



# Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A

25 JUNE 2023

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Ignatius Edet + **Curate:** Fr. Joseph Edem + **Deacon:** Rev. Al Callan + **Secretary:** Mrs Denise Kidd

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS		
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LIVESTREAM LINK: <a href="https://www.olionline.co.uk">https://www.olionline.co.uk</a>		
24 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Phil Manche – RIP (Townsend)
25 Sunday	09.00	Eilis Kirwan – WB (E Ellen)
	11.00	S & S Tremenheere – 47 <sup>th</sup> W/A
	18.00	Pro Populo – For the People
WEEK 12 IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR I)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am		
26 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Esther Sice – RIP (FM)
27 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Pam Swan – RIP (Maranzano)
	19.00	Holy Souls
28 Wednesday <i>St Irenaeus</i> Ss Peter & Paul	9.30	Paul Joseph – RIP (S Joseph)
	12.15 19.00	<b>Requiem Mass:</b> Esme Mills RIP Joseph Antonisamy – RIP (Suresh)
29 Thursday <i>Ss Peter &amp; Paul</i> – Obligation Day	7.00	Holy Souls
	9.30	I Edet – 22 Priestly Anniversary
	19.00	Pro Populo – For the People
30 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Mary Gallagher – WB
	9.30	Rosakutty Mattathil – RIP
01 Saturday <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Benaida Baldonado-Bliss – RIP
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A		
01 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Anne McHale – RIP
02 Sunday	09.00	James McGrath – RIP (P Grogan)
	11.00	Doreen & Robert Lambert – RIP
	18.00	Pro Populo – For the People

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**

**PRAYER FOR DISCIPLESHIP**

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the spirit of discipleship among us. We want to be your followers who know you, love you, serve you, praise and glorify you.

We pray that most of us, who want to follow you, be filled with your Holy Spirit so that we get the courage and strength to bear the burden of ridicule, torture and persecution from the non-believers and the evil one.

Lord Jesus, help us to teach our children the good fruits of being your disciples so that your harvest field may have enough labourers: Amen.

Source: <https://catholicreadings.org/prayer-for-discipleship>

**DISCIPLESHIP AND MARTYRDOM**

Following Jesus is a huge privilege and a blessing. As highlighted especially in last week's Gospel (Mt 9:36-10:8), by being called, chosen and sent, the missionary disciple is offered the opportunity to perpetuate Christ's words and works in the world. Carrying out this mission comes, however, at a great personal and social cost.

Characteristically, Jesus did not disguise the truth that discipleship is indeed a costly venture. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine," he says, "let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it" (Mt 16:24-25). Discipleship is, therefore, a call to and an expression of martyrdom, that is, giving up oneself – privileges, comfort, relationships, and ultimately life itself – for the sake of the Gospel or for the course of righteousness and truth (see Mt 5:11). Again, Jesus is blunt about this: "Anyone who comes to me without hating father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, cannot be my disciple. No one who does not carry his cross and come after me can be my disciple" (Lk 14:26-27). Obviously, the challenges, risks, dangers, threats, suffering, as well as persecution and death associated with discipleship do not have the final word. These pale in the light of the hope which is rooted in our trust in God's faithfulness and love, and the promise of "the glory which is destined to be disclosed for us" (Rm 8:18). Today's liturgy of the word offers us two important examples in this regard.

The prophet Jeremiah is defiant against his opponents in the first reading (Jr 20:10-13). His situation is so perilous; he is abandoned even by his friends who try to discredit him. Why? Because he has refused to compromise. Because he speaks the inconvenient truth. Because he has no time for political correctness. He says it as it is – or as he is being instructed by God. He is not interested in looking at the polls to gauge what to say or do. Still, as a human being, he is traumatised by their scheming and plots against him. So, he laments his ordeal in their hands. Nonetheless, he refuses to be intimidated by them. Convinced that evil does not and cannot have the last word, he turns to God for vindication and vengeance. Thus, he confesses his faith in him, saying: "But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero ... for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men."

In the Gospel (Mt 10:26-33), Jesus admonishes his disciples to be defiant in proclaiming the Good News, openly and clearly, without any equivocation. Pre-empting the resistance that this would occasion, he advises them not to be afraid of persecution and martyrdom. "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell." True discipleship always presents us with a real choice: disown Jesus and 'live' (be included, accepted, rewarded, or celebrated), or profess him (stand up to his teaching and values) and face certain 'death' – literally or figuratively (cajoled, excluded, scorned, brow-beaten, etc.). In the face of these mortal threats, the true disciple is encouraged and challenged not to be afraid, to remain faithful, not just like Jeremiah but ultimately like Jesus himself "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hb 12:2). Every generation and Christian have received the mandate to confess the name of Jesus, to proclaim the Good News and propagate the values of his Kingdom, welcome or unwelcomed (2 Tm 4:1-5; cf. 1 Co 9:16). Like our forebears, we are challenged to remain steadfast and courageous in the face of those who resent the Gospel today. We must resist, for example, the lure to capitulate to the rampaging forces of secularisation and relativism that are eating deep into the roots and fabric of the true Christian values that originally underlaid our society and its foundational ethos. We can do this if we dare to imitate Jesus and, like him, are ready to let go of ourselves. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS	
<b>1ST READING</b>	2 Kings 4:8-11, 13-16
<b>2ND READING</b>	Romans 6:3-4, 8--11
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Matthew 10:37-42

