



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C) – PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE!

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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>**

19 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Wendy Cook – WB (<i>E Sullivan</i>)
20 Sun	9.00	Margaret Grogan – RIP (<i>Patrick</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	18.00	Anthony & Patricia Moore (<i>FM</i>)

THIRD WEEK OF LENT

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

21 Mon <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	John Morello – RIP (<i>B & A Wright</i>)
22 Tues <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Kitty & David Cooper (<i>E Cullan</i>)
	19.00	Peter Wilson – RIP
23 Wed <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Thanksgiving (<i>A Tissera</i>)
	19.00	Thanksgiving: Full Recovery –Jiss
24 Thurs <i>Feria of Lent</i>	7.00	Rosamma Simon’s Intentions
	9.30	Gladys Millard – RIP (<i>S Howe</i>)
25 Friday Annunciation of the Lord (Dedication of OLI Church)	7.00	Freda Sirmon – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	Doreen Baker
26 Sat <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.00	Thanksgiving: Michael Bulmer, 80 th B/D Year (<i>H Emmett & Family</i>)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C) – LAETARE SUNDAY

26 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Gabriel & Conceicao Santos – 40 th Wedding Anniversary (<i>N Santos</i>)
27 Sun <i>Mothers’ Day</i>	9.00	Mary Creighan – RIP (<i>Karen Fox</i>)
	11.00	Brian Enright – RIP (<i>Keely Family</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 Group	Friday, 7.30pm, Old Chapel
Stations of the Cross (Friday in Lent)	6PM: Syro Malabar 7PM: English Language

SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO THE WAR IN UKRAINE (1)

In today’s first reading (Ex 3:1-8,13-15) we read about the call and commissioning of Moses by God for the liberation of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. The account reveals, among others, a fundamental truth about God in the Judeo-Christian understanding. God is not just a mysterious being who causes creation, especially human beings to tremble before his majesty. He is equally a *personal Being*, who attracts humanity towards himself. He is a mystery that both terrifies and fascinates, repels and attracts at the same time. He is always interested in and touched by the lives of his people – and creation. This twofold nature of God is very important for the shaping of our imagination and relationship with God, and our attitude towards him and, by extension, the mission (or ethical imperative) that flows from our encounter and relationship with him.

This relational nature of God is expressed in the first reading by 1) the revelation of himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; 2) his awareness of the suffering of the people of Israel and his decision to intervene on their behalf; and 3) the revelation of his personal name, I AM. The uniqueness of the God of revelation is that he sees, hears, cares, feels with, and acts: “*I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians ...*” His actions are not merely historically, in the past. He acts continually, in the present and into the future. This is the meaning of the sacred name, I AM, that is, “*I am always there*” ... “*I will always be there...*” Of course, the name is manifested tangibly and definitively in the mystery of the incarnation as expressed in the naming of the eternal-word-made-flesh – *Immanuel, God with us*.

This mystery does not just speak to us loosely as we journey through Lent towards the Easter festivities. In the shadow of the ongoing Putin senseless war and wanton massacre in Ukraine, it speaks to us concretely and forcefully about our responsibility, like God, to hear, be aware of, see, and understand the cries of our brothers and sisters, especially women, children, and the vulnerable in Ukraine – and take solid steps to act to liberate them. The united response of many nations, especially the ‘political West,’ is certainly a welcomed flicker of light in this dark moment. But what might our Christian response be in the face of such clearly egregious evil?

Scriptures and the teachings of the Church offer us tangible pathways. These are rooted in God’s action in the history of salvation of which the liberation from Egypt is pivotal. We cannot (and should not) remain silent, or close our eyes, hearts, and minds, to such evils, wherever and whenever they rear their ugly heads in our world. Thus, Pope Francis has spoken out courageously and condemned in unmistakably terms the criminal assault of Putin and his army on Ukraine as a massacre that is fast turning cities into cemeteries, while also suing for an end to the carnage through diplomatic means. Yet, sometimes merely speaking out may be insufficient; we may be required to do more by way of actively resisting such evils to defend, protect, and liberate the victims of unjust aggression and brutality, such as we are witnessing for the past three weeks in Ukraine. In this regard, the Christian tradition generally and the Catholic Church emphasise the value of non-violent resistance and the duty of Christians to combat evil / violence with it. However, when this fails and the impact of the aggressors’ actions on the community is lasting and grave, the use of “*legitimate defence by military force*” is generally accepted as a last resort, provided it has serious prospects of success, and its effects are not graver than the evil it seeks to eliminate (CCC, §2309). Nonetheless, this so-called *just war doctrine* is debatable today, not least due to the deleterious impact of modern warfare but, above all, because of Jesus’ pacifist emphasis. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Joshua 5:9-12
2ND READING	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
GOSPEL	Luke 15:1-3,11-32

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Olive McMullon, Agnes Matthews, Mary Felton, Elizabeth Nichols, Maureen Melia, John Morello, Brian Enright, Tim Sheehan, 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, Jemima Francis, Nivetheni Robert and Sally Wells.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £771.76

Gift-aid: £317.43 Total: **£1,089.19***

2nd Collection (CAFOD FAST): £498.82

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

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

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

ATTENTION ALL GIFT AID MEMBERS!

