



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (A)

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

PALM SUNDAY – A

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

01 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	John Davis – RIP (<i>A Davis</i>)
02 Sunday	09.00 11.00 18.00	Rajani Reginald – RIP Severine Rodrigues – RIP Monica, Fergus & Regan Family

HOLY WEEK & SACRED TRIDUUM

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

03 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	A. Martin (<i>WB</i>) & Will Martin (<i>RIP</i>)
04 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	Mary & P Hosey & Family Anton Sebastian – RIP
05 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	Bernie, Tom Maguire & Family
06 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	17.00 20.00	Fr Redding & Dec'd Fam– RIP (<i>FM</i>) Pro Populo – People of the Parish
07 Friday <i>Good Friday</i>		Day of fast and abstinence from meat! See Holy Week Programme!
08 Saturday <i>Holy Saturday</i>		See Holy Week Programme on the next page!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

01 Saturday <i>Easter 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

OTHER SERVICES

Morning Prayer (Lauds)	Monday – Friday: 9am
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.15pm
Youth Mass	Last Sunday: 6pm Mass
St Anthony of Padua	Tuesday: after morning and evening Masses
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Wednesday: after morning and evening Masses
Our Lady of Fatima	1st Saturday of the month
Syro Malabar Prayer Group	1st Friday of the month: 7pm

SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Prayer of Surrender

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,
My memory, my understanding
And my entire will,
All I have and call my own.
You have given all to me.
To you, Lord, I return it.
Everything is yours; do with it what you will.
Give me only your love and your grace.
That is enough for me.
Amen.

~ *Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

SALVATION THROUGH THE CROSS

We begin Holy Week today. It is the last week of Lent. The greatest week in the Liturgical Year since it marks the re-enactment of the Mystery of Redemption through the celebration of the events of the Paschal Mystery of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection, especially in the Sacred Triduum – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil). Through these celebrations we are reminded, as the apostle Peter asserts, that our salvation *“was not paid for in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ.”* This is the supreme demonstration of God's love, that Christ laid down his life for us (Jn 15:13), despite our unworthiness (Rm 5:6-8). Saved by the Paschal Mystery, the Christian people are called not only to celebrate the Cross as a symbol of Christ's victory over sin and death, but also to embrace it as *“the power of God and wisdom of God”* (1 Co 1:24). Thus, the Passion of Christ is read twice this week, on Palm Sunday (today) and on Good Friday. Reflecting on the Lord's Passion is important for us as missionary disciples.

The voluntariness of Jesus: Suffering and death was not imposed on him; he willingly embraced it in total surrender to the Father's will, despite feeling its weight and pain like any other human being. He did not pretend about the sadness and great distress over him as he said to his disciples, *“My soul is sorrowful to the point of death.”* And so, at Gethsemane, he prayed three times, *“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by.”* But each time he surrendered himself totally to the Father, *“Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it.”* The self-surrender of Jesus was rooted in his trust in the Father's love; therein laid his radical confidence and security. He echoes the *suffering servant of Yahweh* in the first reading (Is 50:4-7), who willingly accepts all insults and ill-treatment as a docile disciple confident, however, that the Lord will come to his help and he *“shall not be shamed.”* Similarly, St Paul in the second reading (Ph 2:6-11), correlates the selflessness of Christ as expressed by his absolute humility and self-emptying (*kenosis in Greek*) to the point of dying on the cross, with his eventual triumph: *“But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names.”*

In contrast with Jesus who, though fatally sorrowful due to his imminent suffering and death, willingly embraced the Father's will, the disciples fearfully deserted him. According to Matthew's account, Judas Iscariot treacherously handed him over; the impetuous Peter, denied him three times before the cock crew, and with James and John slept off while he needed their companionship. What about others? Perhaps we should rather ask, 'What about me?' 'Where do I stand in relation to the passion?' 'Can I still identify myself with Jesus when it is not politically correct, economically viable, socially convenient to do so?' Thomas À Kempis (1379/80–1471), in his spiritual classic, *The Imitation of Christ*, captures it succinctly: *“Jesus has many who love His Kingdom of Heaven, but few who will carry His Cross. He has many who desire comfort but few who desire suffering. He finds many to share His feasts, but few His fasting. Many want to rejoice with Him, but few will stay with Him. Many follow Jesus to the breaking of the bread, but few will drink the cup of His suffering”* (Bk 2,11). Without a doubt, the passion remains a perennial litmus test of true discipleship. *“Anyone,”* Jesus stresses, *“who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me”* (Mt 10:38; see 16:24).

