



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

EASTER SUNDAY

**YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE
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16 Sat <i>Easter Vigil</i>	20.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People of the Parish
17 Sun	9.00	Angela Morrissey– RIP (<i>Buchanan</i>)
	11.00	Martin Family Dec'd – RIP (<i>Edith</i>)
	18.00	Justina & Joseph Edet – RIP

SOLEMNITY OF EASTER (OCTAVE)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

18 Mon <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30	Caroline & Kelvin Andrews' Ints
19 Tues <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30	Philicita Koway Chun – RIP (<i>L Ko</i>)
	19.00	Lara Morgan – RIP (<i>J Dunseath</i>)
20 Wed <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30	Private Intention
	19.00	Rose & Catherine Cusiak (<i>FM</i>)
21 Thurs <i>Easter Octave</i>	7.00	James T Mattam – RIP (<i>Rosamma</i>)
	9.30	John Walsh – RIP (<i>J Dunseath</i>)
22 Friday <i>Easter Octave</i>	7.00	Private Intention
	9.30	Catherine Yap – WB
23 Sat <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00	Furlong Family Dec'd – RIP (<i>Chris</i>)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

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>)

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

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you" – please grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace. Amen.

~ St John Paul II.

THE ULTIMATE TRIUMPH OVER DARKNESS & DEATH

At Easter we celebrate the ultimate triumph of Christ over sin and death. We rejoice in the definitive victory of light over darkness, love over hatred. Easter reminds us that the Risen Christ, the victorious king, is our hope (see the *Sequence*); he is the reason not only for our existence but also for the Christian faith and its evangelising mission in the world. His resurrection guarantees our freedom from sin and our hope of eternal life. "As Paul says in 1 Co 15, "if Christ has not been raised then our preaching is useless and your believing is useless ... if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins." The Easter story, therefore, invites us to be joyful in hope and hopeful in joy, rooted in faith that the darkness of evil and hatred will not and will never have the final say.

The resurrection is a mystery of faith. It is not an idea that can be fully grasped intellectually, though it does lend itself to human understanding. We can imagine the confusion and frustration of Mary of Magdala as she ran back from the empty tomb to alert Peter: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb ... and we don't know where they have put him." Obviously, the empty tomb could not immediately persuade them to believe because "they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead." Certainly, something had impeded them. In other words, though "the stone had been moved away from the tomb," it was still very much firmly lodged over their eyes of faith. However, it would gradually be removed through their encounters with the Risen Lord – and ultimately, with the reception of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (Acts 1:8). Peter alludes to this in the first reading (Acts 10:34,37-43) when he says: "... three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses..." Surely, faith in the risen Lord does not happen automatically. It takes time, reflection, and, above all, openness to encounter him through prayer, Scripture, the sacraments, people, creation, and various events in life.

Dear friends, we are also called, this Easter and always, like Mary of Magdala and the first disciples, to be witnesses to the resurrection. What might this mean for us concretely?

We are celebrating this year's Easter, once again, under some clouds of uncertainties. Covid-19 is far from over; despite the reduction in hospitalisations and deaths in our country and globally, the rise in infection rate is still cause for concern. Rising inflation and its impact on cost of energy, NI rate, food prices, and cost of living generally. Rise in hunger and food insecurity, environmental disasters due to challenges from climate change, etc. Not to mention the ongoing cruel and criminal invasion of Ukraine by Russia / the refugee crisis triggered by it as well as the threat of the use of biological, chemical, and nuclear weapons that might incite a third world war. These are signs and echoes of darkness all around us at this material time in our human experience and history. The human complicity in these crises cannot be overlooked, so also our duty towards resolving, or at least ameliorating them. Celebrating Easter in their shadows challenges us, as believers, not to succumb to fear. It calls us to remain hopeful. It reminds us that the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say. Light and love will always have the final say.

As an Easter people, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, both in us and in our world. Thus, we must strive to rise from evil, darkness, and death ourselves. In other words, as St Paul admonishes in the second reading (Gal 3:1-4), since we "have been brought back to true life with Christ," "we must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is... because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God." Happy Easter! ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 5:12-16
2ND READING	Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19
GOSPEL	John 20:19-31

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Sally Wells, Jebamalai Muthu, Nevile Coshan, 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

Non-Gift-aid: £867.29

Gift-aid: £344.15 Total: **£1,211.44***

**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.

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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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME



Reconciliation: Friday, 6 May, 6pm

Confirmation Mass: Friday, 13 May 7pm

THANK YOU!

A very big thank you to all parishioners and all who assisted in different ways in facilitating our celebration of the Sacred Triduum this year. Special thanks to Dcn Al, the readers, sacristans, MCs & altar servers, choristers & organists, florists, welcomers, collectors, Church cleaners, & grounds keepers.

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

EASTER COLLECTION

By custom, for the support of parochial priests in the diocese. It is your gift to Fr Joseph and Fr Ignatius. Envelopes are available on the desk in the narthex.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

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

SOUTH INDIAN EVENT – SATURDAY, 23 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

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

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 PASSAGE: Is a Catholic Charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the *Big Give*, a matched giving scheme. Every £1 donated online by 12.00 noon on Tuesday 19 April makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. To support the campaign please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveMarch22>

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

Have launched their new online newspaper with the full support of their first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order **your Digital** 4 weeks **FREE** trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email:

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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 Nevile Coshan, who died peacefully at home in the early hours of Good Friday, 15 April. Our condolences to Barbara and the family. May he rest in peace. Amen. **Funeral:** TBA