



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

24 July 2022

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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>**

23 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Mair Gray – RIP (<i>B & D Marley</i>)
24 Sun <i>World Day of Prayer for Grandparents</i>	9.00	Anne Gnanapragasam – RIP
	11.00	Luis Garcia, Anna Libra & Gladis
	18.00	Sundraeanchenty David – RIP

WEEK 17 OF THE YEAR (II)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

25 Mon <i>St James</i>	9.30	Fiona & Sisters – WB (<i>Amanpour</i>)
26 Tues <i>Ss Joachim & Anne</i>	9.30	Joe Finn – RIP (<i>P & B Mulrooney</i>)
	19.00	Jebamalai Muthu – RIP (<i>M Suresh</i>)
27 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Emmanuel Tambimuttu – RIP
	19.00	Holy Souls
28 Thurs <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Bill Wills – RIP
	9.30	Gerald Moore & Fam (<i>F Amanpour</i>)
29 Friday <i>Ss Mary, Martha & Lazarus</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	D'Souza's Family Dec'd – RIP
30 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Monica Tambimuttu – RIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C

30 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Claire & Family – WB (<i>G Trutwein</i>)
31 Sun	9.00	Iole Maranzano – RIP
	11.00	Neville Coshan – RIP (<i>J Lambert</i>)
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

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
Syro Malabar Prayer Group	1st Friday of the month: 7pm

SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!
 ~ **Benedict XVI.**

ENCOUNTERING A LISTENING GOD

Jesus' encounter with Mary and Martha of Bethany in last Sunday's Gospel reminded us of the priority of listening as a fundamental requirement for true discipleship. The disciple always listens. Not doing so would negate the very nature of the disciple as one who learns from and strives to follow the ways, vision, and mission of the Master / Teacher. As Jesus says, "the sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, I know them, and they follow me" (Jn 10:27). But the disciple cannot just listen once and for all. They must do so continually because discipleship is also a call to perseverance (see Lk 21:19). In the light of today's first reading (Gn 18:20-32) and Gospel (Lk 11:1-13), this is expressed significantly through prayer understood, not merely as speaking to God, but ultimately as a manifestation of intimate communion with God.

Persistence in prayer highlights, among others, the disciple's dependence on the Master, for "cut off from me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5). It also reveals something about God. Through revelation, God does not just speak but also listens to us since he is deeply interested in the world and in our lives. Though described by the Greek philosopher, Aristotle as the *Unmoved Mover*, God is not an unconnected and withdrawn figure who is unmoved as such by or uninterested in his creation. On the contrary, God always sees and hears and is, indeed, moved by what he sees and hears.

The first reading starts with the affirmation of this basic truth of revelation. Having heard the grievous outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah, God proposes "to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them" because he is "determined to know." It is interesting that it is God who takes the initiative to speak to Abraham about this. By disclosing to him what he was going to do (Gn 18:17-19), the sacred writer highlights not only the closeness between God and Abraham but also God's kindly disposition to listen to him. Without taking God's 'friendliness' and generosity (mercy) for granted, Abraham continues to push the limits with God as he decreases his offer – *fifty, forty-five, thirty, twenty, ten!* Despite the tragic end of the two cities (Gn 19:25), Abraham's plea was not unheeded. Consequently, his nephew Lot and his family were saved from the impending destruction (Gn 19:29).

In the mystery of the incarnation, God who, "in our own time, the last days, has spoken to us through his Son" (Hb 1:1), the Word made flesh (Jn 1:14), makes tangible the mystery of a listening God. Jesus shows this by his own intimate life of prayer (see Lk 5:16). Instructively, the evangelist Luke situates the disciple's request to him to teach them how to pray in the context of their experience of him at prayer. His prayer life leads us to the heart of the mystery of the God who always listens – "Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me" (Jn 11:42). Evidently, Jesus' intimate communion with the Father through prayer is inspired and sustained by his confidence and trust in the Father's love and faithfulness (see Jn 15:9). It is this same confident trust in the Father, that Jesus seeks to foster in his disciples in the Gospel when he teaches them how to pray, addressing God with the same familial intimacy expressed by his preferred description of God – as Father!

Relating to God as a loving Father, *Abba* (see Rm 8:15), implies that we should approach him with confident trust like children who know that they are loved unconditionally. Having been brought to life with Christ through baptism and forgiven of our sins, as Saint Paul emphasises in the second reading (Col 2:12-14), we have the boldness to dare to ask, search, and knock. We are rest assured that "the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him," because God always hears and answers our prayers. © **IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23
2ND READING	Colossians 3:1-5,9-11
GOSPEL	Luke 12:13-21

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially John Rayner, Fr. Mark Otong, Anne Teresa Rapley, Rosina Byers 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

HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAY

Father Ignatius, Father Joseph, and Deacon Al would like to wish all parishioners a happy summer holiday. Travelling mercies to all who are going on vacation or staycation!

DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY – 24 JULY

Pope Francis set this special day up two years ago, and this year it is dedicated to the importance of inviting older people to contribute to building a better world. The theme – “*They Shall Bear Fruit Even in Old Age*,” chosen by the Pope, intends to emphasise how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

POLISH LITURGICAL TRADITIONS – 24 JULY

A warm welcome to Dominica and Teresa, two sisters who are visiting our parish from Poland. They will make a short presentation on Polish traditions during the liturgical year after the 9am Mass in the Church Hall during Tea and Coffee. All are cordially welcome!

COMBONI MISSIONARIES' APPEAL 2022 – 30 & 31 JULY

The Comboni Missionaries (commonly known as Verona Fathers) will be visiting our Parish next weekend and appealing on behalf of their Missions in Africa, Central & South America, and Asia. It will also be a chance to hear from their representative, Fr David Bohnsack about their mission and work in the Church.

RED MISSION BOXES

Please bring the contents of your Red Mission Boxes to the Church this week and during next two weeks. Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

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. More information? Contact Fr Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St Stephen: Tel: 01322 220075 or email: dartford@rcaos.org.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSHINGHAM – 24 SEPTEMBER

Travel will be by coach from St John Fisher's car park, 207 Cannon Hill Lane, Merton, 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. Southwark contacts: Canon Ed Perera (edwardperera@rcaos.org.uk) and Bishop Paul Hendricks (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. 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

JOB VACANCIES: DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER & SENIOR PRESS OFFICER

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales offers two exciting opportunities. Closing date for applicants – 28 August. For further information please contact: HR@cbcew.org.uk

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £639.94

Gift-aid: £288.73 **Total: £928.67***

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JUNE 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), 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

*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.