



**SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

**EASTER SUNDAY**

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

08 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Ivan Flanagan – RIP
09 Sunday	09.00 11.00 18.00	Dec'd of Aletrari Family ( <i>Tanousis</i> ) Mohan Tambimuttu – RIP ( <i>Erman</i> ) Pro Populo – People of the Parish

**OCTAVE OF EASTER**

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

10 Monday <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30	Dr Ruth O'Dell – RIP ( <i>Maranzano</i> )
11 Tuesday <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30 19.00	Frank D'Cunha – RIP ( <i>B D'Cunha</i> ) Adele & Eoin O'Dea's Intentions
12 Wednesday <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.30 19.00	Anna L, Angela F, & Gladis G – RIP Adamson Family–WB ( <i>De Menezes</i> )
13 Thursday <i>T</i> <i>Easter Octave</i>	7.00 9.30	Michael Donovan– RIP ( <i>A Donavan</i> ) Noleen Turner – RIP ( <i>McGuinness</i> )
14 Friday <i>Easter Octave</i>	7.00 9.30	Jimmy Simon – WB ( <i>Family</i> ) Alan Wright – RIP ( <i>McGuinness</i> )
15 Saturday <i>Easter Octave</i>	9.00	Angelita Casignado – RIP ( <i>J Wong</i> )

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (OF DIVINE MERCY)**

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

**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**

*Easter Prayer of Saint Hippolytus*

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate.  
 Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen.  
 Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing.  
 Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty.  
  
 Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,  
 the first of the sleepers,  
 Glory and power are his forever and ever.

Amen.

~ *Saint Hippolytus of Rome*

**RELIVING THE RESURRECTION**

The Resurrection of Christ from death is the climax of the Paschal Mystery and indeed, of the Mystery of Incarnation. *“That Christ is truly risen from the death we know,”* we proclaim in the *Sequence* today and throughout the Octave of *Easter*.

This is fundamentally the centre of our faith. Without it, as Paul asserts, there can be no Christian faith or salvation: *“If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied”* (1 Co 15:17-19). Paul here echoes the witness of Peter before the Roman centurion Cornelius and his household in the first reading (Acts 10:34,37-43), *“that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.”* The Resurrection is, therefore, a vindication of God’s only begotten Son; as David prays in the Psalms, *“For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay”* (Ps 15 [16]). But it is also the pledge and guarantee of our resurrection to new life, first in this world, *“dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus”* (Rm 6:11), then ultimately, in the hereafter, *“For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died”* (1 Th 4:14). The Risen Christ is certainly our hope now and for eternity.

Both aspects of faith in the resurrection are interrelated. Just as the prospect of our resurrection depends on Christ’s, our resurrection to eternal life at the end of time is rooted on dying and rising with him in the here and now. So, Paul admonishes us in the second reading: *“Since you have been brought back to true life in Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven... Let your thoughts be on heavenly things ...because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God”* (Col 3:1-4). The Risen Christ has called us from dead (to sin) into a new life (of grace and holiness). His Resurrection has shattered the bars of sin and death, the gloom of darkness and despair, the pain of hatred and injustice, the devastation of violence and war. Christ has won this victory for us this Easter and always.

In this regard, the empty tomb speaks to us not merely of the possibility but, indeed, of the certainty of a new and better life which is experienced *“by getting rid of all the old yeast of evil and wickedness, [and] having only the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth”* (1 Co 5:8). This means that we must bear the imprint of the Resurrected One by allowing ourselves – body, soul, and spirit – to be melted, moulded, and modelled after him in and through our thoughts, words, and actions. The joyful news of Christ’s Resurrection must resound not only from our lips but above all in our hearts and lives, in a manner of life that beams the light of Christ on the world through our heroic witness to the truth of the Gospel and by our good works. This call is as urgent as it is imperative. There is no time to waste; like Mary of Magdala, we cannot afford to lurk around the empty tomb. The Risen Lord has charged us with a missionary mandate. We must hasten to spread the Good News, his message of truth, justice, and love. This is very important particularly in an age of disinformation, wherein fake news and false ideologies that undermine the truth and dignity of the human person as God’s image and likeness, therefore, threatening the very fabric of human existence, harmony, and sustainable peace, have become largely normalised by individuals and governments globally. As an Easter people, we must rise up and speak out; we cannot content ourselves with the apparent safety of the tomb. We must dare to demand that the heavy stones that stifle our voices, undermine the courage of our conviction as Christians, and lull our missionary enthusiasm, by the power of the Holy Spirit, be rolled away, so that the power of the Resurrection may be fully released in us. ©IAE.

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Acts 2:42-47
<b>2ND READING</b>	1 Peter 1:3-9
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 20:19-31

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Mary Burrows, Canon Martin Lee, Canon Michael Bunce, Fr Paul Teece, Owen 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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

**Non-Gift-aid:** £978.63

**Gift-aid:** £352.20 **Total:** £1,330.83\*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Easter Flowers:** £352.42

*\*Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on or after the first weekend of every new month.*

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## TEACHING & LEADING IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Are you a Catholic and a teacher, middle or senior leader in a community school or academy and interested in taking up a role in Catholic education? If so, the Archdiocese of Southwark Education Commission would like to invite you to a twilight session: Teaching and Leading in Catholic Schools. The session will include opportunities to meet current leaders and the education team, find out about Catholic schools and tips in relation to the application process. This event will be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at Amigo Hall, Lambeth Road SE1 6HR.

If you are interested in attending please register by [clicking here](#) or if you have any queries please contact Sharon Docherty, RE Team Leader and Professional Learning Manager [sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:sharondocherty@rcaos.org.uk)

## IN GRATITUDE

Many thanks to all who have worked hard to make our celebration of the Paschal and Easter festivities in the parish solemn, prayerful, and uplifting: Welcomers, readers, organists and singers, children liturgy and RCIA catechists, MCs & servers, florists, church cleaners, collectors, and host of others. May God bless you for the generosity of your time and gifts in his service.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### EASTER OFFERING FOR THE CLERGY

By custom, for the support of parochial priests in the diocese. It is your gift to Fathers Joseph and Ignatius. Envelopes are available as you leave Mass and on the desk in the narthex.

### 2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

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.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 16 APRIL 3PM

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

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)

Many thanks to all parents and children for your support of the Children's Liturgy Group this Term. We are now on our Easter break and look forward to welcoming you all back on Sunday 23 April.

### UNCOLLECTED GIFT AID ENVELOPS

Gift Aid members who pay by weekly envelopes and those who pay by standing orders or online transfers who have not yet collected their envelopes for the coming tax year should please pick them up after Mass or during the week from the Parish Office. Thank you.

### 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/campaign/our-lady-immaculate-church-is-fundraising-for-roman-catholic-archdiocese-of-southwark) Thanks for your support!

### SOUTH INDIAN EVENT – SATURDAY, 15 APRIL @ 7.30PM

You are cordially invited to taste a homemade 3-course Indian dinner, with Indian talent, culture and entertainment organised by the Syro Malabar Community. Church Hall, £15 per adult, children under 5, £5 & family £50. Proceeds go to the Lenten Project. To book a table contact Jommy @ 07738652931 or Sheba @ 07505279725

### SOUTHWARK DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 18-25 AUGUST 2023

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."

<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!