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Fr Leonard Taylor, Fr Felix Ekong, Joe Lancaster, Joan O'Brien, Giuseppina Riti, Anne Shea, 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, Terence O'Driscoll, Clare & Baby Polly, Gerry Hague, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Eric Powell, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Mary L Taylor, and Ian Beard.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### THURSDAY, 29 JUNE: A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Solemnity of Ss Peter & Paul (Apostles) is a Holy Day of Obligation. Catholics are obliged to attend Mass except when impeded by a just cause. There will be 4 Masses in the parish: **Wednesday, 28 June 7pm (Vigil)**, and on day, **7am, 9.30am, and 7pm. NB: OLI Primary pupils will be joining the 9.30am Mass.**

### SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: PETER'S PENCE

By reason of the bond of unity and charity, the bishops of the Church, with their people, join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and charity and its service of the Universal Church. The proceeds from this collection are used by the Holy Father for church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, and the support of the Holy See. Thanks for your generosity.

### WINTERSHALL: 27 JUNE – 1 JULY, 10AM–3PM

**The Life of Christ:** The greatest story of all time is movingly recreated with authentic detail, outstanding quality sound and music. The Life of Christ is a passion play not to be missed. Book your visit at [www.wintershall.org.uk](http://www.wintershall.org.uk) or call 01483 892167.

### SVP TOLWORTH CONFERENCE OPEN EVENING – 11 JULY

You are invited to an open evening for SVP Tolworth to share with you some of the work they do in the community and invite you to consider becoming a member. **Time:** 7pm, in the Old Chapel.

### A DAY WITH OUR LADY OF FATIMA

You are invited to a day with Our Lady of Fatima on Saturday 1 July 2023, 9.15am to 5pm at St Catherine of Siena, Chessington and Hook. For more information, please consult the St Catherine's parish website: [www.stcatherineofsiena.org.uk](http://www.stcatherineofsiena.org.uk)

### SUMMERTIME 2023: 1– 4 AUGUST

For altar servers aged 11 – 17. The venue is the oratory school in Reading. Total Cost £169. It is a brilliant few days of prayer and recreation. For more details contact Fr. Stephen Boyle, chaplain to the Guild of St. Stephen: Tel: 01322 20075 or email [dartford@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:dartford@rcaos.org.uk). Application forms are available from [www.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com](http://www.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com)

### CATHEDRAL MASS IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

If you are celebrating your 1<sup>st</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/40<sup>th</sup>/50<sup>th</sup>/60<sup>th</sup> or any later wedding anniversary this year, you are invited to renew your marriage vows at a Mass to be celebrated at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, at 3pm on September 23. Close family members can attend with you. To receive a personal invitation from Archbishop John, either give your details to Fr Ignatius or email them to [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk) The details needed are full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is 31July.

### FOOD BANK DONATIONS: RENEWED APPEAL

**"Food banks are seeing more people than ever coming to them for help, many of whom need emergency support for the first time...across the UK, local food banks gave out close to 3 million emergency food parcels last year. Over a million of these parcels were provided for children."**

These are recent words of the Trussell Trust. Please continue to be generous with your food donations. All non-perishable food items are welcome. Thank you.

### † ESME MILLS – RIP

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.

**Requiem Mass:** Wednesday, 28 June, 12.15pm

### † ANNE (NANCY) SHEA – RIP

Kindly pray for Anne (Nancy) Shea who passed on peacefully at home on Tuesday 30 May, aged 89 years. Our condolences to the family. May she rest in peace. Amen.

**Requiem Mass:** Friday 7 July, 11.00am.

### TUTORING IN SCIENCES

**From Roger Balachandran:** "Are you looking for an experienced Science Teacher to tutor a student in Years 7-11 in any of the 3 sciences? Please contact Roger on [rogb84@hotmail.com](mailto:rogb84@hotmail.com) or 07958343979. A-Level Biology tuition is also available."

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

**Non-Gift-aid:** £712.77

**Gift-aid:** £368.65 **Total: £1,081.42\***

**DAY FOR LIFE:** £324.51

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR MAY

A. Cash / cheques – £4,710.42

1. Gift-Aided – £1,376.25

2. Non-G/A – £3,334.17

B. Standing Orders/Bank Transfers– £3,237.77

1. Gift-Aided – £3,137.77

2. Non-G/A – £100.00

C. Contactless Machine – £990.13

**Total = £8,938.32**

**April:** £13,160.20 (incl. Easter – £6,443.18).

**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.

### OLI SCHOOL: JOB OPPORTUNITY (SITE MANAGER)

Our Lady Immaculate School has an exciting job vacancy for a Site Manager, to ideally start as soon as possible. The role is a brilliant opportunity to join a vibrant staff team that puts all the children and families in OLI at the forefront of everything they do. OLI is open to working with all levels of experiences as well as existing members of the OLI family. If you are interested or know someone who would like to join our friendly team, please follow the link for more details:

<https://www.oli.kingston.sch.uk/vacancies/>

Closing date is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. Please contact the school office on 020 8399 9854 if you would like to visit the school.

### VACANCY: PART-TIME CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN

St Joseph's College, Beulah Hill is currently seeking a qualified person to join their institution as a part-time Chaplain. For detailed information regarding the job description and the application process, please visit their website: [www.stjosephscollege.org.uk](http://www.stjosephscollege.org.uk)