



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) – C

24 April 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

**YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE
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23 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Veronica Heaton (<i>D Heaton</i>)
24 Sun	9.00	Maya Shishkin –RIP (<i>J Crowley</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	18.00	Patrick Parker – RIP (<i>FM</i>)

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

25 Mon <i>St Mark</i>	9.30	Toni Armstrong – RIP (<i>J Dunseath</i>)
26 Tues <i>St George – Patron of England</i>	9.30	Francis Laiks – RIP (<i>L Ko</i>)
	19.00	Emmanuel Tambimuttu – RIP
27 Wed <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Ottavio D’Agostino (<i>Franco</i>) [With OLI Primary School Attending]
	19.00	Robert Hilary – RIP
28 Thurs <i>Feria of Easter</i>	7.00	Miss Bridgette & Dec’d Friends & Family (<i>FM</i>)
	11.00	Requiem Mass: Sarah Wells –RIP
	9.30	Holy Souls (<i>J Dunseath</i>)
29 Friday <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	7.00	Mary Linstead – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	Tony Kidd – WB (<i>A Kidd</i>)
30 Sat <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.00	Monica Tambimuttu – RIP (<i>Erman</i>)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

30 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	<i>Pro Populo</i>
01 Sun	9.00	Eddie Walsh –RIP (<i>M C Taylor</i>)
	11.00	Ann Groves – WB
	18.00	Frederick Reutter & Fam (<i>Jeannet</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

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion inexhaustible, look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself, Amen. ~*St Faustina Kowalska.*

HAPPY ARE THOSE WHO HAVE NOT SEEN YET BELIEVE

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. It was instituted by Pope John Paul II on 30 April 2000 at the canonisation of Saint Faustina, a Polish nun who spearheaded the devotion to the Divine Mercy. Celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, the feast emphasises, among others, the centrality of the mystery of divine mercy in the economy of salvation. One significant effect of divine mercy is that it assures and / or reassures us of God’s unconditional love. This, in turn, gives us courage and hope in our endeavour as disciples of Christ.

In today’s Gospel (Jn 20:19-21), Saint John narrates the first appearance of Jesus after his resurrection to his disciples as a group. According to the evangelist, this encounter took place in the evening of the first Easter, the first day of the week, that is, after Mary of Magdala had returned at dawn from the tomb to announce to them that Jesus is risen and had mandated her to break the good news to them (Jn 20:16-18). Apparently, they were struggling to come to terms with the message that Jesus is risen. They were still dispirited, disappointed, and despairing. His death and burial had shattered their dreams, their future (see Lk 24:13-27). He was their last hope, the one who would set their people free. Now, Mary and the women have told them that he is risen. But they are yet to see things for themselves. Therefore, they are slow to believe. However, they are stunned by their individual and collective failures during the passion. As might be imagined, this would make them anxious about how to face him. Nonetheless, terrified of the Jewish authorities, they are afraid that they might be visited with the same fate as their Master (see Mt 24:9). So, they lock themselves in a room. But the risen Lord pierces through the closed doors and suddenly appears in their midst. We can imagine what their immediate reaction could be. Fear and trembling! So, he calms them down: “Peace, be with you,” he says to them; not just once, but twice. And goes ahead to show himself to them, showing them the marks of his wounded hands and side, to confirm that it is he indeed. They are filled with joy, not only because they have seen him, risen from the dead, but because his encounter with them reassures them of his mercy and forgiveness. It confirms that he has indeed forgiven their betrayals and failings during his passion. Hence, he re-commissions them, empowering them with the Holy Spirit to spread that joy to others by perpetuating his mission of reconciliation when they release others from sin through the power of forgiveness.

Meanwhile, Thomas is an interesting character in today’s Gospel. He was absent from the community and would refuse to believe on the testimony of his colleagues that the Lord is risen and has appeared to them unless *he sees for himself*. Again, when Jesus appears eight days later, he does not scorn him or his doubt. Instead, he takes the initiative and places his pierced hands and side completely at his disposal, inviting him to see, touch, and doubt no longer but believe. It is noteworthy that Thomas is not a villain in this story. He is not the patron of doubters as he is generally depicted. On the contrary, he is the archetype of that honest enquirer who would not pretend in order to go along with the crowd. Remarkably, however, seeing Jesus was sufficient to convince him. Just as he was not afraid to express his doubt, he readily confesses his faith at that moment, “My Lord and my God!” and so, offers us the Church’s fundamental faith in Jesus. Likewise, Jesus’ response to him, “Happy are those who have not seen yet believe,” is both an invitation and a challenge to all who never met, seen, or touched Jesus as such in person, but have come to faith in him through the witness of the Apostles.

