



**SUNDAY OF EASTER – A (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**LIVESTREAM LINK:** <https://www.olionline.co.uk>

15 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Palm Clarke's Intentions ( <i>A Davis</i> )
16 Sunday	09.00	Jebamalai Muthus – RIP ( <i>Suresh</i> )
	11.00	Neville Coshan – RIP ( <i>B Coshan</i> )
	18.00	Aideen Phillips & Family Dec'd ( <i>FM</i> )

**SECOND WEEK OF EASTER**

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

17 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Clara TY Lee ( <i>Lily Ko</i> )
18 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Mark Faherty – RIP ( <i>Cullen's Fam</i> )
	19.00	Winsang – WB ( <i>T Rutter</i> )
19 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Francis Gracias – RIP ( <i>B D'Cunha</i> )
	19.00	Pippa Stabler
20 Thursday <i>T</i> <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Rose & Catherine Cusiak–RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
	9.30	Denise Kidd – WB ( <i>T Rutter</i> )
21 Friday <i>St Anselm</i>	7.00	
	9.30	Clara TY Lee ( <i>Lily Ko</i> )
22 Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.00	

**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

22 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Maureen Peters – RIP ( <i>Jack &amp; Mary</i> )
23 Sunday	09.00	Furlong's Family Dec'd – RIP
	11.00	Tom McGuinness – RIP
	18.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish

**OTHER SERVICES**

<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

**SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

*The Divine Mercy Prayer*

Eternal God,  
in whom mercy is endless  
and the treasury of compassion, inexhaustible;  
look kindly upon us  
and increase your mercy in us,  
that in difficult moments  
we might not despair  
nor become despondent,  
but with great confidence  
submit ourselves to your holy will,  
which is love and mercy itself. Amen.

~ *Saint Faustina Kowalska*

**MERCY IS THE CORE OF THE GOSPEL**

The Second Sunday of Easter is celebrated as Sunday of Divine Mercy. It was established by Pope John Paul II on 30 April 2000 at the canonisation of Sr Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who had championed the devotion to the Heart of Jesus under the title of Divine Mercy. Generally, the feast stresses the centrality of divine mercy in the history of salvation. Particularly, marking the end of the Octave of Easter, it highlights the emphasis of John Paul II in his homily on the first Divine Mercy Sunday after its institution, that Divine Mercy “is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity” (22 April 2001). Mercy is the core not only of the Gospel message but, indeed, of the whole of salvation history, that is, Creation, Redemption, and Sanctification.

In the Collect (opening prayer) of the Mass, we pray to the “God of everlasting mercy.” Mercy is not just a divine attribute or attitude. It is God’s being itself. His identity. It is the way that God manifests himself to humanity in history. Hence, the apostle Peter declares in the second reading (1 Pe 1:3-9): “Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.” This is the climax of God’s revelation of himself as love (1 Jn 4:8). About this, the psalmist invites us: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end” (Ps 117 [118]). A model of God’s merciful love in action is showed in the first reading (Acts 2:42-47), by a merciful community which shares both its resources and burdens with one another.

In the Gospel (Jn 20:19-31), the evangelist John offers us a powerful display of divine mercy during the first appearance of Jesus to the disciples as a group after his Resurrection. They were locked up in a room “for fear of the Jews.” Apparently, they were yet to come to terms with the good news from Mary of Magdala that he is risen. Typically, the Risen Lord took the initiative to bring himself to them. We can imagine them being seized by fear and trembling, physically and otherwise. They must have wondered what he would say to them about their great betrayal, when they denied or deserted him. Instead of reprimanding or condemning them, his gesture illustrates divine mercy and its restorative power. “He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ thereby, reiterating his farewell discourse (Jn 14:27; 16:33); and repeated it after showing them his hands and side. Above all, he re-confers on them the mission of being ministers of divine mercy (Mt 16:19; 18:18). The exercise of this mission depends on his mission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit: “As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’ After saying this he breathed on them and said: ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’” Through the apostles, the Church has received from the Risen Lord, the power to forgive sins, to reconcile sinners to God, with the Church, with fellow humans, and with themselves (see 2 Co 5:18).

As we mark Divine Mercy Sunday, we are reminded, in the words of St Faustina’s prayer to the Divine Mercy, that God’s “mercy is endless and [his] treasury of compassion, inexhaustible.” We are invited to relive this mystery by striving to trust in Jesus and, with great confidence, submit ourselves to God’s holy will “which is love and mercy itself.” It is worth noting, however, that this must not be reduced merely to a spiritual endeavour. It also carries with it an urgent social and ethical imperative, namely, our spiritual devotion to the Divine Mercy must equally inspire and, indeed, impel us to live and practice mercy in our relationships, interactions, or dealings with others. In other words, our spiritual devotion to the Divine Mercy, obliges us to consider the fifth beatitude, “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall have mercy shown them” (Mt 5:7). It mandates us to place mercy at the centre of our Christian life and mission. This must go beyond mere words. It must be expressed in concrete acts. ©IAE.

