEHAN – RIP

Kindly pray for Tim Sheehan, former Headteacher OLI School, who passed on suddenly on 19 January, Aged 63. Our condolences to Joyce and the family. **Requiem Mass:** Thursday, 17 February, at 11am. May he rest in peace. Amen.