



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – C

29 May 2022

401-403 Ewell Road, Tolworth, Surbiton, Surrey KT6 7DG

Tel: 020 8399 9550; E-mail: tolworth@rcaos.org.uk + www.olionline.co.uk + **Parish Office:** Mon-Fri from 10am to 2pm

Parish Priest: Fr. Ignatius Edet + **Curate:** Fr. Joseph Edem + **Deacon:** Rev. Al Callan + **Secretary:** Mrs Denise Kidd

School: Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mr Ben Martin

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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

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>)
SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
30 Mon <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.30	Monica Tambimuttu – RIP (<i>Erman</i>)
31 Tues <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.30	59th Anniversary of Consecration of our Church! Tony Fazal – RIP (<i>Family</i>)
	11.00	Requiem Mass: Y Norman – RIP
	19.00	J J Tighe – WB (<i>S Mills</i>)
01 Wed <i>St Justin, Martyr</i>	9.30	Henry & Mary Joyce – RIP (<i>M-J G</i>)
	19.00	Winifride Fynn – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
02 Thurs <i>Feria of Easter</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Rajani Reginald – RIP
03 Friday <i>St Charles Lwanga & Co</i>	7.00	Giulietta & Romano Jankowski, <i>RIP</i>
	9.30	Michael & Mary Kelly –RIP (<i>M-J G</i>)
04 Sat <i>Feria of Easter</i>	9.00	Kathleen Earnstine – RIP
	11.00	Wedding: Jane & Kai
PENTECOST SUNDAY – END OF EASTERTIDE		
04 Sat <i>Pentecost Vigil</i>	18.30	Mr & Mrs Arthur Chester–RIP (<i>FM</i>)
05 Sun	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	11.00	John Joyce (<i>M-J Gray</i>)
	18.00	Arthur & Helen Waight – 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

SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK

V. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. **R.** And kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. **R.** And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE

We are seven days from Pentecost. Unifying the many races, tongues, and peoples of the world to proclaim one faith and the mighty works of God, was one of the marvellous manifestations that marked the descent of the Holy Spirit on Mary and the Apostles on the first Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11). Jesus anticipated this by praying, as we hear in today's Gospel (Jn 17:20-26), for the unity of his apostles and future believers.

John 17 from where the Gospel reading is taken is widely known as the *high priestly prayer of Jesus*. It is the longest recorded prayer of Jesus in the Gospels. With chapters 13, 14, and 15, it forms what is generally called the *farewell discourses* of Jesus with his disciples before the passion narrative in the fourth Gospel. Today's Gospel passage occupies a prominent place within this collection. It concludes both the *high priestly prayer* (17) and the entire farewell speeches (13-17). Love is the unifying thread in these passages.

"Holy Father, I pray not only for these but for those also who through their words will believe in me. May they all be one." Through this prayer, Jesus clearly manifests his love for his disciples. He shows his concern for their welfare and stability as well as his vision and intention not only for them but also for their future followers, that is, for the emerging Church. Further, the prayer clearly indicates the kind of unity that Jesus desires for them: A unity that is founded upon and modelled after his union with the Father (and the Holy Spirit). Their unity would demonstrate on the one hand Jesus' identity and mission as the Messiah and his love for them on the other: *"Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me ... With me in them and you in me, may they be so completely one that the world will realise that it was you who sent me and that I have loved them as much as you loved me."* In other words, the unity of the disciples and future believers would give credibility to their mission of evangelisation. The credibility question, of course, is not about Jesus but the disciples – the Church. The unity for which Christ prayed is founded on union with Christ (and through him with the Father and the Holy Spirit – the Trinity). Without it, there can be no true unity among his followers or in the Church. United with and in Christ, according to Vatican II's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, the Church realises itself *"as a sacrament or instrumental sign of intimate union with God and of the unity of all humanity"* (*Lumen gentium*, §1). As history has shown, a disunited or fragmented Church or Christianity remains perhaps the greatest obstacle to its missionary activity. Unarguably, ecclesial disunity is certainly a scandal. For, *"Our division,"* as John Paul II explains in his encyclical letter on ecumenism, *"contradicts the will of Christ, provides a stumbling block to the world, and damages the Good News"* (*Ut Unum Sint – That They May Be One*, §6),

The relevance of a united body of Christ's missionary disciples in our highly fractured world of today cannot be overestimated. Therefore, Jesus' prayer does not just point us towards his intention and desire for us as his followers. It reminds us of the need and urgency to rise to the occasion and swim against the divisive tide in our Church and society in whatever guise and / or subtlety. Bearing in mind that we have been particularly united through baptism to "him who called [us] out of darkness into his wonderful light (1 Pt 2:9), his prayer reminds us of the essentially countercultural nature of our identity and mission, that we are *in the world but not of the world* (see Jn 17:15-16). It is only as a united body of Christ, that we can bear witness to him with credibility and efficiency. Only an undivided people of God can heal our fractured, polarised world. That is why Jesus prayed that we may all be one. It is our task to allow this prayer to be answered in and through us. For this, we rely on the Holy Spirit, the bond of unity and love, for guidance and strength. © IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 2:1-11
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13
GOSPEL	John 20:19-23

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Marcella Ambroselli, 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: £694.80

Gift-aid: £388.09 Total: £1,082.89*

2nd Collection (Eastern Christians): £235.98

**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 olionline.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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME



Kindly continue to keep the 46 young people of our parish who are preparing to receive our Lord in the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, 25 June. Please, pray also for their catechists, parents, and families. Thank you.

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

DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY OBLIGATION

The dispensation granted by the Bishops Conference of England of Wales due to the Covid-19 pandemic ends today. The Bishops of England and Wales, therefore, enjoin all Catholics to endeavour to return to Mass in person from Pentecost Sunday.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

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.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: TILL 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.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/novena-to-the-holy-spirit-for-the-seven-gifts-309>

59TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH

Tuesday, 31 May is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and the anniversary of the dedication of our Church. In addition to the 9.30am and 7pm Masses, we will mark this special day with a communal recitation of the Rosary and Evening Prayer of the Church at 6pm. All are warmly welcomed.

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.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Thank you to everyone who has offered to bake cakes to be sold at the Summer Celebration on 11 June. Please deliver your cakes to the Old Chapel on Friday 10 June between 10am and 2pm. When baking, please be aware that it is school policy not to sell nuts or products made from nuts. So, please do not include nuts or nut flavourings in your cakes.

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

YOUR MARRIAGE: TIME FOR A SERVICE?

In the same way your car needs servicing to continue to run efficiently, so your marriage too will benefit from a 'service.' That's what 'Building a Better Marriage' is, a half-day online course taking place from 9am till 1pm on 11 June. It is designed for couples married years or decades with average-to-good marriages. Booking is essential. More details: 07983 524 727

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.

† YVONNE NORMAN – RIP

Kindly pray for Yvonne Norman who died peacefully at Milverton Nursing Home on Sunday, 24 April, aged 82 years. Our condolences to Chris & Lucy (children) and the family.

Requiem Mass: Tuesday, 31 May at 11.00 followed by **Committal** at Long Ditton Cemetery. May she rest in peace. Amen.