



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – A

07 MAY 2023

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

06 Sat (Vigil)	18.30	Nora Tieiney (Houston)
07 Sunday	09.00	Tim & Joan Wood – RIP (FM)
	11.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish
	18.00	Nicholas Reginald – RIP (Maria)

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

08 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Kelvin & Caroline Andrews – WA
09 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Margaret Iona – RIP (N D'Aguiar)
	19.00	Mohan Tambimuttu – RIP (Erman)
10 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	D Kidd & Family – WB (Stevens)
	19.00	Ronnie Isaac – WB (J Beatty)
11 Thursday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Margaret & Peter Crawford (FM)
	9.30	Lourdes D'Souza – WB (Stevens)
12 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Keith Lewis – RIP
	9.30	Mary & Gerry Taylor & Family – WB
13 Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Milagrina Gomes & Ermelinda D'Souza – RIP (E Gomes)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

13 Sat (Vigil)	18.30	Private
14 Sunday	09.00	Special Intention
	11.00	White Family – WB (Tremenheere)
	18.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish

OTHER SERVICES

Eucharistic Exposition	Monday – Friday: 8am
Morning Prayer (Lauds)	Monday – Friday: 9am
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm
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 for HM King Charles III on His Coronation

O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant our sovereign Charles success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

~ Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales

CALLED TO COMMUNION AND MISSION

The 1985 Extraordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in its *Final Report* described the understanding of the Church as communion, “as the central and fundamental idea” in the documents of Vatican II. The synod preferred to use ‘communion’ to sum up the council’s teaching, especially on the nature and mission of the Church, because of its mysterious character, incorporating both divine and human elements. Properly understood, “fundamentally,” as the synod emphasised, ecclesial communion is “a matter of communion with God through Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit” and is attained “in the Word of God and in the sacraments,” especially baptism and the holy Eucharist. Consequently, it cannot be reduced to social organisations or structures, much as it essentially requires appropriate instruments for its concrete expression and proper functioning. Such structures must be inspired by and subject to the word of God for their proper functioning. The apostle Peter’s appeal in the second reading (1 Pt 2:4-9) is relevant here, “set yourselves close to him [Christ] so that you too... may be living stones making a spiritual house.” In other words, any institution that is not rooted in and oriented towards communion with the Trinity would stifle the spirit and creativity required for it to operate effectively and at the service of evangelisation. This calls for ongoing discernment through listening, consultation, dialogue, reflection, and prayer.

The Apostles and their early followers typify this image, vision, and outlook of the Church in the first reading (Acts 6:1-7). The evangelist offers us an inspiring account of the evolution of organisational structure(s) in the early Church, in response to a concrete need: A complaint by the Hellenists against the Hebrews about discrimination against their widows in the distribution of temporal goods. In modern language, a cry for equity, fairness, recognition, and inclusion. In response, the Apostles called the whole community together and placed the matter before them, with a proposal that was approved by the whole community. “Seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom,” were then elected and entrusted with the task of guaranteeing fair distribution of food, while the apostles concentrated on the ministry of prayer and preaching. The outcome was outstanding. Massive conversion. A clear sign of their effectiveness as evangelisers; it correlates with their communion with God and with one another. Like Jesus in the Gospel (Jn 14:1-12), their work is reliable evidence in this regard (see Mt 15:16-20).

A similar approach was taken on the issue of the admission of Gentiles, at the so-called *Council of Jerusalem* (Acts 15:1-29). A few centuries later, through the instrumentality of the emperor Constantine, the first ecumenical council was convoked in Nicaea (AD 325), at which far-reaching doctrinal and pastoral decisions were taken through intense consultations, debates, and reflection, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. This became the template, subject to adaptations, for subsequent councils or synods in the Church, down to Vatican II (1962-1965) and since then, the various assemblies of the Synod of Bishops that have so far held in Rome including the ongoing 16th Ordinary General Assembly (2021-2024) on synodality.

By their creativity and candour, the insipid community of disciples in today’s first reading, did leave a permanent mark on the Church of all time not least in the structures that have evolved overtime, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Besides, it does indeed provide a constant stimulus, critique, and/or challenge to subsequent generations and particularly to the disciples of today in our response to the invitation and task of new evangelisation. Whatever our calling, whether ordained (*bishops, priests, and deacons*) or non-ordained (*religious and laity*), we are all reminded of our shared responsibility by virtue of our common baptism and specific callings and charisms in bringing the Good News of salvation to peoples near and far. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
2ND READING	1 Peter 3:15-18
GOSPEL	John 14:15-21

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Audrey Rotherham, 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, Anne Shea, and Joe Lancaster.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PLEASE SUBSCRIBE TO PARISH NEWS

In order to keep up to date with all that is going on in the parish, please subscribe to our weekly email via emailing tolworthnews@rcaos.org.uk

PA SYSTEM INSTALLATION: 9-12 MAY

Engineers will be installing a new sound system in our church from 10.30am on Tuesday 9 May to Friday 12 May. If they are able to work late into the evening, there may be adjustment to the location for weekday Mass from Tuesday evening, to either the Lady Chapel or the Old Chapel. Notice will be posted on the entrances to advise accordingly. Any inconveniences regretted in advance!

KSC & UCM CAKE AND BOOK SALE: SUNDAY 14 MAY

Calling all cake bakers and cake eaters...there will be delicious cakes on sale in the parish hall after 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday 14 May. Readers will love an assortment of books to suit all tastes at bargain prices. Enjoy a cup of tea or coffee while you browse. Please bring your cakes and books to the Hall from 8.30am. All proceeds will go to the Parish Lenten Project.

LENTEN PROJECT JUMBLE SALE: 20 MAY 1.30 – 3.00PM

Please come along and pick up a real bargain. Top quality items will be sold at rock bottom prices. If you would like to donate anything, please bring it along to the Parish Hall on the morning of the sale. No rubbish please! Many thanks for your support!

AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN EVENING: 20 MAY, 7.30PM

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 or call 0208 3999550.

LENTEN PROJECT SPONSORED WALK 2023

Led by Fr Ignatius, last Saturday 25 March, a group of intrepid parishioners embarked on a challenging 38 km (24 mile) sponsored walk. 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!

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday May 16 at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel. May is Our Lady's month so we shall talk about some of the pilgrimage sites dedicated to her. Please bring prayer cards, pictures, statues and/or memories to share. Raffle and refreshments as usual.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Have you ever considered you may be called to the priesthood or the religious life? Southwark Vocations will be hosting a 60-minute webinar on **Tuesday 9th May at 7pm** entitled **The Good Shepherd Calls** where different presenters will share their experiences about discovering God's plan for each one of us. Please join us by registering for this event in advance by using following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZUpdOuprDMtH9wKUQ777ddSSjLBucMtsONt>

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>

HCPT HOSANNA HOUSE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

29 SEPTEMBER TO 6 OCTOBER 2023: 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. For further details please contact Emil (020 8398 9222) or Dr Ian (020 8398 3642) or by e-mail: group537@hcpt.org.uk.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £756.51

Gift-aid: £599.85 **Total:** £1,356.36

2ND COLLECTION (Priest Training): £953.50

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 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.

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

TUESDAY, 9 MAY:

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse

ATTENTION: ALL ALTAR SERVERS

We are trying to set up an email contact list for all altar servers and would be grateful if you could email tolworthAS@rcaos.org.uk with your name, the Mass you serve at, and email address so we can compile the list. We will then use this to put a Mass rota together. Many thanks for your help, Jacques Lambert.

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!