



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – C

08 May 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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

07 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	<i>Pro Populo</i>
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>)

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

09 Mon <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Bernie & Tommy Maguire’s Family
	10.45	Requiem Mass: <i>Susan Abdo – RIP</i>
10 Tues <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Monica & Fergus Regan & Family
	19.00	Antionette Mills – WB (<i>S Mills</i>)
11 Wed <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Joan & Paud Lavelle & Family
	19.00	Margaret & Peter Crawford (<i>FM</i>)
12 Thurs <i>Feria of Easter</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Michael Pearson – RIP
	10.30	Requiem Mass: <i>Kathleen Lam–RIP</i>
13 Friday <i>Feria of Easter</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Jill Doo – RIP (<i>M J Gray</i>)
	19.00	CONFIRMATION MASS
14 Sat <i>St Matthew</i>	9.00	Bob Wilson – RIP (<i>M Wilson</i>)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

14 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Estrella Brister – RIP (<i>Eileen</i>)
15 Sun <i>Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse</i>	9.00	Darren Beaver – RIP (<i>Maranzano</i>)
	11.00	R & E Barry–WB (<i>C Stevens</i>)
	18.00	Estrella Brister – RIP (<i>S Howe</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

Almighty Father, you have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous “Yes.” Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes, and hearts fruitful ground for your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to your call with courage and zeal.

LISTENING TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also called *The Good Shepherd Sunday* because of the central theme which runs through the liturgical readings and presidential prayers of the Mass. Characteristically, the Gospel reading for the three-year cycle of Sunday (A, B, C) is normally taken from John 10, where Jesus appropriates the pastoral imagery familiar to his Jewish contemporaries to describe himself as the Good Shepherd (11-18).

By describing himself as ‘*The Good Shepherd*,’ Jesus distinguishes himself from the shepherds of Israel whom the prophets reprimanded for their failure to pasture God’s flock with integrity, selfless commitment, compassion, and love (see Jr 23:1-2; Ez 34:1-10; cf. Jn 10:8-10). He, therefore, identifies himself as the ultimate fulfilment of God’s promise to raise up shepherds for his flock (see Jr 3:15; 23:4). The letter to the Hebrews describes him as “the great shepherd of the sheep” (13:20). Moreover, in the concluding verse of today’s Gospel passage, Jesus affirms his divinity by explicitly identifying himself with the Father – “the Father and I are one.” Thus, he fulfils God’s promise to lead his flock by himself (Ez 34:15). This has important ramification for us as well who, through Baptism, have been called to be shepherds of God’s flock in different ways and places – family, Church, school, and the wider society.

To be and act as true shepherds of God’s flock, we must first and foremost be in communion with the Good Shepherd. The first step in this regard consists in being docile flock ourselves. Jesus emphasises this in today’s passage when he says, “The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” He sets an example for the sheep, both in words and deeds. The rejection of Paul and Barnabas and the Good News by the Jews in Antioch in the first reading (Acts 13:14,43-52) certainly contradicts this invitation. Their response to the threat and expulsion from the city is notable. Like their Master, they respect the freedom of the flock and would not try to compel them in any way. Instead, they see it as an incentive to reach out to the Gentiles who, thankfully, receive the message with joy and are incorporated into the fold (see Jn 10:16). Fidelity to the Good Shepherd also means, as highlighted in the second reading (Ap 7:9,14-17), defiance against anyone, power, or thing that might want to derail us from listening to and following Christ in this world.

Without docility and receptiveness, we cannot accomplish the hope expressed by the Church for all of us in the *Collect* (Opening Prayer) of today’s Mass, namely, that God may “lead us to share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before.” To enter into eternal life, we must listen to Jesus and obey him.

Good Shepherd Sunday, therefore, offers each of us a good opportunity to reflect on our response to Jesus and the call of the Gospel. It calls us to examine and / or re-examine our relationship with him personally and collectively. What is he saying to us today? How attentive are we to his call to us to be missionary disciples in the Church and world today?

Particularly, today is set aside for us to reflect on vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life, to pray for our Priests and Religious, and for those who are discerning a priestly or religious vocation, and to support the formation and training of seminarians, deacons, and priests in our diocese. The harvest is always rich but the labourers few; so, we “pray the Lord of the harvest, to send labourers to his harvest” (Mt 9:37). But we must also actively (or pro-actively) strive to encourage especially young people to consider answering God’s call to serve as priests and religious. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 14:21-27
2ND READING	Apocalypse 21:1-5
GOSPEL	John 13:31-33,34-35

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 TODAY: 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.

SYNOD

Following Parish meetings in November 2021 and Parish delegate sessions in February 2022, the Archdiocese of Southwark have now published a Synthesis of the Synod discussions. This document can be accessed at

www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/media/n0vfb2my/southwarksynthesis_fin_al.pdf It is also available via a link on the Parish website. The document covers the themes of Communion, Participation, Mission and considers next steps for the Church. Thank you to all those parishioners who contributed towards these important discussions.

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

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

SOUTH INDIAN CULTURAL EVENING

Thank you to all who attended and volunteered. The total amount raised in support of the Lenten Project was a whopping **£3,220.00!**

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 10th at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel. There will be Hoy Bingo (a playing card version of the popular Lotto), refreshments and a raffle. All ladies are welcome.

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

HOLY CROSS PREP SCHOOL

Award winning Catholic Independent Day School for girls aged 3-11 years. Please join us at our Open Morning on Wednesday, 25 May from 8.45am – 12 noon, contact the school to book an appointment on 020842 0729 / admissions@holycrossprep.com The school has a few bursaries for suitable candidates.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £628.28

Gift-aid: £326.07 Total: **£954.35***

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR APRIL 2022

A. Cash / cheques – 5,842.19

1. Gift-Aided – 3,667

2. Non-G/A – 2,175.19

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 5,778.00

1. Gift-Aided – 5,310.00

2. Non-G/A – 468.00

C. Contactless Machine – 943.00

Total = £12,563.19

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

*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



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.

† SUSAN ABDO – RIP

Kindly pray for Susan Abdo who died on 22 April. Our condolences to the family. **Requiem Mass:** Monday, 9 May at 10.45pm. May she rest in peace. Amen.

† KATHLEEN LAM – RIP

Kindly pray for Kathleen Lam who died on 13 April. Our condolences to the family. **Requiem Mass:** Thursday, 12 May at 10.30pm. May she rest in peace. Amen.