



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – C

22 May 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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

21 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Margaret & Thomas Kane – RIP (<i>K Jankowski</i>)
22 Sun <i>Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians</i>	9.00	Francesco Perillo & Fam Dec'd
	11.00	Neville Coshan – RIP (<i>L D'Souza</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

23 Mon <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Pat Flatherty – RIP (<i>J Clark</i>)
24 Tues <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Denis Peiris – RIP (<i>M Peiris</i>)
	19.00	Anthony & Martin Togher – RIP
25 Wed, <i>St Bede Venerable</i> <i>Ascension – Vigil</i>	9.30	Madeline Gray (<i>M-J Gray</i>)
	19.00	Gerry Barrett – WB (<i>S Mills</i>)
26 Thurs THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	7.00	Jebamalai Muthu – RIP (<i>M. Suresh</i>)
	9.30	Subash De Menezes – BD (<i>Mum</i>)
	14.30	Requiem Mass: D Beaver – RIP
	19.00	Veronica Inyang & Ime Effiong RIP
27 Friday <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	7.00	Novena to the Holy Spirit begins! Holy Souls
	9.30	E Tambimuttu – RIP (<i>Erman</i>)
28 Sat <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.00	Tony Pereira – RIP (<i>L Fernandes</i>)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

28 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Robert Hicks – RIP (<i>D Mulcahy</i>)
29 Sun <i>World Communications Sunday</i>	9.00	Christopher's Intention (<i>Ghislaine</i>)
	11.00	Roman Szymanski – RIP (<i>Family</i>)
	18.00	Pat Flatherty – RIP (<i>J Clark</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

"It is through testing that God binds His chosen souls to Himself." – Dear Lord, grant me the strength to endure hardships and the trust to know that your wishes will come to pass. Amen.
St Pio of Pietrelcina (*Padre Pio*).

BE NOT TROUBLED OR AFRAID

We are gradually coming to the end of Eastertide. In a few days (on Thursday), we will be celebrating the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, which marks the 'return' of the Risen Jesus to the heavenly realm where, as we profess in the Creed, he sits at the right hand of the Father. Ten days after that, we will be celebrating the Solemnity of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, the Paraclete whom Jesus promised his apostles before leaving them.

As we prepare to commemorate these two great events in Jesus' life and mission (*the economy of salvation*), today's Gospel (Jn 14:23-29) echoes his assurances to his disciples at the Last Supper, before his paschal mystery. Sensitive to their anxiety about his imminent absence, he encourages them not to worry, but to trust in his abiding presence with them. "Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid," he tells them, "I am going away, and shall return." These are no empty assurances. For they are backed up with at least three concrete gifts: his **word**, **peace**, and (the pledge of) the **Holy Spirit**, the Paraclete, Advocate. While physically absent, the Holy Spirit will particularly guarantee his enduring presence and action among them, for he "will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you." By faithfulness to his **Word** and openness to the presence and power of the **Holy Spirit**, Jesus assures them a new and deeper relationship with the **Father**, of his love and the indwelling of the Holy Trinity. Likewise, as demonstrated in the first reading (Acts 15:1-2,22-29), the same Holy Spirit will inspire and guide their participation in his salvific mission as leaders of his emerging Church.

Their remarkable success not only among the Jews (Acts 2:37-41), but especially among the Gentiles was a clear testimony to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit among them (see Acts 10:44-48; 13:46-49; 14:27). However, the phenomenal success among the Gentiles also provoked a conflict in the community with some Jews from Jerusalem who insisted that Gentile converts must be subject to the laws of Moses as well. For them, without circumcision (see Gen 17:13) Gentiles (males) could not be saved (Acts 15:1). Possibly, it was the same group that queried Peter's outreach to the Gentiles (see Acts 11:1-3), criticising him for associating and eating with the uncircumcised Centurion Cornelius and his household (see Acts 10). Notably, Paul and Barnabas strongly opposed them. Paul insisted that salvation comes through faith in Jesus and not by obedience to the law (see Gal 4:15-21). Reading Luke's account of the resolution of the conflict in the 'Council of Jerusalem,' in today's first reading, we may be tempted to think it was merely a whiff in the air. Paul's allusion to the conflict in Galatians 2, however, hints otherwise. Yet, the courage of the apostles and their collaborators to bring the parties together, to discuss, deliberate, and discern an adequate solution is commendable. Their handling of the bitter conflict shows their recognition and openness to the above three gifts of Christ to them at the Last Supper. Thus, guided by the Holy Spirit, they strived to remain faithful to Christ's word ("If anyone loves me, he will keep my word") by maintaining the peace that flows from their communion with Father. It also shows that unity should not be confused with uniformity. Recognising faith in Jesus as fundamental, the resolution did not overlook the concerns of both parties. Instead, it aimed at a common ground that took into consideration the legitimate concerns of both parties while remaining faithful to the truth of the Gospel.

As a living organism, the Church is constantly growing in space and time and, therefore, must face new questions, situations, and challenges. Responding to them with confidence requires faithfulness to the truth of the Gospel and openness to the Holy Spirit, while striving for unity and peace. Therefore, we pray for a renewal in the gifts and power of the same Holy Spirit so that we may overcome any fear and witness to Christ with confidence. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 7:55-60
2ND READING	Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20
GOSPEL	John 17:20-26

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Jebamalai Muthu, Kathleen Kelly, Yvonne Norman, Darren Beaver, Susan Abdo, Ime Effiong Antia, 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 Leightley, Alison Browning, and Clare.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £662.95

Gift-aid: £415.80 Total: £1,078.75*

Confirmation Mass – Friday 13 May: £368.74

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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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

DAY OF PRAYER FOR EASTERN CHRISTIANS

It brings Eastern and Western Christians together and offers us an opportunity to thank God for all that we owe to the Oriental Churches: the first preaching of the Gospel, the origins of the monastic tradition, many of the early Church fathers, and the inspiring witness of the Eastern Christians down through the ages. **There will be a 2nd collection today to support their mission.**

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD – THURSDAY, 26 MAY

Is a Solemnity and a Holyday of Obligation. There will be 4 Masses in the parish: **Wednesday, 7pm (Vigil); 7am, 9.30am (with OLI Primary School attending), and 7pm.**

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: 27 May – 4 JUNE

Join us to pray, like Mary and the Apostles, for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives, family, Church, and the world from Friday after the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord to the eve of Pentecost. Helpful prayer resource can be found at: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-the-holy-spirit>

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.

CONSIDERING A PRIESTLY / RELIGIOUS VOCATION?

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60-minute webinar on **Tuesday 24th May at 7pm** entitled 'Here I am, send me' where different presenters will speak about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by [registering for the event in advance](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84384912807?pwd=UWJzSzVsY2VUaGl3c09Fa0tNbVVWZz09) by following the link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84384912807?pwd=UWJzSzVsY2VUaGl3c09Fa0tNbVVWZz09>.

OLI COMMUNITY SUMMER CELEBRATION – 11 JUNE

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. Tickets on sale after Mass.

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.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Kingston foodbank at present is particularly short of potato foods (tinned new potatoes), pot noodles, jam, rice, instant mash, fruit squash, household cleaning items, bleach, washing tablets etc., razors, shaving cream, shower gel and toothbrushes.

† DARREN BEAVER – RIP

Kindly pray for Darren Beaver who died peacefully at Princess Alice Hospice, after a long battle with cancer on Wednesday, 20 April. Our condolences to Kelly and the family.

Requiem Mass: Thursday, 26 May at 14.30 followed by **Committal** at Randalls Park Crematorium. May he rest in peace. Amen.