



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

02 JULY 2023

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

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

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| 01 Sat – Vigil | 18.30 | Anne McHale – RIP |
| 02 Sunday | 09.00 | James McGrath – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>) |
| | 11.00 | Doreen & Robert Lambert – RIP |
| | 18.00 | <i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People |

WEEK 13 IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR I)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

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| 03 Monday <i>St Thomas, Apostle</i> | 9.30 | Rajani Reginald – RIP |
| 04 Tuesday <i>Feria</i> | 9.30 | Rajani Reginald – RIP |
| | 19.00 | Walter Chester – RIP (<i>FM</i>) |
| 05 Wednesday <i>Feria</i> | 9.30 | Colin Forsyth Gray–RIP (<i>M-J Gray</i>) |
| | 19.00 | Rosamma Thomas’ Intentions |
| 06 Thursday <i>Feria</i> | 7.00 | Holy Souls |
| | 9.30 | Rajani Reginald – RIP |
| 07 Friday <i>Feria</i> | 7.00 | Mary Gallagher – WB |
| | 11.00 | Requiem Mass: Anne Shea RIP |
| | 9.30 | William & Christopher Powell– RIP |
| 08 Saturday <i>Our Lady</i> | 9.00 | Colm Maloney – RIP (<i>F Deegan</i>) |

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A

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| 08 Saturday <i>Vigil</i> | 18.30 | Karen Hoey & Paul Matty – RIP |
| 09 Sunday | 09.00 | David Moore – RIP (<i>H Bamford</i>) |
| | 11.00 | Alan Wright – RIP |
| | 18.00 | <i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People |

OTHER SERVICES

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| 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 HOSPITALITY

Lord Jesus,
 How many times did you urge your followers to welcome the stranger?
 I sometimes balk at this. It’s hard to be welcoming when I am tired, fearful,
 or anxious about my time and resources.
 Bless me with an open and welcoming heart.
 Let me see others as I would see you.
 Let others see in me the warmth and grace of your love.
 Enfold me in your gracious Spirit,
 and make hospitality a mark of my life. Amen. (*Anon*)

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

Welcoming the stranger was very important to the people of Israel. In fact, it was mandated by God in the Torah (see Ex 22:21; Lev 19:34; Deut 10:18-19; 23:7). It was grounded historically in Israel’s nomadic experiences. Thus, the injunction, “*You must ... love the stranger as yourself – for you were once strangers yourselves in Egypt*” (Lev 19:34; also, Deut 10:19). Theologically, the mosaic law also appealed to God’s love for the strangers (Deut 10:18; Ps 146:9) to strengthen this command. Both, therefore, constitute a solid foundation for the Hebrew tradition of hospitality to strangers, which included non-Jews and other Israelites as well (Deut 23:7).

The story of the prophet Elisha and the rich Shunammite lady who hosted him and his servant in her home during his travels in today’s first reading (2 Kgs 4:8-11,13-11) is a classic example of Hebrew hospitality to strangers. The encounter may be structured roughly in two parts, with three key moments in each of them. In the initial part: Firstly, the woman notices the presence of the itinerant stranger in her neighbourhood. Then, she thinks about and identifies his needs. Lastly, she reaches out to him; beyond regularly taking him in for a meal during his travels, she and her husband eventually offer him an upper room guestroom to stay. In the second part, the role is flipped. Firstly, the prophet recognises the woman’s generosity and hospitality. Secondly, though he is aware of their wealthy status, he tries to discern her needs, asking his servant, “*What can be done for her then?*” Aided by his servant, the prophet realises her deepest need for a family of her own. And finally, he sets about to meet this important need in her life by promising her a child, “*This time next year, he said, you will hold a son in your arms.*” It reminds us of the encounter of Abraham and Sarah with three disguised angels at Mamre. In appreciation for their hospitality, Sarah was promised a son (Isaac) “*by this time next year*” despite her having passed child-bearing age and her husband was also very old (Gen 18:1-15).

