



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – C

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

**YOU CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE VIA ONLINE
LIVESTREAMING AT <https://www.olionline.co.uk>**

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

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

02 Mon <i>St Athanasius</i>	9.30	Rajani Reginald – RIP
03 Tues <i>Ss Philip & James, Apostles</i>	9.30	Rosemary Durcan – RIP
	19.00	Christine Gordon – WB (<i>M Attley</i>)
04 Wed <i>The English Martyrs</i>	9.30	Keith Lewis – RIP (<i>L Lewis</i>)
	19.00	Anthony Price – RIP
05 Thurs <i>Feria of Easter</i>	7.00	Nick Windsor – RIP (<i>P O'Connell</i>)
	9.30	Anne Martin's Intentions
06 Friday <i>Feria of Easter</i> (<i>First Friday</i>)	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Mary & P Hosey & Family Ints.
	12.30	Requiem Mass: N Coshan – RIP
07 Sat <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.00	Tim & Joan Wood – RIP (<i>FM</i>)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

07 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Nicholas Reginald
08 Sun <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	9.00	Mohan Tambimuttu – RIP (<i>Erman</i>)
	11.00	P & M McAleenan–WB (<i>C Stevens</i>)
	18.00	Patrick J Shea – RIP (<i>Shea Family</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

In the name of Jesus Christ, who was never in a hurry, we pray, O God, that Thou wilt slow us down, for we know that we live too fast.

With all of eternity before us, make us take time to live – to get acquainted with Thee, time to enjoy Thy blessings, and time to know each other. Amen.

~Attributed to Peter Marshall.

LOVE CONQUERS ALL

God's unfathomable love and mercy is expressed especially in the ease with which Jesus forgives and gives sinners another chance. This climaxes on the Cross. He readily forgives and prays for his tormentors: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they are doing! (Lk 23:32)." This is astonishing. Nothing, St Paul reminds us, demonstrates God's love for humanity than the fact that "Christ died for us while we were still sinners" (Rm 5:8).

God's love is as unfathomable as it is eternal. The encounters between the Risen Christ and his disciples after his resurrection which we have been so far reading about in the Gospel during this Eastertide reiterate this. Last Sunday, Thomas was forgiven for vehemently resisting to believe in the news of the resurrection without personally seeing and touching the pierced body of Jesus. He was also reassured of God's love as he was helped to overcome his initial doubt. As a result, he confessed Jesus as Lord and God.

Today, the attention is focussed particularly on Peter. The setting of the encounter is very revealing. By the sea of Tiberias (also known as the sea of Galilee or Gennesaret). Among others, it reminds us of the calling of Simon Peter and the first disciples by the same lake in Luke 5:1-11. Simon Peter and some of his companions had gone fishing. They had toiled the whole night without success. Imagine their disappointment as they pulled to the shore in the morning without anything. Was it a routine activity to provide subsistence for themselves? Were they no longer sold on the Galilean ministry as *fishers of men* (see Mt 4:19; Mk 1:17; Lk 5:10b) – and so, were trying to return to their former trade as fishermen? Whatever! Whether they simply went to find subsistence or were abandoning their new calling because of the 'absence' of their Master, the outreach of the Risen Christ to them is, to say the least, quite telling. It is comforting and reassuring. The message is obvious: God never abandons us! No matter what, he is always there and will always be. He is Immanuel, God-with-us. His presence and command changes everything!

Like in the calling of the first disciples in Luke, the miraculous catch of fish opens the eyes of their faith as John recognises and proclaims, "It is the Lord." Again, the impetuosity of Peter comes to play; he abandons everything and dashes towards Jesus. But as they dragged the huge haul of fish to the shore, they are invited to breakfast by the Risen Lord who also *broke bread and gave thanks* (a symbol of the Eucharist!) while feeding them with grilled fish. Thereafter, Jesus turns his attention to Peter and questions him three times about his love for him. Thrice, Peter professes his love for Jesus, following which Jesus 'commissions' him to care for his flock. This threefold profession of love by Peter is normally seen as a reversal of his triple denial of Jesus during his paschal mystery (see Mt 26:34,69-75). Of course, Peter is able to profess his love for Jesus because he has personally experienced Jesus' love for him. Now, loving Jesus means "keeping his words" (Jn 14:23). This is what Peter and the apostles strive to do in the first reading (Acts 5:27-32,40-41), through their ministry of preaching and healing despite the opposition and threat from the authorities. Hence, they insist, "Obedience to God comes before obedience to men," and are "glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name [Jesus]." Their love for God, therefore, conquers every doubt and fear just as God's love for them conquers their betrayals.

Today and always, the Risen Lord puts the same question to each of us: "Do you love me?" Like Peter and the apostles, answering this question honestly presupposes a personal encounter with God's love. Such an encounter is rooted in faith and communion and leads to mission. As 1 Jn 4:10,19 says, it is not so much about our love for God as God's love for us. This is the love that conquers all! ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 13:14,43-52
2ND READING	Apocalypse 7:9,14-17
GOSPEL	John 10:27-30

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Sally Wells, Jebamalai Muthu, Neville Coshan, John Brennan, Darren Beaver, Susan Abdo, Lilly Hewitt, Veronica Inyang, 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.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: PRIEST TRAINING FUND

This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

FAO: EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

We have a few parishioners in nursing homes who would like to receive the Eucharist. If you feel you can help, or would like to find out more, please contact the parish office (email preferably) with your name, contact phone number, and availability.

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.

ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John Wilson invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3pm on Saturday July 9 at St George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. Children (and grandchildren) are welcome to accompany you to the Mass. To book or for more details email mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

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

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

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michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

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.

RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL

Are inviting grandparents and older members of our local community to an entertainment evening. It will take place in the Main School Hall on Tuesday 10th May from 7 to 9pm. There will be choir, music and drama sketches through the evening. Tickets are £1, and places can be reserved via the School Office 02083305947, or office@challoner.kingston.sch.uk

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The Daily Mass scheme for the Tolworth Foundation is Friday May 6th. If you are able to attend Mass on that day, please remember UCM intentions. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 10th at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel. Teresa will be organising Hoy Bingo, a playing card version of the popular Lotto. There will be refreshments and a raffle. All ladies are welcome.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £641.85

Gift-aid: £725.82 Total: **£1,367.67***

2ND COLLECTION (St George's Cathedral)

Non-Gift-aid: £210.74

Gift-aid: £200.40 Total: **£411.14**

**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.

Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at online.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

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME



Reconciliation: Friday, 6 May, 6pm

Confirmation Mass: Friday, 13 May 7pm

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.

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.

† 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.