



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – C

26 June 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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25 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Jebamalai Muthu – RIP (<i>M Suresh</i>)
26 Sun	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	11.00	Rene & Joe Boffa – RIP (<i>C Goggin</i>)
	13.00	Wedding: Tanya & Atul
	18.00	Esther Sice – RIP (<i>FM</i>)

WEEK 13 OF THE YEAR (II)

EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

27 Mon <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Emmanuel Tambimuttu – RIP (<i>Erman</i>)
28 Tues <i>St Irenaeus</i> <i>Vigil of Ss Peter & Paul</i>	9.30	Aletrari Family – RIP (<i>J Tanousis</i>)
	19.00	Joseph Antonisamy – RIP (<i>Mary</i>)
29 Wed <i>Ss Peter & Paul</i> <i>– Holy Day of Obligation</i>	7.00	Private (<i>IE</i>)
	9.30	Paul Joseph – RIP (<i>Family</i>)
	19.00	George McLaughlin – RIP
30 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	David Gwyther – WB (<i>K Fox</i>)
	9.30	Monica Tambimuttu (<i>Erman</i>)
01 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Florence Sullivan – RIP (<i>K Fox</i>)
	9.30	Rajani Reginald – RIP
02 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	David Kelly (<i>K Fox</i>)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C

02 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Agnes Brestlin – RIP (<i>J & M Friel</i>)
03 Sun	9.00	James McGrath – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>)
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	18.00	Colin Gray – RIP (<i>M-J Gray</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

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. (**St Benedict**)

THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

The demands of true discipleship form the central focus of today's Liturgy of the Word. To be a follower of Christ requires unconditional commitment. This, in turn, presupposes radical detachment not only from material things, but also from family and social ties and, ultimately, from oneself. To be sure, being a disciple of Christ is always a risky venture. Characteristically, Jesus made no pretence about it. He said it as it is. "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple" Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:26). For Jesus, there is no half measure. Without this radical renunciation or, at least, an openness to embrace it, there can be no discipleship. He himself remains the perfect example in this regard. St Paul describes it memorably in Philippians 2:6-11 with the Greek word, *kenosis* (self-emptying). It is because he willingly emptied himself and took on the human nature, that the Eternal Word, the Son of God becomes vulnerable and suffers rejection as expressed in the Gospel (Lk 9:51-62). For Paul, however, the exaltation of Jesus is a result of his radical self-emptying of himself by not clinging to his divinity but being humbler yet even to accepting death on a cross.

Today's readings encourage and / or challenge us to give this same radical response to God. The prophet Elisha prefigures it in the first reading (1 Kg 16:16,19-21). Called by God through his encounter with the prophet Elijah, he is eager to follow him but requests to be allowed to go home first to bid his parents farewell. Within Judaism, honour and respect to parents was not just a matter of filial courtesy or duty. It was, above all, a religious duty based on the fourth commandment (Ex 20:12), the first commandment to which a promise was attached (Ep 6:2). Eventually, it appears, though, he had become completely overtaken by the encounter that he sacrificed of all his possessions (twelve oxen) and followed Elijah. This is echoed in Matthew's account of the call of the first disciples by Jesus by the Sea of Galilee. Summoned by Jesus, Peter and his bother Andrew, immediately left their nets and followed him, so did James and his brother John who also straightaway left their father Zebedee as well and followed him (Mt 4:18-22; cf. Lk 5:1-11).

The Gospel re-emphasises this imperative through the encounter of three prospective disciples with Jesus. The first seems to take the initiative to volunteer to follow Jesus wherever he goes. In response, Jesus reminds him of the precarious nature of his life and mission. "Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." Following him, therefore, entails the willingness to embrace personal insecurity as a way of life. The second and third persons are called by Jesus. Both are willing to follow him, but not just yet. One wants to go first to fulfil his filial duty towards his parent, and the other, like Elisha in the first reading, wants to go and say farewell to his family. Jesus' response to each of them is challenging. Nothing and no one should be priced above the call of the Gospel. Discipleship requires absolute loyalty since "no one can serve two masters" (Mt 6:24).

