



FIFTH 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
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02 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Brian McCluskey – WB (<i>L Jones</i>)
03 Sun	9.00	Barry Lindfield – RIP (<i>F Deegan</i>)
	11.00	Tremenheere & White Families–WB
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

04 Mon <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Anton Sebastian – RIP
05 Tues <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Mary Felton – RIP
	19.00	Mr & Mrs Connolly
06 Wed <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.30	Veronica Doherty – RIP (<i>Enright's</i>)
	19.00	Roman (RIP) & Anna Szymanski
07 Thurs <i>Feria of Lent</i>	7.00	Ekene Iwuh's Intentions (<i>Kidd</i>)
	9.30	Sunny Reid – RIP (<i>M J Gray</i>)
08 Friday <i>Feria of Lent</i>	7.00	Fr Redding & Family – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	Holy Souls (<i>B Roy</i>)
09 Sat <i>Feria of Lent</i>	9.00	Holy Souls

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (C)

09 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	George Trutwein – WB (<i>C Stevens</i>)
10 Sun	9.00	Kim Lannon & Mary Moffett – WB (<i>Houston</i>)
	11.00	Dec'd of De Souza, Middleton & Tremenheere & Families
	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

Dear God,
 Use me.
 Show me how to take who I am,
 who I want to be,
 and do what I can do.
 Use me for a purpose greater than myself. Amen.
 (*Attributed to Martin Luther King Jnr*)

NEITHER DO I CONDEMN YOU, BUT

Today's liturgy of the word extends last Sunday's theme of God's unfathomable love and mercy. God's omnipotence is revealed especially by his readiness to forgive and show mercy. The Old and New Testaments contain eloquent testimonies to this.

The mystery of the incarnation is the apex of God's manifestation of his love and care for humanity, especially for outcasts and sinners. Thus, in today's Gospel (Jn 8:1-11), Jesus sets free a woman who was caught in adultery and brought to him by the Pharisees. Notably, they did not seek his view because they were confused about what to do. They knew and, indeed, reiterated to him the prescription of the law on the matter, namely, death by stoning (see Dt 22:22). Yet they sought his opinion as a ploy possibly to discredit him before the people, placing him as it were in a double bind so that, either way, he would be scathed. In other words, if he were to support the death penalty, they would accuse him of not practising his teaching on mercy (Mt 5:7; 9:13; Lk 6:36). On the other hand, if he frees her as he would eventually do, they will accuse him not only of condoning adultery but also of undermining the Law of Moses and, therefore, threatening the foundations of their faith and society (Dt 4:1-8).

Interestingly, Jesus refuses to be boxed into a binary, an either-or examination of the situation. Consequently, he goes beyond the trite legalism largely fuelled and sustained by self-righteousness and hypocrisy as exhibited especially by the scribes and Pharisees (see Mt 23:1-3). He situates true judgement within the broader framework of the call to holiness and perfection (Lev 19:2; Mt 5:48) and, therefore, challenges the woman's judges and potential executioners: "If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." At this, they walked away quietly, beginning from the eldest. Their honesty is, nonetheless, commendable. They must have remembered the words of the psalmist in Psalm 130:3: "If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who could survive?" (Ps 130:3).

By Jewish (and legal) standards, Jesus' action was certainly audacious. However, he upended the lawyers, not by querying the law but by interrogating the motivation behind their enforcement. The genius of Jesus is manifested in the creativity with which he expresses his compassion in such a way that he neither condemn the guilty woman nor condone her sin. Hence, his final words to her: "Neither do I condemn you ... go away, and do not sin anymore." This is the Good News! There is a lesson for us here, an example for us to follow. Clearly, he distinguishes the sinner from the sin. He sees in the sinner a child of God that needs to be helped to return to the Father's house, to have a fresh start, a new beginning. This cannot be achieved by holding on to the past. Isaiah in the first reading (43:16-21) and St Paul in the second reading (Ph 3:18-14) make the same emphasis.

