



# Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – A

05 March 2023

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**School:** Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mr Ben Martin

<b>MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS</b>		
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – A</b>		
<b>LIVESTREAM LINK:</b> <a href="https://www.olionline.co.uk">https://www.olionline.co.uk</a>		
04 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Xavier Rodrigues ( <i>Rodrigues</i> )
05 Sunday <i>RCIA – First Scrutiny</i>	09.00	Joe Cullinan – RIP ( <i>P Grogan</i> )
	11.00	Denis D'Mello – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
	18.00	Maureen Saunders – RIP ( <i>IE</i> )
<b>SECOND WEEK OF LENT</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:</b> Monday – Friday at 8.30am		
06 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Catherine Yap's Intention
07 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Lilly Grace Devasagayam ( <i>Angela</i> )
	19.00	Shanti Manan – RIP ( <i>Eric</i> )
08 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Imani Agbakuba – WB ( <i>Chinenye</i> )
	19.00	Jim & Pat McMiment
09 Thursday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Janaki & Jebamalai Muthu – RIP
	9.30	T G Sherine
10 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Mary Trussler – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
	9.30	Joseph & Lily Rex Jeyerajah – BD
11 Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Michael Looby – RIP
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – A</b>		
11 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Severine Rodrigues ( <i>Rodrigues</i> )
12 Sunday <i>RCIA – 2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny</i>	09.00	Barry Linfield – RIP ( <i>F Deegan</i> )
	11.00	Pro Populo – For the People
	18.00	M Campbell & M Langton – RIP

<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	
<b>Morning Prayer (Lauds)</b>	Monday – Friday: 9am
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
<b>Youth Mass</b>	Last Sunday: 6pm Mass
<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

<b>SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK</b>
Give up harsh words: Use generous ones.
Give up unhappiness: Take up gratitude.
Give up anger: Take up gentleness and patience.
Give up pessimism: Take up hope and optimism.
Give up worrying: Take up trust in God.
Give up complaining: Value what you have.
Give up stress: Take up prayer.
Give up judging others: Discover Jesus within them.
Give up sorrow and bitterness: Fill your heart with joy.
Give up selfishness: Take up compassion for others.
Give up being unforgiving: Learn reconciliation.
Give up words: Fill yourself with silence and listen to others.
~ CAFOD Prayer for a Special Lenten Fast.

<b>THE CROSS LEADS TO GLORY</b>	
<p>Lent is a time of renewal and transformation by a deepening of our relationship with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving or charitable deeds. When practiced sincerely, through these three ancient disciplines of Lent, the Holy Spirit liberates us from undue attachment to ourselves and to worldly things and pleasures and, as a result, enable us to know and experience the love of God as his beloved sons and daughters who truly reflect the divine glory in our thoughts, words, and actions. We can then live and act as disciples. Discipleship is a call to share in Christ's glory. But Christ was ultimately glorified through humiliation and suffering (Lk 24:26; Ph 2:8-9). The cross, therefore, remains the way to glorification for his disciples. This message is particularly impressed upon us during this graceful season of Lent, especially in the Gospel account of the Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Mt 17:1-9).</p> <p>The importance of this episode is emphasised by its being told by all three synoptic Gospels (Mt 17:1-9, Mk 9:2-8, and Lk 9:28-36). It is also mentioned in John's Gospel (Jn 1:14), and in the second epistle of Peter (2 Pt 1:16-18). The background to the event sheds light on its significance. It is situated after Peter's declaration of Jesus' true identity as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16). Soon after, Jesus began to tell his disciples about his Passion – suffering, death, and resurrection (Mt 16:21). Understandably, this did not go down well with them. Peter was bold enough to challenge such anomaly (Mt 16:22). A suffering messiah was for them (and maybe sometimes for us still!) as contradictory as it was ludicrous (see 1 Co 1:23). That is why the passers-by mocked him at Calvary, saying: "If you are the son of God, come down from the cross" (Mt 27:40). Nonetheless, he insists that they could not be his followers without denying themselves and embracing the cross (Mt 16:24).</p> <p>Six days after setting this challenging teaching and demand before them, he took his three close associates, Peter, James, and John, up a high mountain where he was transfigured in their presence, his glory was unveiled before them, Moses and Elijah appeared and talked with him and lastly, from the thick cloud that covered them, the Father's voice issued forth and bore witness to him as his beloved Son and bid them to listen to him. The appearance of Moses and Elijah is associated with the confirmation of the mission of Jesus as the fulfilment of the Law and prophets (Mt 5:17). These two great Old Testament figures also had special encounter and spoke with God on Mount Sinai or Horeb (see Ex 19:1-34:30 and 1 Kg 19:8-18).</p> <p>The transfiguration is Jesus' response to the impact of the scandal of the cross on his disciples. Thus, the preface of the <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord</i> (6 August), which is used today, declares, "For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death, on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection." In this light, he prepares the disciples for the trials and suffering that they must endure in this life, by offering them a foretaste of the heavenly blessings that they will inherit if they remain faithful to his call and persevere to the end.</p> <p>This assurance is extended to all of us this Lent and always. We are invited to follow the Lord to the top of the high mountain by ridding ourselves of anything that may distract and/or hinder us from encountering him. Like the disciples, the most important thing for us is not holding on to the splendour and beauty of the changing world around us, but a genuine openness to the voice of the Father which invites us to listen to his Beloved Son and, like Abraham in the first reading (Gn 12:1-4), do as he bids us, trusting that whatever hardships we bear for the sake of the Good News, as Paul says in the second reading (2 Tm 1:8-10), will lead us to the glory of new life in Christ at Easter and beyond it. ©IAE.</p>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</b>	
<b>1ST READING</b>	Exodus 17:3-7
<b>2ND READING</b>	Romans 5: 1-2,5-8
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 4:5-42

