



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) – RACIAL JUSTICE DAY

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE LIVESTREAMING AT https://www.olionline.co.uk		
12 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Rosemary Butcher – RIP (<i>Jon B</i>)
13 Sun <i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>	9.00	Tim Sheehan – RIP (<i>Manning</i>) (<i>Anna & Guido Scardarella – 60th Wedding Anniversary</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo – For the People</i>
	18.00	Richard Roy – BD Thanksgiving
SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE II)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
14 Mon <i>Ss Cyril & Methodius</i>	9.30	Angela Suarez – WB (<i>George & Nubia</i>)
15 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Harriet Hutchinson – RIP (<i>R Lee</i>)
	19.00	Brendan Howard – RIP (<i>S Mills</i>)
16 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Rebecca Clarey – WB (<i>Fahy</i>)
	19.00	George & Molly Ryde – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
17 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	P J Barrett – RIP (<i>S Mills</i>)
	9.30	Frances Powell – RIP (<i>E Powell</i>)
	11.00	Requiem Mass: Tim Sheehan–RIP
18 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Marian Miller – RIP (<i>Fahy</i>)
	9.30	Imelda Hutchinson – RIP (<i>R Lee</i>)
19 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Maria & Felicia Connoy – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)		
19 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Fr Kenneth Barnes – RIP (<i>S Mills</i>)
20 Sun	9.00	Mr & Mrs Varanat – Thanksgiving
	11.00	Amanpour Family (<i>F Amanpour</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo – For the People</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
Charismatic Prayer Group	Friday, 7.30pm, Old Chapel

SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Dear Lord, help me to remember that nothing is going to happen to me today that You and I together can't handle. Amen

RACIAL JUSTICE AS GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

Today is Racial Justice Day (Sunday). This year's theme, "In the Image and Likeness of God," reminds us of a fundamental truth about every human being. By virtue of being created in the image and likeness of God, every human being is endowed with absolute dignity and worth (Gen 1:26-27). To affirm this truth is a duty both in charity and of justice. So, overlooking, neglecting, or violating this God-given dignity and right under any guise constitutes an injustice that should not be tolerated anywhere, especially within the community of the Church. Now, since human dignity is deeply rooted on the nature of the human being as image and likeness of God, racial discrimination, precisely as an assault against human dignity is, ultimately, an attack against God and, therefore, a form of idolatry. Contrariwise, recognising, respecting, and acting to promote racial justice in the Church and wider society, is not merely an act of love and justice towards the 'racial-other,' but a service towards God (see Mt 25:40). Thus, there is some link between this theme and today's readings.

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah (Jr 17:5-8) emphasises the importance of faith in God by juxtaposing the blessings that accompany one who trusts in God with the doom that awaits one who trusts in mortals. This is a classic biblical testimony to God's faithfulness compared to human fickleness, a theme that is common in both the Old and New Testaments. "Though father and mother forsake me," says the psalmist, "the Lord will not forsake me" (Ps 27:10; see Is 49:15). Thus, despite his imminent suffering and death, Jesus invites his disciples to "trust in God still and trust in [him]" (Jn 14:1). For Paul, our unreliability is powerless before God's faithful love: "We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self" (2 Tm 2:13). This is the fruit of being made in God's image and likeness. We can have true happiness only in God!

The Gospel (Lk 6:17,20-26) echoes the same theme of trust in God. The four beatitudes in the gospel do not merely focus on the material deprivations (poverty, hunger, tears, and rejection) associated with each of them respectively. They all point beyond these existential situations and their possible causes, to God's promise of their reversal. Thus, the poor are proclaimed blessed not because destitute poverty is to be desired or promoted, but because God's kingdom belongs to them. The same with hunger, weeping, and being persecuted. To the extent that these situations degrade the dignity of the human person, they cannot be venerated. If anything, they should be challenged and overcome. Of course, Jesus himself was no stranger to confronting these ills in his public ministry. His emphasis is, therefore, in their reversal, which is attainable not merely by human achievements, but through confidence in God's saving justice and mercy. He considers the disadvantaged, deprived, suffering, and rejected lot as the most precious in the eyes of God.

This lesson is sharpened in comparison to the four woes that attend their rich, full-stomached, laughing, and celebrated counterparts. The reversal of fortune as it were between the two groups is not because being rich, well fed, jolly, or appreciated, is essentially wrong. After all, God's wills nothing but our happiness and fulfilment (see Jr 29:11; Jn 10:10). Instead, it is because of the attitude, or mindset of self-absorption, self-sufficiency, conceit, and hypocrisy that generally underly them. Among others, such outlook would normally overlook both God's prerogatives and the rights and dignity of others. Ultimately, this would result in disappointment, because of the shifty and ephemeral nature of wealth, power, and fame, especially when acquired at the expense of one's conscience and good of others.

Certainly, recognising and affirming that we are all God's image and likeness will boost our trust in God. This, in turn, will empower us to work for true racial justice and harmony modelled after God's faithfulness and love. This is indeed good news for all! ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	
1ST READING	1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 15:45-49
GOSPEL	Luke 6:27-38

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Brian Enright, Fr Paulinus Umana, Tim Sheehan, 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, Wendy Cook, and Jemima Francis.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £739.94

Gift-aid: £364.79 Total: **£1,104.73***

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JAN 2022

A. Cash / cheques – 4,625.44

1. Gift-Aided – 1,863.00

2. Non-G/A – 2,762.44

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 3,002.00

1. Gift-Aided – 2,407.00

2. Non-G/A – 595.00

C. Contactless Machine – 287.00

Total = £7,914.44

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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

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Confirmation Mass for 2021 Group: Friday, 13 May 2022 at 7.00pm.

Enrolment for 2022: See right column!

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 TODAY

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)

The Children's Liturgy Group restarts on **Sunday 20th February**. It is run for children between 4 and 8 years old (until the start of First Holy Communion). The aim of the Group is to provide the children with an adapted Liturgy of the Word, in a context, which encourages them to listen, to pray and to respond to the word of God. We teach the children through stories, activities, and drawing. Do encourage them to come along. It is lots of fun! We are looking for adults and teenagers to volunteer to help. If you are interested, please e-mail Elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 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.

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.

EMPOWERING VULNERABLE CHILDREN (EVC) UGANDA

This charity provides a future for some of the poorest children in the world through education. Judi Fawcett, a Trustee, will speak briefly at all the Masses next weekend about their work. For further information about the Charity please refer to their website: [Home | EVC Uganda](http://Home|EVC Uganda)

VOUNTEER POST AT LIFE

The national pregnancy support charity Life is recruiting Trustees. It's crucial that they find the best Trustees so that they can help more people and save more lives. For more information – including a job description and how to apply, please contact: stephensharpe@lifecharity.org.uk

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))

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.

† 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.

† BRIAN ENRIGHT – RIP

Kindly pray for Brian Enright, who passed on peacefully Friday, 11 February. Our condolences to Paul, Catherine, and the family. **Funeral:** TBC. May he rest in peace. Amen.