



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – C

15 May 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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

14 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Estella Brister – RIP (<i>Eileen</i>)
15 Sun	9.00	Darren Beaver – RIP (<i>Maranzano</i>)
	11.00	R & E Barry–WB (<i>C Stevens</i>)
	18.00	Estella Brister – RIP (<i>S Howe</i>)
FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
16 Mon <i>St Simon Stock</i>	9.30	Private Intentions
17 Tues <i>Feria of Easter</i>		<i>Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse</i>
	9.30	Francis & Sabina – WB
18 Wed <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Mary Joyce (<i>M-J Gray</i>)
	19.00	Mickey Monaghan – RIP (<i>S Mills</i>)
19 Thurs <i>Feria of Easter</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Subash De Menezes – BD (<i>Mum</i>)
20 Friday <i>Feria of Easter</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Franzas' Family Dec'd (<i>Tanousis</i>)
21 Sat <i>St Matthew</i>	9.00	Suresh & Mary – 18 th WA

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

21 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Margaret & Thomas Kane – RIP (<i>K Jankowski</i>)
22 Sun	9.00	Francesco Perillo & Fam Dec'd
	11.00	Neville Coshan – RIP (<i>L D'Souza</i>)
	18.00	Christopher's Intention (<i>Ghislaine</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

O my God, I love you above all things with my whole heart and soul, because you are all good and worthy of all my love.

I love my neighbour as myself for the love of you. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of those whom I have injured. Amen.

LOVING LIKE JESUS

There are six hundred and thirteen (613) commandments (*misvot* in Hebrew) including the Decalogue or the Ten Commandments in the Hebrew Bible (the Christian Old Testament). These are, unevenly, divided into 248 positive commands and 365 prohibitions. For pious Jews, these must be observed to keep the Covenant with God.

We can imagine how difficult and/or impracticable it would be to keep track of all of them. So, Jewish rabbis intelligently reduced them to two fundamental and inseparably connected commandments, namely, the love of God above all things and the love of neighbour (see Mk 12:28-33). Although both are inseparably interwoven, the love of God above all else is the foundation of the true love of others. The Jewish prayer tradition demonstrates this through the daily recital (in the morning and evening) of the *Shema* (Deuteronomy 6:4-5): "*Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.*" Jesus agrees with Jewish jurisprudence that this is the first and greatest commandment and that, together with the second, "*You shall love your neighbour as yourself,*" it forms the foundation of all the law and prophets (Mt 22:34-40).

To an extent, it may be said that there is one commandment, namely, LOVE, which expresses itself in two closely related though, strictly speaking, unequal aspects, since the love of God towers over and above (though never against) the love of neighbour. As the foundation of the latter, the love of God serves both as its yardstick and corrective. The latter, in turn, makes concrete the former. For, as the evangelist John says, "*Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen*" (1 Jn 4:20).

No one models this ideal better than Jesus. On the one hand, He is the Son whose love for the Father is proved as it were by his absolute loyalty to the Father (Lk 22:42; Jn 6:38) by completely emptying himself to the point of accepting to die on the Cross (Ph 2:6-11). On the other, through his selfless sacrifice, he manifests the Father's (and his) love for us, for the whole world (Rm 5:8; see Jn 3:16; 15:13; 1 Jn 3:16). Rooted in his love for the Father and vice versa, Jesus' love for us externalises and/or mirrors the bond of love within the communion of the Holy Trinity.

This divine or inner-Trinitarian love is what he bids us in today's Gospel (Jn 13:31-33,34-35), as members of his Body, his holy people to cultivate, copy, and practice in witness to the whole world. He, therefore, brings something radically new to the age-old commandment concerning love of others in the Hebrew tradition. The self is no longer the measure of love of neighbour because self-love is always tainted to a lesser or higher degree and, therefore, sometimes unreliable. From a Christian point of view, there is no guarantee that we know how to or can love ourselves perfectly. Only God can and does love us, everyone, and creation unconditionally and perfectly. So, his love for us remains the indispensable and true measure of our love for him, ourselves, or others (1 Jn 4:10).

Like Jesus, our love for others cannot be mere words (1 Jn 3:16b). It must be earthed, incarnated, that is, tangible in some real way, be it materially, socially, psychologically, or spiritually (see Mt 25:31-46; Lk 10:25-37; cf. Mt 5:1-12). In the first reading (Acts 14:21-27), Paul and Barnabas exemplify this by their selfless commitment in bringing the Good News to the Gentiles. They planted churches and appointed pastors to look after them. "*They,*" Saint Luke explains, "*put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith.*" Loving like Jesus, in a word, makes present "*a new heaven and a new earth,*" where God dwells among his people. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 15:1-2,22-29
2ND READING	Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23 or 22:12-14,16-17,20
GOSPEL	John 14:23-29

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £751.36

Gift-aid: £ 421.00 Total: **£1,172.36***

2ND COLLECTION: PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Non-Gift-aid: £403.56

Gift-aid: £320.03 Total: **£723.59***

**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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Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or 0208 8399 4368

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME



Congratulations to our 21 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday. Many thanks to the Catechists and all who accompanied them on the journey.

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

MORE WELCOMERS NEEDED

We have dedicated welcomers and are very grateful for that, but we need additional welcomers to make up new teams. Apart from 6pm Mass (where we need quite a few people) all other Masses have at least 3 teams, so if we could find some more people, your turn would come up no more than once a month. Please do email the Parish Office if you can assist, with the Mass you normally attend and your contact details. Thank you.

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.

SYNOD PROCEEDINGS

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_final.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

OLI COMMUNITY SUMMER CELEBRATION

Please come and join us in a celebration of our Church and School Community on Saturday 11 June, 12pm until 3pm, OLI School Playground. The afternoon includes a variety of entertainment, food and drink, games, and face painting. Adults £1 – children go free.

AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN EVENING – 2 JULY

Saturday, 2 July, 7.30pm – 11.30pm. Please, come and enjoy a variety of African & Caribbean food and entertainment. Adults - £10; children 7-12 years old - £5, Families £25. All proceeds go to the Lenten Project.

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

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.

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.