



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church  
**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – C**

10 July 2022

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**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**

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

09 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Karen Hoey & Paul Matty – RIP ( <i>Hoey</i> )
10 Sun <i>Apostleship of the Sea</i>	9.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People
	11.00	Neville Coshan – RIP ( <i>E Martin</i> )
	18.00	Ellisio D’Costa – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )

**WEEK 15 OF THE YEAR (II)**

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:** Monday – Friday at 8.30am

11 Mon <i>St Benedict</i>	9.30	Alison Richards – RIP ( <i>Maranzano</i> )
12 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Special Intention ( <i>Anon</i> )
	19.00	Malcolm Kidd – RIP ( <i>T Kidd</i> )
13 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Bill Wills – RIP
	19.00	Holy Souls
14 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Richard Hayes – RIP ( <i>A Sparrow</i> )
	9.30	Mary Hansbury – RIP ( <i>A-M Egan</i> )
15 Friday <i>St Bonaventure</i>	7.00	Jebamalai Mutthu – RIP ( <i>M Suresh</i> )
	9.30	( <i>Greenaway</i> )
		Private Intention ( <i>K Fox</i> )
16 Sat <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	9.00	Christiane Amanpour’s Intentions ( <i>Fiona</i> )

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C**

16 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Raymond Brennan – RIP ( <i>J &amp; M Friel</i> )
17 Sun	9.00	Alex Moore’s Intentions
	11.00	Branca D’Mello – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

**OTHER SERVICES**

<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
<b>St Anthony of Padua</b>	<b>Tuesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses
<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses
<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	1st Saturday of the month
<b>Syro Malabar Prayer Group</b>	1st Friday of the month: 7pm

**SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

Lord of true holiness, help me to authentically love you with my whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. Help me to have such an honest love for you that it also overflows into my love for others. May your precious gift of holiness permeate my life and enable me to love you and others in a total way. Jesus, I trust in You.

~ Anon.

**THE OUTSIDER WHO MODELS GOD’S LOVE**

Jesus’ encounter with a lawyer in today’s Gospel (Lk 10:25-37), ends with one of his well-known parables – the Good Samaritan.

The lawyer’s motive is questionable. He approaches Jesus not as an enquirer, one who seeks to know the truth. He is on a self-serving mission, to unsettle him; at best, to know his credentials if not, at worst, to discredit him. Yet his question, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” is important. So, Jesus engages him. He points him to the Torah, and asks him, ‘What does the law say?’ Not a difficult question for a lawyer! So, he does not disappoint. He repeats the *Shema*, Israel’s ‘creed,’ the command to love God above all (Dt 6:5) and love of neighbour (Lv 18:5). Jesus commends him for his accurate answer, and then enjoins him to put it into practice. Here he echoes Moses who, in the first reading (Dt 30:10-14), tells the people to ‘obey’ and ‘observe’ God’s commandment that has been made accessible to them, in their mouth and heart.

Interestingly, Luke also mentions some scathing criticisms of lawyers by Jesus. For they “load people with burdens hard to bear,” but do not themselves “lift a finger to ease them;” and “have taken away the key of knowledge,” not entering it themselves, and yet “hindered those who were entering” (Lk 11:46,52). Jesus, therefore, wants the lawyer to overcome this gap between knowing and observing the law. But the lawyer is set on his vain pursuit. He carries on with his self-validation by asking him, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus’ response is radical, thought-provoking and, indeed, invasive. It challenges him to rethink the presuppositions behind his question.

The Samaritans were the mixed-race descendants of the Jews of the northern kingdom (Israel or Samaria), because of their intermarriage with foreigners who were settled among them after the Assyrian takeover (734-721 B.C). As highlighted in the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, there were strong political and religious differences between them and those from southern kingdom of Judah (Jn 4:4-26). For the Jews, the Samaritans were culturally, socially and above all religiously inferior. The ‘Good Samaritan’ interrogates the validity of this age-old prejudice.

