



# Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – A

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

## MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

20 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Suresh & Mary – 19 <sup>th</sup> WA
21 Sunday <i>57<sup>th</sup> World Communication Day</i>	09.00	Paul TY Lee ( <i>Lily Ko</i> )
	11.00	Dec'd Francesco & Perillo & Fam
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish

### SEVENTH WEEK OF EASTER

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:** Monday – Friday at 8.00am

22 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Carrie O'Donnell ( <i>K Fox</i> )
23 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Jennie Wong – WB ( <i>J Wong</i> )
	19.00	Mary Gallagher – WB
24 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Anne Gnanapragasam – RIP
	19.00	Kenny Turkington ( <i>J Beatty</i> )
25 Thursday <i>St Bede</i>	7.00	Esme Mills – RIP
	9.30	Keith Lewis – RIP ( <i>L Lewis</i> )
26 Friday <i>St Philip Neri</i>	7.00	Jebamalai Muthu – RIP ( <i>M Suresh</i> )
	9.30	Prisco Buenafe – WB ( <i>J Espiritu</i> )
27 Saturday <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	9.00	Pat & Don Buchanan's Intentions ( <i>M Tett</i> )

### PENTECOST SUNDAY (END OF EASTER SEASON)

27 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Anne Davis – WB ( <i>R Tibbs</i> )
28 Sunday	09.00	Margaret & Thomas Kane – RIP
	11.00	Roman Szymanski – RIP
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish

### OTHER SERVICES

<b>Eucharistic Exposition</b>	Monday – Friday: 8am
<b>Morning Prayer (Lauds)</b>	Monday – Friday: 9am
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm
<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

Almighty and eternal God,  
who hast promised to regenerate  
us by water and the Holy Spirit,  
and has given us forgiveness of all sins,  
vouchsafe to send forth from heaven upon us  
thy sevenfold Spirit:  
the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding,  
the Spirit of Counsel and Fortitude,  
the Spirit of Knowledge and Piety,  
and fill us with the Spirit of Holy Fear. Amen.

### WAITING IN HOPE

Hope features prominently again in today's liturgy. After his resurrection, Jesus spent forty days with his disciples. During this period, he helped them to overcome their initial hesitancy and doubts due to the scandal of his crucifixion and burial. By his appearances (Jn 20:16; 21:14; 1 Co 15:5-7), he reassured them that he had truly risen. To convince them that it was indeed himself, he showed them his bruised hands, feet, and side (Lk 24:39; Jn 20:19-21). Taking them through the scriptures, he explained how it was ordained that the Christ would suffer and so enter into his glory (Lk 24:25-27). Dinning with them, he opened their eyes to recognise him especially at the breaking of bread (Lk 24:30-32). At his ascension to heaven, he reassured them of his abiding presence with them by repeating his promise never to abandon them as orphans (Jn 14:18) and reiterating the continuous guidance of the Holy Spirit whom the Father would send in his name (Jn 14:26).

Similarly, the Gospel (Jn 17:1-11) recounts his prayers for them during his farewell discussions with them (Jn 14-17). The prayer expresses his wish as well as his mission to them. He prays that they may remain true to his name and manifest his glory. The mode of this prayer reveals Jesus' intimate communion with the Father and his hope for his disciples. Though they have received his teaching and believed in him as the One sent by the Father, Jesus still deems it necessary to pray for them, conscious of the challenges that await them in the world. The promise of the Holy Spirit is, therefore, made in view of his returning to the Father.

It is the Holy Spirit that will lead them to the fullness of truth. He will also empower them to witness to Jesus, "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Jesus' return to the Father is a prelude and a precondition for the coming or sending of the Holy Spirit. That is why he stresses the importance of his returning to the Father in his farewell speeches, "for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you" (Jn 16:7). This promise was fulfilled spectacularly, ten days after his Ascension, on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-12), which we will celebrate next Sunday. As we hear in today's first reading (Acts 1:12-14), from the scene of the Ascension at the Mount of Olives, the apostles returned to the upper room where they were staying in Jerusalem "and together with several women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." They "joined in continuous prayer," while waiting for the fulfilment of his promise. Hence, from ancient time, the period between the Ascension and Pentecost is normally marked by the Christian people with a patient waiting, in prayer and expectancy for the celebration and renewal of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

As the apostles together with Our Lady and the other women and Jesus' kindred tarried in expectation, we are all invited today to wait in hope, as we look forward to celebrating Pentecost next Sunday. Waiting in hope is not an idle exercise or passive endeavour. It does not mean sitting down doing nothing. It is not a sign of passivity or powerlessness. Instead, waiting in hope involves, on the one hand, actively exercising our faith and trust in God's promise, that God's word and promise to us will come true. On the other hand, it equally entails being ready and willing to cooperate with the grace of God in such a way that the fulfilment of God's promise is made possible, accomplished, or manifested in and through us.

It is the same promise of Jesus that gathered the community of the disciples which is gathering us today as we approach Pentecost. United in prayer and assisted by the maternal intercession of Our Lady, we wait in joyful hope renewed by his unfailing promise. ©IAE

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

<b>1ST READING</b>	Acts 2:1-11
<b>2ND READING</b>	1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13
<b>GOSPEL</b>	John 20:19-23

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Esme Mills, Cyril Fernando, Peter Summers, Maud Chandler, 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, 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, Ian Beard, Anne Shea, and Joe Lancaster.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### 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](mailto:tolworthnews@rcaos.org.uk)

### SOLEMN VESPERS AND BENEDICTION: PENTECOST DAY

Please, join us to celebrate solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) of Pentecost and Eucharistic Exposition with benediction next Sunday, starting at 4.30pm.

### YOUR CHOIR NEEDS YOU

Can you sing, read music, or play the organ? We desperately need people to join the 11am choir here at OLI who enjoy singing and, ideally who have some ability to read music. Men's and women's voices are needed. Please, contact Rob Howe 07939 084 797 or [robert.howe@dunelm.org.uk](mailto:robert.howe@dunelm.org.uk)

### ROSE'S PICTURE BOOK FOR LENTEN PROJECT

Congratulations to little Rose Jimmy. Her picture book has raised an amazing £542.50 has raised for the Parish Lenten Project 2023!

### KSC & UCM BOOK & CAKE SALE

A whopping £455.00 was raised for the Parish Lenten Project 2023! Many thanks to all organisers and contributors!

### 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!

### 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](mailto:group537@hcpt.org.uk).

### † PETER DENNIS SUMMERS – RIP

Please kindly pray for Peter Summers who passed on peacefully at home on Saturday 13 May, aged 89 years. Our condolences to Hazel and the family. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**Requiem Mass:** Thursday, 1 June, 11.30am.

### † ESME MILLS – RIP

Please kindly pray for Esme Mills who passed on peacefully at St George's Hospital on Thursday 18 May, aged 104 years. Our condolences to Nick and the family. May she rest in peace. Amen.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

**Non-Gift-aid:** £726.26

**Gift-aid:** £291.01 **Total: £1,017.27**

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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!