



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

31 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	Claire & Family – WB ( <i>G Trutwein</i> )
31 Sun	9.00 11.00 18.00	Iole Maranzano – RIP Neville Coshan – RIP ( <i>J Lambert</i> ) Holy Souls

**WEEK 18 OF THE YEAR (II)**

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

01 Mon <i>St Alphonsus</i>	9.30	Damian Maranzano – RIP
02 Tues <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	Rajani Reginald – RIP Mary Hansbury – RIP ( <i>A-M Egan</i> )
03 Wed <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	Joseph Edet – RIP Stella & Family – WB ( <i>G Trutwein</i> )
04 Thurs <i>St John Vianney</i>	7.00 9.30	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Shirlene Amarasinghem – <i>Recovery</i>
05 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00 9.30	Anthony's Special Intention Holy Souls ( <i>J Dunseath</i> )
06 Sat <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	9.00	Tom & Family – WB ( <i>G Trutwein</i> )

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C**

06 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Mary Murphy ( <i>E Murphy</i> )
07 Sun	9.00 11.00 18.00	Derek Canavan – RIP ( <i>J Brooks</i> ) Molls & Flory – RIP ( <i>G Trutwein</i> ) <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**

Dearest Lord,  
 teach me to be generous;  
 teach me to serve You as You deserve;  
 to give and not to count the cost,  
 to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
 to toil and not to seek for rest,  
 to labour and not to ask for reward  
 save that of knowing I am doing Your Will.  
 ~ St Ignatius of Loyola (31 July).

**OUR TRUE AND ETERNAL POSSESSION**

Jewish rabbis were expected to settle sundry matters concerning the law, including civil, criminal, and religious questions (see Lk 20:21-22; Jn 8:2-5). And so, today's Gospel (Lk 12:13-21) begins with a man from the crowd approaching Jesus to request that he arbitrates between him and his brother; literally, asking Jesus to intervene on his behalf: "Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance." Jesus, however, refuses to take sides in the dispute. He goes beyond helping to divide the inheritance between the two brothers, to addressing why the inheritance is dividing them. Thus, instead of settling their claims, he seizes the opportunity to teach the people about the dangers of riches and excessive concern for material things and the attitude they can encourage: "Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs." He illustrates this memorably in the parable of the rich fool.

The message of Jesus is heightened by the apparent irony in the story. A man with a bumper harvest who is very astute in harnessing the huge yield not just for the moment but planning for a rainy day can hardly be said to be a fool. We can all connect to this experience in some ways. Saving for the future is a matter of common sense. It is the sensible thing to do if we must secure not only our future but also of generations unborn. Hence the emphasis, among others, on caring for the earth as our common home, and the warning by Pope Francis that we cannot continue with the current 'throw-away' culture characterised by unbridled consumption and waste. If anything, therefore, he should be praised for apparently being foresighted and not wasteful. Why, then, is he called a fool? His attitude! That is it!

Obviously, his concern for material things and his confidence in them made him to feel self-sufficient, conceited, and secure. He is detached from everyone and everything around him. He "thought to himself ...." After hoarding everything for himself, he said to his soul, "My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." Everything is about him. Egocentric! Consequently, he forgets both the fragility of life and the deeper obligations of "making himself rich in the sight of God." Thus, in the parable of the dishonest servant (Lk 16:1-9), Jesus concludes: "Use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity." Besides, being poor in spirit (Mt 5:3) is the antidote against avarice which is at the root of every obsession with material possession and its dangers for the life of faith (see 1 Tm 6:10).

St Paul elaborates on this further: "As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life" (1 Tm 6:17-19).

There is more to life than abundance of material, social, or even spiritual possessions. In themselves, these do not make life more secure or happier, though when used properly, they can and do enhance people's standard of living or wellbeing. Otherwise, those who are so blessed would have been free of all worries. As stark and depressing as it may appear, the warning of Qoheleth (*the Preacher*) in the first reading (Eccl 1:2;2:21-23), cannot be overlooked. Without God, all is vanity. Our true possession, as disciples of Christ, as St Paul says in the second reading (Col 3:1-5,9-11), is not here on earth but in heaven, "where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand." That is, in the Kingdom of God. To possess it, we must give up everything (Mt 13:44-46) – especially sinful inclinations / acts (Col 3:9-11). ©IAE

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Wisdom 18:6-9
<b>2ND READING</b>	Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 12:32-48

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



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

### COMBONI MISSIONARIES' APPEAL 2022 – 30 & 31 JULY

The Comboni Missionaries (commonly known as Verona Fathers) will be visiting our Parish this 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, and to support them by our generous donations.

### RED MISSION BOXES

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

### 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](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. 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)

### JOB VACANCY: DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis is looking for a Departmental Administrator on a part-time, 1-year fixed-term (initially) contract. Closing date is 5 August 2022. For more details, please visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/job-vacancy>

### 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](mailto:HR@cbcew.org.uk)

### RELIC TOUR: ST BERNADETTE

In September and October this year, the relics of St Bernadette will journey on pilgrimage to England, Scotland, and Wales for the very first time. This is a very special once-in-a-lifetime event and will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes. The relics will be in St George's Cathedral on 19-21 October.

### HANDY MAN AND PAINTER

If you are thinking about doing any decorating, Fredi Jose would like to offer his services at a competitive rate. For further information please call 07776588716.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

**Non-Gift-aid:** £763.79

**Gift-aid:** £373.00    **Total: £1,136.79\***

### 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](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: [tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto: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.

**NB:** You may also drop your donations in the narthex on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings at Mass times, or at the parish office during office hours (10am – 2pm, Monday – Friday).