This point is sharpened especially by the other two travellers who saw the man who was waylaid, tortured, and left to die by the robbers, and walked away doing nothing. It is not coincidental that Jesus paints them as a Priest and a Levite, two prominent figures of the Jewish religious establishment. Their identity also offers us some insight into their possible reason for not attending to the unfortunate victim. Besides the fear of being attacked themselves (given the dangerous nature of the route), they must have been concerned with possible violation of the purity requirement of the Mosaic law (see Lv 21:11; Nm 19:11-16). Whatever, self-centredness is squarely at the root of their decision not to attend to him. They were obviously inward-looking, focussing on themselves, their safety, comfort, etc. and, therefore, failed to place themselves in the shoe of the victim.

It is significant that Luke identifies the Samaritan’s first reaction with empathy. “*He was moved by compassion when he saw him.*” Henceforth, every step he took to rescue, nurse, and care for this helpless victim, flowed logically, translating this into concrete actions (see Jm 2:14-17). By placing himself in his position, everything else became relative: his safety, comfort, time, resources, and, indeed, himself. He completely abandoned status, privilege and exclusiveness, the very attachments that prevented the Jewish religious establishment represented by Jesus’ dialogue partner, the Priest and Levite, from responding to the invitation of Jesus.

Ultimately, the Good Samaritan is a self-portrait of Jesus whom we are called to emulate as his missionary disciples. He is the outsider per excellence who through his incarnation has identified with our brokenness so that we too may learn to identify with and support all who are wounded on the journey of life. © IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Genesis 18:1-10
<b>2ND READING</b>	Colossians 1:24-28
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 10:38-42

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, 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.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION TODAY: APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) is a Catholic charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. Port Chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. 90% of world trade is transported by ship, however the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. They may spend up to a year at a time away from home, separated from their family and loved ones and often working in harsh conditions. The AoS relies wholly on voluntary contributions and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection.

### 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.

### DELIVERY OF FOODBANK DONATIONS

The donations from OLI have been highly appreciated by the foodbank depot. Thanks so very much for all who have been making this possible every week. However, because of suspected thefts over the last few weeks, the donations should in future be brought to the church narthex, only on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings at Mass times. You may also drop your donations at the parish office during office hours (10am – 2pm, Monday – Friday).

### SUMMERTIME 2022 FOR ALTAR SERVERS: 2-5 AUGUST

Altar servers aged 11-17 are all invited. **Venue:** Oratory School, Reading. It is a brilliant few days of prayer and recreation, to be opened with Holy Mass by the Archbishop. Coach transport is available from two venues. Total cost is £199. Forms are available from [www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com](http://www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com). More information? Contact Fr Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen: Tel: 01322 220075 or email: [dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dartford@rcaos.org.uk)

### PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM

St John Fisher, Merton is organising a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Walsingham Shrine on Saturday, 24 September. Travel will be by coach from St John Fisher's car park, 207 Cannon Hill Lane, SW20 9DB. Cost of the coach travel is £30 per person. For more details, please see the poster in the Narthex.

### 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](http://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/catholic-association). Southwark contacts: Canon Ed Perera ([edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk)) and Bishop Paul Hendricks ([paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:paulhendricks@rcaos.org.uk)).

### HOSANNA HOUSE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 9-16 SEPTEMBER

Come and join us to experience a new adventure! We are looking forward to yet another week of prayer, rest and fun. We will also visit places of interest such as Bartres and Gavarnie in the Pyrenees. Our group includes persons of all ages and those requiring special assistance. Young helpers will be provided training and the required support. Rev Fr. Ignatius will be joining us as Chaplain. For further details please contact Emil Kumar (020 8398 9222) or Dr Ian Coxon (020 8398 3642) or by e-mail: [group537@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:group537@hcpt.org.uk)

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

**Non-Gift-aid:** £705.95

**Gift-aid:** £ 327.98    **Total: £1,033.93\***

### PETER'S PENCE: £316.04

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR MAY 2022

A. Cash / cheques – 3,891.07

1. Gift-Aided – 1,198.00

2. Non-G/A – 2,693.07

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 3,000.30

1. Gift-Aided – 2,550.00

2. Non-G/A – 453.00

C. Contactless Machine – 863.00

**Total = £7,754.37** (Last month: £10,159.70)

**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](http://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: [tolworthgc@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthgc@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.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME



Watch this space for information about the next programme!

## 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), pot noodles, jam, rice, instant mash, fruit squash, household cleaning items, bleach, washing tablets etc., razors, shaving cream, shower gel and toothbrushes.