It is important to note that Jesus is not being harsh in his demands as it may appear on the face value. As observed above, the demands of Jesus on his disciples reflect his own life and commitment to his mission. It is an invitation to walk in the footsteps of Jesus without counting the cost. Rather than being burdensome (see Mt 11:30), embracing the demands of Jesus, liberates the disciple to "serve one another," as St Paul explains in the second reading (Gal 5:1,13-18), "in the works of love." Besides, those who dare to respond to this call are never left unaided. They are guaranteed his abiding presence and help (see Lk 21:12-19), abundant reward in this life, and eternal life (see Mt 19:29). © IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 66: 10-14
2ND READING	Galatians 6:14-18
GOSPEL	Luke 10:1-12,17-20

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Marcella Rosa Maria Antonelli, Kathleen Kelly, Darren Beaver, Ime Effiong, Veronica Inyang, Marcella Ambroselli, Maria Rosaria Taylor, Alison Richards, Mary Hansbury (Egan), Alphonsus Kenny, Lawrence Murphy, Cyril Bastiampillai, Kathleen Julie Valenti, 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, Sue Ewen, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, 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., Kathleen McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Christine Howey, Hazel D'Aguiar, Mary O'Mara, Eileen Cullen, Elizabeth Jones, Ray Lewry, Wendy Cook, Jemima Francis, Nivetheni Robert, Sally Wells, Joe Ingrassi, Baby Freddie Page, Philip Leightley, Alison Browning, Clare, and Gerry Hague.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £680.55

Gift-aid: £580.05 **Total:** £1,260.60*

2ND COLLECTION (DAY FOR LIFE): £293.39

**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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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME



Congratulations to the 46 young people of our parish who received our Lord in the Holy Eucharist for the first time this weekend (Saturday, 25 June).

We would like to thank our team of dedicated catechists led by Mary C Taylor, the parents and families of our first communicants, and all parishioners for accompanying them in various ways on this precious journey in faith.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS

Don't worry if you have no cash on you! You can use the contactless payment machines in the narthex to make your contribution to the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

29 June is the Solemnity of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be four Masses in the parish: **Tuesday, 28 June, Vigil Mass at 7pm, and 7am, 9.30am, and 7pm on Wednesday.** NB: The staff and pupils of OLI Primary School will join us at the 9.30am Mass.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: PETER'S PENCE

This collection supports the Holy Father's charitable works.

WELCOMERS AT MASS

We have a very loyal team who welcome you to Mass every week, hand out hymn books (and tidy them afterwards), point visitors in the right direction for newsletters and so on, but we could do with a few more. As you can see, the role is quite simple, but very important. If you can join our rota, please email the parish office with your name, Mass attended, and phone number and we will be in touch. Thank you.

SYRO MALABAR PRAYER GROUP

First Friday of the month, 7-11pm.

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

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022

The Southwark Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place between 19th and 26th August. We are sad that, like most Lourdes pilgrimages this year, we have not been able to include pilgrims who need medical support. At the same time, we are delighted to be returning to Lourdes after two years of absence. Details are available at www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association. Southwark contacts: Canon Ed Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) and Bishop Paul Hendricks (paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk).

RICHARD CHALLONER SUMMER FAIR

Join us at Richard Challoner School for our Jubilee Summer Fair and Mini Beer Festival on Sunday, 10 July, 12pm – 4pm. There will be entertainment for all the family ... Music, food, beer, prizes, games, and so much more!

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.

† CYRIL BASTIAMPILLAI – RIP

Kindly pray for Cyril Bastiampillai who died peacefully at Cater House Care Home on Wednesday, 15 June, aged 90 years. Our condolences to the family.

Requiem Mass: Monday, 27 June at 11.00 followed by committal at Kingston Crematorium
May he rest in peace. Amen.

† MARIA ROSARIA TAYLOR (NÉE D'AGOSTINO) – RIP

Kindly pray for Maria Rosaria Taylor (née D'Agostino) who died suddenly on 2 June, aged 70 years. Our condolences to her family – and to her brother, Franco D'Agostino.

Funeral: Wednesday, 29 June at Barham Crematorium, Canterbury Road, Barham, CT4 6QU, at 14.40.
May he rest in peace. Amen.