Our encounter with the risen Lord in the Scriptures, in the Sacraments, and in the Community of believers imposes on us a duty to witness to him, like the early disciples in the 1st reading (Acts 5:12-16), drawing others to experience his truth, love, and mercy. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 5:27-32,40-41
2ND READING	Apocalypse 5:11-14
GOSPEL	John 21:1-19

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Sally Wells, Jebamalai Muthu, Neville Coshan, John Brennan, Darren Beaver, 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, Sally Wells, Joe Ingrassi, Baby Freddie Page, Philip Lightley, Alison Browning, and Clare.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND (Easter Offering)

Non-Gift-aid: £2,768.66

Gift-aid: £1,808.48 Total: **£4,577.14***

GOOD FRIDAY (Holy Places)

Non-Gift-aid: £691.15

Gift-aid: £123.00 Total: **£814.15**

MAUNDY THURSDAY (Lenten Project)

Non-Gift-aid: £322.66

Gift-aid: £5.00 Total: **£327.66**

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

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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME



Reconciliation: Friday, 6 May, 6pm

Confirmation Mass: Friday, 13 May 7pm

THANK YOU!

Father Joseph and Father Ignatius would like to thank all parishioners for their joyous Easter wishes and generous gifts and offerings. Many blessings!

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

2ND COLLECTION TODAY: ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

For Cathedral Maintenance. St George's Cathedral, Southwark is the mother church of our Diocese. This collection helps meet the upkeep of the Cathedral.

SUNDAY MISSALS & GIFT ITEMS

The repository has Sunday Missals and other gift items for sale. It is open every Sunday after 9am Mass. Consider supporting your parish by stocking from the repository. Denise has also offered to sell the Missals for £10.00 in the Parish Office from 10am to 2pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK

Last weekend, the Tolworth Trekkers completed an epic 26 mile (42km) walk for the Lenten Project, despite a number of very painful blisters! Please do sponsor us by either leaving some money at the Presbytery, or using the following Justgiving site:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Our-Lady-Immaculate-Church> Many thanks for your support

UCM BRING AND BUY SALE

The UCM Bring and Buy Sale was a huge success. The 12 members in attendance raised a fabulous sum of £110.00 for Parish Lenten Project. Thank you all for your generosity!

OUR LADY IMMACULATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Require a full time KS1/KS2 teacher to start in September 2022. You will be joining a team of committed staff who make sure every child feels valued and is provided with a curriculum that is stimulating, creative and child centred. For more details, please look at our website: <https://www.oli.kingston.sch.uk/vacancies/>

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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KINGSTON FRIENDS OF LIFE

You are invited to a Musical Evening on Saturday May 7th at 7.00pm at St Raphael's Church Hall, Surbiton, KT1 2NA. Michael Bevan (piano) will perform a selection of classical pieces. Light refreshments from 6.30pm. Admission is free. There will be a retiring collection for Life charity.

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.

† SALLY (SARAH) WELLS – RIP

Kindly pray for Sally Wells, who died at George's Hospital on Wednesday, 6 April, aged 82 years. Our condolences to the family. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Requiem Mass: Thursday, 28 April at 11am.

† ESTRELLA (STELLA) BRISTER – RIP

Kindly pray Estrella Brister, a long-time parishioner and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion who passed on peacefully at home on 11 April. She was a teacher in Kingston for many years and moved to Brighton six years ago to be near her daughter and grandchildren. Our condolences to her family. May she rest in peace. Amen.

† NEVILLE COSHAN – RIP

Kindly pray for Neville Coshan who died peacefully at home in the early hours of Good Friday, 15 April. Our condolences to Barbara and the family. **Requiem Mass:** Friday, 6 May at 12.30pm. May he rest in peace. Amen.

† DARREN BEAVER – RIP

Kindly pray for Darren Beaver who died peacefully at Princess Alexandria Hospice, after a long battle with cancer on Wednesday, 20 April. Our condolences to Kelly and the family. **Funeral:** TBA