



# Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR – C

**07 August 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>**

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

### WEEK 19 OF THE YEAR (II)

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

08 Mon <i>St Dominic</i>	9.30	Mohan Tambimuthu – RIP ( <i>Erman</i> )
09 Tues <i>St Benedicta of the Cross</i>	9.30	Tessa & John – WB ( <i>G Trutwein</i> )
	19.00	Holy Souls
10 Wed <i>St Lawrence</i>	9.30	Angela McCarthy – RIP
	19.00	Sarah McGedy – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
11 Thurs <i>St Claire</i>	7.00	Fr Joseph Edem – Priestly Anniv.
	9.30	Holy Souls
12 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	Joseph Edet – RIP
13 Sat <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Denise & Family – WB ( <i>G Trutwein</i> )

### ASSUMPTION OF THE BVM

13 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Alan Wright – RIP ( <i>P Morello</i> )
14 Sun	9.00	Patrick Grogan – RIP ( <i>P Grogan</i> )
	11.00	Margaret Lynch – WB ( <i>Stevens</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 THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Acquire the habit of speaking to God as if you were alone with Him, familiarly and with confidence and love, as to the dearest and most loving of friends. Speak to Him often of your business, your plans, your troubles, your fears – of everything that concerns you. Converse with Him confidently and frankly; for God is not wont to speak to a soul that does not speak to Him.

“Dear Lord, help me to grow my friendship with you and learn to trust in your love. Amen.”

~ **St Alphonsus Liguori (1 August).**

### STANDING READY IN FAITH

Faith is a fundamental requirement of discipleship. For a disciple is one who is open and committed to following a teacher, master, or mentor. This entails not only obeying the teacher's words or teachings but also imbibing his vision, mission, and example. Trust is, therefore, important, both ways, in the teacher-disciple relationship. On his part, the teacher cannot enlist the disciple without trust. In the same way – or even more so – the disciple cannot surrender themselves to the direction and guidance of the teacher if they do not believe in him, in his teachings, vision, and mission. Peter, for example, typifies this in his response to Jesus after most of his followers left him because they could not tolerate his teaching about feeding them with his body: “*Lord,*” he said, “*who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God*” (Jn 6:68). The significance of the disciple's faith in the master is highlighted and tested especially in difficult situations. This is demonstrated in today's liturgy of the word.

The sage in the first reading (Wis 18:6-9) recaps the journey of the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. The Passover (Ex 12:23) is particularly stressed. Through it, God brought about the destruction of their enemies on the one hand and their liberation on the other. As the highpoint of God's intervention, it impelled the people to freedom and led the way into a new relationship with God through the renewal of the age-old covenant with their forebears, whose deep faith in God's promise is praised in the second reading (Hb 11:1-2,8-12).

Abraham occupies a unique place among their ancestors who were commended because of their faith; and with him Sarah his wife. By faith, he left his homeland to a land promised by God about which he knew nothing about (Gn 12:1-9). Upon arriving there, he lived as a stranger in a foreign land. By faith Sarah conceived and bore Isaac despite having passed childbearing age (Gn 18:9-13; 21:1-7). The greatest test of faith came when God requested Isaac, the fulfilment of the promise, as sacrifice (Gn 22:1-19). Again, Abraham did not disappoint because he was “*confident that God had the power even to raise the dead.*” Thus, when the lad asked him, “*but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?*” his deep faith is expressed in his audacious response, “*My son, God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering*” (Gn 22:8; see 12-13). Despite his own personal struggles (for example, attempting to have an heir from Hagar, the maid – Gn 16), Abraham did not lose sight of God's promise. He still hoped against hope. That is why he is revered as *our father in faith*.

Like Abraham and Sarah, Jesus invites his disciples in the Gospel (Lk 12:32-48) to trust in God's promise. “*There is no need to be afraid, little flock,*” he says to them, “*for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.*” Against this background, they are to detach themselves from any preoccupation with the things of this world. Instead, they are to spend their time, energy, and resources in doing good. This way, they will acquire an enduring treasure that will not disappoint. Of course, this does not imply neglecting their responsibility towards themselves, their family, and others. The problem is with undue concern over earthly affairs and its lure at the expense of striving for God's Kingdom. Surely, improper anxiety for earthly things can and does lead to a forgetfulness of God and the values of the Kingdom (see Rm 14:17). Though a gift at the pleasure of God, considerable effort is required on the part of those who may be admitted to the Kingdom (see Mt 11:12; 25:34-36; Lk 18:17).

Armed with faith, the disciples are to be always alert, “*dressed for action*” with their “*lamps lit,*” ready to welcome their master whenever he returns. The unpredictability and/or possible delay in his return should not hinder their expectancy or preparedness. There is no room for complacency. This warning holds true for us today as well. As missionary disciples we are called to stand ready in faith. ©IAE

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

<b>1ST READING</b>	Apocalypse 11: 19; 12:1-6,10
<b>2ND READING</b>	1 Corinthians 15:20-26
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 1:39-56

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Louis Casey, Wilfred Warrington, Fr. Mark Ottong, 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, Gerry Hague, Maureen Stephens, and Maureen Sellwood.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

**Non-Gift-aid:** £675.95

**Gift-aid:** £359.65    **Total: £1,035.58\***

**MISSION APPEAL (VERONA FATHERS): £723.01**  
**TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JULY 2022**

A. Cash / cheques – 5,264.52

1. Gift-Aided – 1,789.00

2. Non-G/A – 3,475.52

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – 5,758.00

1. Gift-Aided – 5,330.00

2. Non-G/A – 428.00

C. Contactless Machine – 611.00

**Total = £11,633.52 (Last month: £7,754.37)**

**Thank you for your generosity to your parish.**

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**RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.**

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Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook: [tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk) or 0208 8399 4368

## 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.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR SUMMER (8 – 19 AUGUST)

The parish office will close from Monday, 8 August to Friday 19 August, and will reopen on Monday, 22 August. Notwithstanding, one of the priests will be available to handle all pastoral and urgent matters while the secretary is away. Meanwhile, on behalf of all of us in the parish, I would like to thank Denise for all her hard work in the parish office throughout the year.

### RED MISSION BOXES

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

### 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)

### APPRENTICESHIP AT ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

The Archdiocese of Southwark are seeking an apprentice to work within the Fundraising & Gift-Aid team in their central offices (located Lambeth North). If you, or someone you know, would like to earn a level 3 Business Administrator Standard whilst working within a hardworking and passionate team, supporting the work of the Catholic Church in South London and Kent, please find out more by visiting: <https://www.rcaos.org.uk/fundraising/apprenticeship>

### 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.

### MARCH FOR LIFE UK LONDON

Saturday 3 September. Morning events at The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW, 10.30am – 1.30pm. The March: 2pm from The Emmanuel Centre and ends at Parliament Square at 4.30pm. For over 50 years women in the UK have been told the lie that their problem pregnancy can be fixed through abortion, resulting in 10 million babies being aborted. Human life is not disposable. Once a new human life has started, our response should be to love and care for it, particularly at its most vulnerable stages. Join us in saying: '10 million too many!'

### MILLIONS FACING STARVATION IN EAST AFRICA

CAFOD warns that up to 20 million people are fighting for their lives in Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Sudan. This is down to the spiralling cost of food and the fact that the region is facing the worst drought in 40 years. The Archbishop of Nairobi, Kenya, the Most Reverend Philip Anyolo, says that malnutrition levels have risen, millions of people are now in need of assistance. If you feel you can, please donate via this link: [World Food Crisis Appeal | CAFOD](https://www.worldfoodcrisisappeal.org/)

### 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.

### 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.