Permit me to share two pertinent lessons from this story. First, the three key moments roughly fit into the ‘*See, Judge, and Act*’ method of Cardinal Joseph Cardijn (1882-1967) which is now a commonly acknowledged method of social analysis and service in Catholic Social Teaching. It reminds us that welcoming the stranger requires 1) being open to recognise the presence and dignity of the stranger – the migrants, homeless, people on the fringes, etc.; 2) being sensitive to their fears, anxieties and real needs; and 3) taking the needed steps to concretely meet them. Secondly, without prejudice to documented negative experiences, welcoming the stranger is normally a blessing – oftentimes in disguise – to the natives or hosts as well. This is particularly so when viewed in the light of our Christian faith wherein the stranger is not, as was with Abraham and Sarah, merely a disguised angel (Heb 13:2), but God himself who in his incarnate Word says in today’s Gospel (Mt 10:37-42), “*Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.*” Further, “*I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me*” (Mt 25:35^b,40). Thus, instructing his monks to welcome all guests as Christ, St Benedict insists, “*Great care and concern are to be shown in receiving poor people and pilgrims, because in them more particularly Christ is received*” (Rule 53:1,15).

Finally, welcoming the stranger is, above all, a call to imitate Jesus who himself was and still is the perfect welcomer of strangers (see Mt 9:9-13; Lk 14:13; Jn 4:9) and the stranger par excellence who stands knocking at the door of our heart, life, and community, begging to be let in (Rev 3:20). By opening our hearts to him, to his sacred word, our hearts and arms will certainly be opened to welcome and embrace others, including strangers. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

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| 1ST READING | Zechariah 9:9-10 |
| 2ND READING | Romans 8:9,11-13 |
| GOSPEL | Matthew 11:25-30 |

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Fr Leonard Taylor, Fr Felix Ekong, Charles Godfrey, Joan O'Brien, 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, Tony & Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Mary L Taylor, and Ian Beard.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY: 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.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: STELLA MARIS

Stella Maris is a Catholic Charity supporting seafarers worldwide. They provide practical and pastoral care to all seafarers, regardless of nationality or belief. 90% of world trade is transported by ship, however the life of a modern seafarer can be dangerous and lonely. Port chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome seafarers, offer welfare service and advice, practical help, care and friendship. Stella Maris relies wholly on voluntary contributions and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection. Thank you in anticipation.

A THANK YOU MASS FOR DEACON AL CALLAN

There will be a Thank You Mass for Deacon Al in appreciation of his many years of devoted service to the parish in different capacities, on Sunday, 23 July at the 11am Mass, followed by a reception in the parish hall. More information, next weekend.

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.

SRI LANKAN NIGHT: SATURDAY 15 JULY, 7.30PM-11.30PM

Please, come and enjoy a variety of Sri Lankan food and entertainment. Tickets are on sale after Mass or contact Joe & Antonette on 07956 891504 or 0208 399 6491. Adults – £10; children 5-15 years old – £5. All proceeds go to the Lenten Project.

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.stanselm.dartford.wordpress.com

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.

† MARY REDMOND – RIP

Kindly pray for Mary Redmond, who died aged 93 years. She was a parishioner from 1959 to 1969 when she moved to Chessington. **Requiem Mass:** St Catherine of Siena, Thursday 6 July, at 2.30pm.

† ANNE (NANCY) SHEA – RIP

Kindly pray for Nancy Shea who passed on peacefully at home on Tuesday 30 May, aged 89 years. May she rest in peace. Amen. **Requiem Mass:** Friday 7 July, 11.00am.

† CHARLES GODFREY – RIP

Kindly pray for Charles Godfrey who passed on peacefully on Tuesday 20 June, aged 75 years. Our condolences to his wife Lesley and the family. May he rest in peace. Amen. **Funeral Service:** Friday 14 July, 11.00am.

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.

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."

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £836.46

Gift-aid: £345.51 **Total: £1,181.97***

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), 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.

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 3rd 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