The cross of Jesus is central to the Christian faith and mission. It reminds us of the price of our salvation. Since there is no salvation outside the cross, *“there is no other way to life and to real inner peace except the way of the Cross and daily self-denial”* (Bk 2,12). Hopefully, we will strive to translate our contemplation of Our Lord's Passion this Holy Week into a life of sacrificial love and service. ©IAE.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 10:34,37-43
2ND READING	Colossians 3:1-4 / 1 Corinthians 5:6-8
GOSPEL	John 20:1-9

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.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: MONDAY, 03 APRIL @ 7PM

There will be visiting priests to hear confessions. Kindly avail yourself this opportunity to make your Easter Confession.

2ND COLLECTION: EASTER FLOWERS

There will be a second collection this weekend for flowers to decorate our church for the Easter festivities. Thanks in advance.

HOLY WEEK: SERVERS REHEARSAL

Altar servers who have signed up to minister during the Holy Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil) are required to attend a practice on Sunday 2 April 2023 at 12.30 pm in the church and jobs will be allocated then.

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

1. Maundy Thursday: Parish Lenten Project

2. Good Friday: This collection is sent for their upkeep the Holy Places connected with Our Lord's Passion, and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

GOOD COUNCIL NETWORK: Come and hear from a mother who changed her mind about abortion at the very gateway into an abortion centre, and about the lives saved and changed during Lent 40 Days for Life campaign outside the abortion centre in Brixton. Come to Our Lady of the Rosary Church Hall, 364 Brixton Road, London. Tuesday 4 April 7-9pm. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

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 box of envelopes for the coming tax year should please pick them up after Mass or during the week from the Parish Office. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – 17 APRIL 3PM

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

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 \(justgiving.com\)](http://OurLadyImmaculateChurchisfundraisingforRomanCatholicArchdioceseofSouthwark(justgiving.com)) 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

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

In the Sacred Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday), the Church celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen. The special celebrations on each of these three days form a unit and should be observed as such faithfully by the Christian people – clergy, religious, and laity. We would encourage all parishioners who are not impeded by a just cause (e.g., health, age, or essential duty) to make every effort to attend these solemn celebrations in memory of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. Parents should also encourage their children to take part.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Usual donations are still appreciated! Thanks for your generosity!!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £791.49

Gift-aid: £370.40 **Total:** £1,161.89

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), 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@rcaos.org.uk or 0208 8399 4368.

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME 2023

1. PALM SUNDAY (02 APRIL)

Saturday (01/04), 6.30pm; 9am, 11am, and 6pm.

Blessings of Palms and procession to the Church from the Hall at 9am and 11am Masses.

2. MONDAY (03 APRIL)

7PM – Penitential Service with Individual Confessions (*visiting priests will be available also*)

3. MAUNDY THURSDAY (06 APRIL)

8AM: Eucharistic Exposition & Sacrament of Reconciliation

9AM: Office of Readings & Lauds

4PM: Sacrament of Reconciliation

5PM: Mass of the Last Supper

8PM: Mass of the Last Supper followed by watching at the Chapel of Repose, closing with Night Prayer before Midnight.

4. GOOD FRIDAY (07 APRIL)

9AM: Office of Readings & Lauds

9.30-10.30AM: Sacrament of Reconciliation

11AM: Service of Passion with Children

3PM: Commemoration of the Passion & Adoration of the Cross

7PM: Way of the Cross

5. HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL (08 APRIL)

9AM: Office of Readings & Lauds

8PM: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night & Sacraments of Initiation

6. EASTER SUNDAY (09 APRIL): 9AM; 11AM; AND 6PM