



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – A

14 MAY 2023

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.30am

15 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Bobby Fernandez – RIP (<i>Godfrey</i>)
16 Tuesday <i>St Simon Stock</i>	9.30 19.00	D & T Kidd – 25 th WA (<i>Flanagan</i>) Nancy & Thomas Wilson – RIP
17 Wed (<i>Feria</i>) <i>Ascension (Vigil)</i>	9.30 19.00	Clara TY Lee (<i>Lily Ko</i>) George Trutwein – WB (<i>Stevens</i>)
18 Thursday <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	7.00 9.30 19.00	Private Sandra Canthy – RIP (<i>A Wamsteker</i>) Mary Kabasumbi – RIP (<i>Stevens</i>)
19 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00 12.00 9.30	Mary Gallagher – WB Funeral: Maria Mitchel – RIP Mary Cooke (<i>K Fox</i>)
20 Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Michael Kocherry – RIP (<i>Kocherry</i>)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

20 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Suresh & Mary – 19 th WA
21 Sunday <i>World Communication Day</i>	09.00 11.00 18.00	Paul TY Lee (<i>Lily Ko</i>) Dec'd Francesco & Perillo & Fam <i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish

OTHER SERVICES

Eucharistic Exposition	Monday – Friday: 8am
Morning Prayer (<i>Lauds</i>)	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

Today, as pilgrims in search of hope,
we cling to you, Risen Jesus.
We turn our backs on death,
and open our hearts to you,
for you are Life itself.
Amen.

~ Pope Francis

WITNESSES OF HOPE

Hope is one of the three *theological virtues*; faith and charity (love), are the other two. They are called 'theological virtues' to distinguish them from 'human virtues.' According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC), human virtues "are acquired by education, by deliberate acts and by a perseverance ever-renewed in repeated efforts" (§1810). However, the theological virtues are "infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life" and, therefore, are "the foundation of Christian moral activity" (§1813); they "relate directly to God" and "dispose Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity" (§1812). Consequently, faith, hope, and charity occupy an important place in the Christian life and calling, with love enjoying a primacy among them (see 1 Co 13:13).

Hope is closely connected with the ultimate goal of the Christian life and mission, that is, communion with God. The 'Penny Catechism' summarises it aptly: "God made me to know him, love him and serve him in this world, and to be happy with him for ever in the next." Indeed, to see God as he really is, the beatific vision (1 Jn 3:2), is the ultimate Christian yearning, and is sustained by hope in God's promise. By hope, as the Catechism teaches, "we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit" (CCC §1817).

Rooted in faith in the Risen Lord, Christian hope is not just a gift, a grace, but also an invitation to witness. It inspires and spurs believers to live and act, guided by the Holy Spirit, in the service of the Kingdom. This is the task of evangelisation. And it is as relevant today as it was in the time of the apostles and their collaborators whose mission is narrated in the New Testament especially in Acts of the Apostles. We cannot but be touched positively by the account of the impressive outcome of the mission of Philip, one of the seven deacons commissioned by the Apostles in last Sunday's first reading (Acts 6:1-7). His proclamation of the Risen Christ in a Samaritan town in today's first reading (Acts 8:5-8,14-17), was accompanied by many healings. This resulted in "great rejoicing in that town," an expression of hope among the people, because through faith, they were brought into communion with Christ and were no longer, as Paul says, "without hope and without God in the world" (Eph 2:12).

Christian hope cannot be taken for granted, nor should it be hidden. It must be proclaimed and / or celebrated. This holds true both for individuals and for the Church as a community of Christ's missionary disciples. We are called to be witnesses to the hope which is founded on Christ Jesus and guaranteed by the love of God which has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (see Rm 5:5), the Advocate, Paraclete promised by Jesus in the Gospel (Jn 14:15-21). Likewise, the apostle Peter in the second reading (1 Pe 3:15-18) asserts: "*Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have.*" With these words, the blessed apostle exhorts the early followers of Christ to bear witness to their faith in Christ and be an example to the pagan world about the new life that comes from their faith in his name and through baptism and anointing with the Holy Spirit. For the apostle, it was not enough for them to follow Christ by believing in him. They had to be ready to courageously engage "*with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience*" a largely hostile world that was opposed to the spreading of the Good News. For Christian hope is not an excuse to flee from responsibility. To the contrary, it equips us, in the words of St Augustine, with its "two beautiful daughters," that is, "Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are." So, as witnesses of hope, we are tasked with the renewal of the face of the earth. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 1:12-14
2ND READING	1 Peter 4:13-16
GOSPEL	John 17:1-11

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Cyril Fernando, 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

INSTALLATION OF PA SYSTEM

Work to be completed next week. We regret all inconveniences, especially to those who rely on the loop system or livestreaming.

THURSDAY, 18 MAY: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday, 18 May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. To facilitate Mass attendance, there will be four Masses in the Parish: A vigil Mass on Wednesday, 17 May at 7pm, and on the day itself, Masses at 7am, 9.30, at 7pm.

SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

This collection supports the work of Catholic Communications Network (CCN), the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to serve both the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Thank you for your generous support.

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

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/campaign/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.

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: £790.64

Gift-aid: £325.00 **Total:** £1,115.64

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR APRIL

A. Cash / cheques – £8,700.20

1. Gift-Aided – £2,746.00

2. Non-G/A – £5,954.20

B. Standing Orders/Bank Transfers – £3,331.00

1. Gift-Aided – £3,046.00

2. Non-G/A – £285.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,129.00

Total = £13,160.20 (incl Easter – £6,443.18)

Last month: £8,393.97

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.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Friday, 19 May to the Eve of Pentecost, Saturday, 27 May

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!