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Acts 2:14,22-33
<b>2ND READING</b>	1 Peter 1:17-21
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Luke 24:13-35

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Owen Francis Walter, 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, Ian Beard, and Anne Shea.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 16 APRIL 3PM

There will be Eucharistic Exposition with Divine Mercy Prayers and Devotion and Confessions, to be concluded with Benediction.

### 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

Bishop Paul Hendricks who had been our Area Auxiliary Bishop in the SW Pastoral Area of our diocese from 2006, was transferred last July to Kent Pastoral Area. It was agreed at our deanery clergy meeting, that parishes may take a collection as a farewell gift to Bishop Paul to thank him for his selfless and excellent services to our parishes. Many of our young people will remember him from their Confirmation Masses; he also celebrated Sunday Masses occasionally here in Tolworth. Thanks for your generous response.

### 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

St George's Cathedral, Southwark, is the mother church of the Diocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of its upkeep.

### UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 18 April at 7.30-9pm in the Old Chapel. It will be a social evening and raffle. Please bring your ideas for future events and speakers.

### LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK 2023

Led by Fr Ignatius, last Saturday 25 March, a number of intrepid Parishioners embarked on a challenging 38 km (24 mile) sponsored walk. Setting off from OLI Church, we walked along the river to Richmond and then walked a circuit of Richmond Park, before retracing our steps. Despite some rain, we persevered, with one Parishioner bravely continuing despite being in some pain. Please sponsor us! Either pop some money in an envelope and post through the Presbytery door, or use the following Justgiving site: [Our Lady Immaculate Church is fundraising for Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Our-Lady-Immaculate-Church-is-fundraising-for-Roman-Catholic-Archdiocese-of-Southwark) Thanks for your support!

### AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN EVENING – 20 MAY

Saturday, 20 May, 7.30pm – 11.30pm. Please, come and enjoy a variety of African & Caribbean food and entertainment. Adults - £10; children 7-12 years old - £5, Families £25. All proceeds go to the Lenten Project. Tickets on sale after Mass.

### YOUTH DAY AT ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL

The Archdiocese is developing its Youth Strategy which includes increasing the number of parish youth ministry groups and introducing Youth Days. A pilot Youth Day, for 10–16-year-olds, will take place at St. George's Cathedral on Saturday 22 April from 11 am to 6 pm. The day will include a mixture of faith input, food, prayer, and sport / crafts. The cost is £5.

Parents can register their child at [tinyurl.com/youth22apr](https://tinyurl.com/youth22apr) DBS cleared clergy and youth leaders are also welcome to join their young people if they wish, and can register at [tinyurl.com/yr5fsh6m](https://tinyurl.com/yr5fsh6m)

### SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Message from Bishop Paul Hendricks. "For many years it has been my privilege and pleasure to take part in our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. After the restrictions of the past few years, I am delighted that we are now once more able to include support for pilgrims who need assistance for medical or mobility reasons. In Lourdes, those who are often marginalised are placed at the centre, and we who travel with them are blessed by their presence. I warmly invite you to join us." **DATE:** 18-25 AUGUST 2023.

<https://www.tangney-tors.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/southwark-ca>

### BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Have you suffered a divorce or separation? If so, there is a residential weekend to help you heal being held from April 21-23 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. For more details, ring Freda on 01322 838415 or email [besouthofengland@gmail.com](mailto:besouthofengland@gmail.com)

### 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. Thank you so very much for your generosity!

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND (Easter Offering)

Non-Gift-aid: £2,620.40

Gift-aid: £1,405.24 **Total: £4,025.64**

**Maunder Thursday (Lenten Project): £475.82**

**Good Friday (Holy Places): £805.68**

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR MARCH

A. Cash / cheques – £4,792.97

1. Gift-Aided – £1,554.00

2. Non-G/A – £3,238.97

B. Standing Orders/Bank Transfers– £2,673.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,390.00

2. Non-G/A – £283.00

C. Contactless Machine – £928.00

**Total = £8,393.97 (Last month: £8,080.69)**

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

Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at [online.co.uk](http://online.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.

Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook: [tolworthgac@raos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthgac@raos.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.

## 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RALLY FOR ALTAR SERVERS – MON 1 MAY

The annual rally for Southwark Altar Servers will take place on May Day Bank Holiday at The Friars, Aylesford Priory, Kent ME20 7BX. Bishop Paul Hendricks will be the principal celebrant, and clergy are invited to concelebrate.

Servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen and those already in the Guild may renew their promises. Those who have offered long service to their parish may also be awarded a special medal on the day. The annual rally gives the servers a great opportunity to collectively acknowledge and celebrate the special Ministry of Service of Altar Servers in the Church. Furthermore, the gathering encourages servers to socialise with other servers and share and renew their faith, so helping to build God's kingdom. For further information please email [john.bonnici@btopenworld.com](mailto:john.bonnici@btopenworld.com)