Where do we place ourselves in today's Gospel? With the defenceless guilty adulterer? The self-righteous Pharisees and mob? Or Jesus? Surely, as sinners, we have something in common with both the guilty adulterer and her self-righteous condemners. As St Paul explains in Romans 3:23, because we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, we "are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus." As a community of saints and sinners, the Church is not place for casting stones but, in the words of Pope Francis, a field hospital where the wounded are healed, and sinners reconciled. The ultimate challenge for us from Jesus' encounter with the guilty adulterer and the Pharisees is to forgive others as God readily forgives us and to be equally concerned for our salvation and others' so much so that we do not overlook the sins in our life, family, institutions, community, and society. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 50:4-7
2ND READING	Philippians 2:6-11
GOSPEL	Luke 22:14-23:56

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Eddie Walsh, Jebamalai Muthu, 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, Giuseppe Ingrassi, and Clare.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £695.79

Gift-aid: £300.00 **Total: £995.79***

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.*

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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

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

PALM SUNDAY: 6.30PM (SAT), 9AM, 11AM, & 6PM

MONDAY, 11 APRIL: 7PM: Penitential Service & Confessions

MAUNDY THURSDAY

1. **5PM:** Mass of the Last Supper (1)
2. **8PM:** Mass of the Last Supper (2)
3. **11.45PM:** Night Prayers

GOOD FRIDAY

1. **9AM:** Office of the Readings & Lauds
2. **9.30-10.30AM:** Sacrament of Reconciliation
3. **12PM:** Commemoration of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross (1)
4. **3PM:** Commemoration of the Passion & Veneration of the Cross (2)
5. **7PM:** Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

1. **9AM:** Office of the Readings & Lauds
2. **8PM:** Solemn Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY: 9Am, 11AM, & 6PM

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

As customary, we look forward to adorning our church and sanctuary this coming Easter with beautiful floral arrangements. There will be a second collection to support this next weekend.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)

There is no Children's Liturgy this weekend at the 9 am Mass. We are on Easter holiday until Sunday 24 April. We look forward to welcoming you all back then. Happy Easter in advance!

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR UKRAINE

We are looking for parishioners to be Prayer Sponsors for the people of the Ukraine. In the narthex you will find Prayer Sponsor Sheets representing the different dioceses of Ukraine. Please can you commit to remembering all the people and communities of ONE diocese in your regular prayers for the duration of the conflict – if you have any questions please speak to Fr Ignatius or Fr Joseph, or email neil.daguiar@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED FOR TRIDUUM

Altar servers are needed for all our Holy Triduum Services i.e. Maundy Thursday 14 April @ 5pm & 8.00pm, Good Friday 15 April @ 12pm & 3.00pm, and Holy Saturday 16 April @ 8.00pm. If you can help at any of these Masses, please add your name to the appropriate sign-up sheet in the RDJ room.

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: **13 April**. Winner to be announced during our Youth Mass in April.

SOUTH INDIAN EVENT – SATURDAY, 27 APRIL @ 7.30PM

You are cordially invited to taste a homemade three course Indian dinner; with Indian talent, culture and entertainment organised by the Syro Malabar Community. Church Hall, £15 per adult, children under 5, £5 & family £50. To book a table contact Jommy @ 07738652931 or Rosamma @ 07961444865

LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK

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

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 12th at 7.30pm in the old chapel. After the business we shall have a Bring and Buy Sale. All ladies are welcome to join us. Come and pick up a bargain. Proceeds will go to our Parish Lenten Project.

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/>

50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations to John & Ann Crawford on this great achievement and many best wishes to them as they continue to love and support each other.

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.

† EDWARD (EDDIE) JOSEPH WALSH – RIP

Kindly pray for Eddie Walsh of 17 Oakleigh Ave, who died peacefully at home on 22 March, aged 91. Our condolences to Sheila and the family. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Requiem Mass: Monday, 11 April, 11am.