Gift Aid envelopes for the coming tax year will be available for collection in the Old Chapel after each Mass this weekend. Please come yourself or ask a friend or family member to collect for you.

Gift Aid donors who give by standing order or online should also come to collect their special packs of envelopes for Easter and Christmas and other special collections.

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.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH

25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is the anniversary of the dedication of our church, Our Lady Immaculate. It is a very special day for the parish and for all of us, parishioners.

There will be an exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from after the 9.30am Mass till 4pm. Could parishioners please sign up for half-hourly slots in the sheets at the narthex? Thank you.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

LENTEN PROJECT TABLE-TOP SALE: 19 & 20 MARCH

This popular event will be held after the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday, 19 March and after the 9.00 and 11.00 Masses on Sunday, 20 March. Items sold will include brand-new, top-quality china and glass; toys and games; books and much much more! Refreshments will be provided, and it will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends and support the Lenten Project.

YOUTH LITURGY TEAM LOGO COMPETITION

Calling all Youth and Young People in our parish! Put your stamp on your Youth Mass. We are running a competition to find a logo for our monthly Youth Mass. The logo will also be used as the parish Youth Liturgy Team logo. It will be the identity of the Youth Mass and should empower the youth. If you have a design in mind (hand-drawn or digital), please send your designs to Jefin who is part of the Youth Liturgy Team: jefinjohn@gmail.com Deadline: **13th April**. Winner to be announced during our Youth Mass in April.

UKRAINE CIVILIAN MEDICAL DONATIONS

If you feel you would like to donate, please bring your donations to St Mark's Church, St Mark's Hill, KT6 4LS. The donations needed are medical supplies, first aid kits, bandages, baby items and personal hygiene items. Including non-prescriptions drugs (paracetamol or ibuprofen), dried baby milk, nappies, Adult and child toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, body wash and women's sanitary items. Thank you.

LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK

This year, we are asking Parishioners to commit to walk either individually, or as a family, a certain number of miles during the period of Lent. You may wish to commit to walk for 50 miles, 100 miles or more! One parishioner has committed to walk 400 miles! In addition, led by Fr Ignatius, on 2 April, there is going to be a challenging 38 km (24 miles) sponsored walk. Setting off from OLI Church, we plan to walk along the river to Richmond and then walk a circuit of Richmond Park, before retracing our steps. Please contact Elspeth (elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com) if you are interested in taking part in either committing to walk a distance over Lent or taking part in the sponsored walk event. If you would like to sponsor us, please either pop some money in an envelope and post through the Presbytery door, or use the following Justgiving site: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Our-Lady-Immaculate-Church> Many thanks for your support

THE LENTEN PROJECT QUIZ 2022 (2ND APRIL 7.45PM)

Time to exercise those little grey cells!! The main hall will be open from 7.30pm, for 7.45pm start. £3 per adult. £1 per child under 16. You are welcome to bring your own food and drink, and all proceeds will go to support the Lenten project charities. Please come and have fun and support these great causes. To book a table call George 07949334349.

NEW FOUNDATION GOVERNOR FOR OLI SCHOOL

The Governing Body of Our Lady Immaculate Primary School are looking for new members. Working in partnership with the school to ensure that our children achieve the very best education is such a rewarding way to support the parish-school community.

If you can spare five to ten hours each term to support the Governors and Headteacher in their strategic and spiritual guidance of the school (two evening meetings per term plus a couple of visits to the school per year) please email Rachel Reid (Clerk to the Governing Body) on governors@oli.rbksch.org to find out more information. Please respond by Friday, 1 April 2022.

VACANCY – HEADTEACHER: The Governing Body of St Paul's Catholic Primary School, Thames Ditton, Surrey, is looking to appoint a dynamic, forward-thinking headteacher to start in September 2022. If you would like further information, please email clerk@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk Or, alternatively, you may apply directly at <https://www.eteach.com/job/headteacher-1216606> The closing date for applications is March, 24th."

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.