



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A

18 JUNE 2023

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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

17 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Michaelina Ciesto – RIP (<i>Maria</i>)
18 Sunday <i>Day for Life</i>	09.00	Herlanda Fox (<i>K Fox</i>)
	11.00	Denis & Ann Deasy – RIP
	12.00	BAPTISMS: G Dadson & L Jones
	18.00	Dec'd Clergy of Our Parish – RIP

WEEK 11 IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR I)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

19 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Johnwel – Success in GCSE
20 Tuesday <i>St Alban</i>	9.30	Thanksgiving (<i>K Jankowski</i>)
	19.00	Mary Gallagher – WB
21 Wednesday <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	9.30	Oonagh Dowling – RIP
	19.00	David Kelly (<i>K Fox</i>)
22 Thursday <i>Ss John Fisher & Thomas More</i>	7.00	Delia Kelly – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	9.30	Maria Perera – RIP (<i>Peiris</i>)
	12.00	Requiem Mass: Giuseppina Riti
23 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Mary Suresh – TG
	9.30	Adrianus Warmsteker – TG
24 Saturday <i>The Nativity of John the Baptist</i>	9.00	Michael Ortaniza Aletari – RIP

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A

24 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Phil Manche – RIP (<i>Townsend</i>)
25 Sunday	09.00	Eilis Kirwan – WB (<i>E Ellen</i>)
	11.00	S & S Tremenheere – 47 th W/A
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

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

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humour to maintain it. Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place. Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I." Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humour. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others (*St Thomas More*).

CALLED, CHOSEN, AND SENT

We return today to the Sundays of the Ordinary Time, that is, after two intervening Sundays following the wondrous feast of Pentecost, during which we celebrated the solemnities of the Most Holy Trinity and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, respectively. Through the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year, the Church is invited to ongoing conversion by striving to live the life of Christ in response his call. Consequently, there is nothing 'ordinary' about this longest period of the liturgical year. Indeed, if anything, the Ordinary Time is an extraordinary period of growth and maturation.

During this time the Church is invited and challenged to interiorise the mysteries of Christ and, thereby, allow them, by the help of the Holy Spirit, to permeate deeply the lives and activities of its members and institutions and, indeed, the whole of history in view of their full accomplishment in Christ, "the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End" (Rev 1:8; 22:13) at the fullness of time when "God shall become all in all" (1 Co 15:28). It is, therefore, no coincidence that today's liturgy of the word focuses our attention on our vocation and our identity and mission as God's holy people, called, chosen, and sent out to witness to his presence and action in the world.

Our calling is prefigured in the calling of the disciples in the Gospel (Mt 9:36-10:8) which is, in turn, foreshadowed in God's call and choice of the people of Israel in the first reading (Ex 19:2-6). Now, God's covenant with the people of Israel is set against the background of his revelation of himself to them as a loving and caring Father who is sensitive to and personally touched the plight of his suffering people (Ex 3:1-4:17), his deliverance of them from slavery in Egypt (Ex 12:31-42; 13:17-14:31), and the manifestation of his glory (*shekinah*) to them (Ex 16:4-12; 24:16-18; 33:18,22; 40:34).

Similarly, Jesus' choice of twelve of his disciples whom he sends out (hence the name, *apostles*) "with authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness," mirrors the twelve tribes of Israel. The symbolism of their number reflects the fact that they are constituted as the core of the new people of God. Strikingly, like with the people of Israel, the missioning of the twelve disciples is set against the background of Jesus' expression of his empathy and compassion for the people. His intervention and action are motivated, sustained, and accomplished purely from the point of view of their suffering and needs. The evangelist Matthew leaves us without any doubt in this regard. "When Jesus saw the crowds," he states, "he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd." This sets the stage for the sending of the disciples since, as he stresses, "the harvest is rich but the labourers are few." Their mission was not about merely performing miracles – "Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils" but, above all, to "proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." Jesus' words and deeds remain the example and precedent for the apostles; like him, their missionary mandate is to be exercised without any selfish motive, handing on freely what they had received freely (cf. 1 Pt 5:2).

Through holy Baptism (and Confirmation), we are constituted into a priestly (and kingly) people, a consecrated nation. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we are called, chosen, and sent as missionary disciples to bring the Good News of salvation to people near and far. This is an unmerited honour and privilege. To paraphrase St Paul in the second reading (Rm 5:6-11), the same "Christ [who] died for us while we were still sinners," is the One who has entrusted to us the task of extending his mission in the world as his missionary disciples despite our failures. And so, we rely on his help as we reflect on what it means for each of us and for all of us as a community, the Church, to be called, chosen, and sent to announce God's Kingdom. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Jeremiah 20:10-13
2ND READING	Romans 5:12-15
GOSPEL	Matthew 10:26-33

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £893.08

Gift-aid: £325.01 **Total: £1,218.09***

CONFIRMATION MASS: £276.26

FHC MASS: £677.74

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

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

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Any queries? Please contact Allan Cook: tolworthgac@rcaos.org.uk or 0208 8399 4368.

WINTERSHALL:

THE LIFE OF CHRIST 27 JUNE – 1 JULY, 10AM–3PM

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 or call 01483 892167

ST PHILOMENA'S OPEN EVENING – 4 JULY

A Catholic High School for Girls, located in Carshalton invites you to an open evening for prospective new entrants into Yr7 in September. For more information, please see school website.

NEW NATIONAL SHRINE OF ST OSCAR ROMERO

The Archdiocese of Southwark is delighted to announce that the Diocesan Shrine of St Oscar Romero at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, has been elevated to the status of a National Shrine for England and Wales.

Following a petition to the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales by the Archbishop of Southwark, Archbishop John Wilson, the Bishops gave their unanimous approval to the new National Shrine at their recent Spring Plenary Meeting in Leeds. The Shrine is situated in the Romero Chapel, off the South Aisle within St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Visits / pilgrimages by individuals & parish groups are encouraged.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTION: DAY FOR LIFE

Today is DAY FOR LIFE. It is the day the Church dedicates to celebrating the sacredness of life. The collection today provides core funding for the Ascombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life-related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY

To all fathers, grandfathers, and all who play fatherly roles in family, Church and society as we celebrate fatherhood & paternal bonds.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS: TUESDAY 20 JUNE

Be creative. Bring a hat you have decorated yourself – prize for best decorated hat – to our next meeting 7.30-9pm on Tuesday 20 June in the Old Chapel. Test your wits with our Hat Quiz Raffle and refreshments as usual. All ladies are welcome to join us.

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.

RICHARD CHALLONER SCHOOL – FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES:

An exciting and rewarding opportunity has arisen to join Richard Challoner Board of Governors, as a Foundation Governor. If interested, please email Heather Fowler – Governance Professional on clerk@challoner.kingston.sch.uk for an application form or call 020 8330 5947 if you have any questions or wish to find out more. Deadline for applications is Monday 19 June. However, applications may close early if interest is high.

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. Application forms are available from www.stanselmsdartford.wordpress.com

CATHEDRAL MASS IN CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th 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 The details needed are full names, address, phone number, anniversary being celebrated and parish. The deadline is 31 July.

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 or 07958343979. A-Level Biology tuition is also available."