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially James Leo Barnes, Richard Sangster, 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 in our parish community: Vanessa Andrew, Martin Dray, Pauline Ferrara, Ann Groves, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, Esme Mills, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, Joan McGovern, Rita Reginald, Thomas O'Connor, Jimmy Simon, Sarah Mills, Samar Staussi, Annita Smith, Shirlene A., Kathleen McGuinness, Kathleen O'Connell, Claire Pender, Hazel D'Aguiar, Mary O'Mara, Eileen Cullen, Elizabeth Jones, Ray Lewry, Wendy Cook, Nivetheni Robert, Joe Ingrassi, Baby Freddie Page, Philip Leightley, Clare & Baby Polly, Gerry Hague, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Eric Powell, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Mary L Taylor, Peter Summers, and Ian Beard.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### LENTEN SERVICE: SUNDAY, 5 MARCH, 4.30-5.15PM

The service will involve readings, reflections, and prayers drawn from the Divine Office (Office of the Readings) and concluded with Solemn Vespers. All are warmly welcome!

### 2ND COLLECTION: CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

### ATTENTION: ALL GIFT-AID MEMBERS!

Gift Aid envelopes for the coming tax year will be available for collection in the Old Chapel after each Mass this weekend. Please come yourself or ask a friend or family member to collect for you.

Gift Aid donors who give by standing order or online should also come to collect their special packs of envelopes for Easter and Christmas and other special collections. Anyone wishing to join the parish gift aid scheme should come to ask for details.

### ATTENTION: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion who would like to be included in a rota for distribution of Communion at weekend Masses, should kindly notify the parish office by email or phone call during the week. Please, indicate the time of Mass. A brief refresher will be organised as soon as names are compiled. Thank you.

### RENEWED IN HOPE: A RETREAT FOR LENT 2023

Introduced by Archbishop John Wilson, led by members of the Spirituality Commission. The Archdiocese is offering a retreat experience for individuals and parishes during Lent 2023. Drawing on the Mass readings for the Sundays of Lent, Renewed in Hope will help us find fresh ways of living and working in hope, in the company of Jesus. We live in a divided world, where many are struggling to survive. Through his life, death and resurrection, the suffering and risen Christ continues to make all things new. This retreat is designed for individuals and for parish groups and is based on a weekly video accompanied by suggested exercises for prayer and reflection.

See [www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/renewedbyhope](http://www.southwarkdsc.org.uk/renewedbyhope) for more details, and for registration, follow <http://eepurl.com/hVT7Dv>.

### PLP TABLE TOP SALE: 11 & 12 MARCH

This popular event will be held after the 6.30 Mass on Saturday 11 March and after the 9.00 and 11.00 Masses on Sunday 12 March. Items sold will include brand new clothing, top quality china and glass; toys and games; books and much much more! Refreshments will be provided, and it will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends and support the Parish Lenten Project (PLP).

### HOLY WEEK: SERVERS NEEDED

Servers are needed for all our Holy Week Services i.e., Palm Sunday, 2 April; Maundy Thursday 6 April @ 5pm & 8.00 pm; Good Friday 7 April @ 3.00 pm and Holy Saturday 8 April @ 8.00pm. If you can help at any of these Masses, please add your name to the appropriate sign-up sheet in the RDJ room.

You will need to attend the practice on Sunday 2 April 2023 at 12.30 pm in the church and jobs will be allocated then. If you can't attend the practice but can serve during Holy Week. Please Contact Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793.

### 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. There's currently a high stock of pasta at the centre. So, they would appreciate alternative items such as rice, lentils, and chickpeas.

### † LILLIAN (PEGGY) O'CONNOR – RIP

Please kindly pray for Peggy who passed on at Kingston Hospital on Wednesday 8 February, aged 89 years. Our condolences to Tracey, David, and the family. May she rest in peace. Amen.  
**Requiem Mass:** Friday, 10 March, 1.30pm.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £831.84

Gift-aid: £378.10 Total: **£1,209.94\***

**CLERGY SUPPORT FUND: £858.07**

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY

A. Cash / cheques – £4,000.69

1. Gift-Aided – £1,497.00

2. Non-G/A – £2,503.69

B. Standing Orders/Bank Transfers– £3,215.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,942.00

2. Non-G/A – £273.00

C. Contactless Machine – £865.00

**Total = £8,080.69 (Last month: £10,080.15)**

**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.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

1. Friday after 9.30am Mass
2. Friday, 5 – 6pm: Syro-Malabar Community

## LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK 2023

This year, we are asking Parishioners to commit to walk either individually, or as a family, a certain number of miles during the period of Lent. You may wish to commit to walk for 50 miles, 100 miles or more! In addition, led by Fr Ignatius, on Saturday 25 March, there is going to be a challenging 38 km (24 mile) sponsored walk. Setting off from OLI Church, we plan to walk along the river to Richmond and then walk a circuit of Richmond Park, before retracing our steps. Please contact Elspeth ([elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com](mailto:elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com)) if you are interested in taking part in either committing to walk a distance over Lent or taking part in the sponsored walk event. We will give you information on how to sponsor us in due course. Many thanks for your support!