



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A

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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>

08 Sat – Vigil	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	Holy Souls

WEEK 14 IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR I)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

10 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Elliso D’Costa – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
11 Tuesday <i>St Benedict</i>	9.30	David Kelly (<i>K Fox</i>)
	19.00	Fr Felix Hilary Ekong – RIP
12 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Rosaria Hetherington – RIP
	19.00	Mary Hosey – BD
13 Thursday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Mary Gallagher – WB
	9.30	Fr Theo Joseph – RIP (<i>S Joseph</i>)
14 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Valerie KY Lee – BD
	9.30	Ouseph Vareeth – RIP (<i>Varghese</i>)
	11.00	Funeral: Charles Godfrey RIP
15 Saturday <i>St Bonaventure</i>	9.00	Jebamalai Muthu – RIP (<i>M Suresh</i>)

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A

15 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Chris McGuinness – RIP (<i>Kevin & Nancy</i>)
16 Sunday	09.00	Joan O’Brien – RIP (<i>Houston</i>)
	11.00	
	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

O Lord God, holy Father,
 be you now and forever blessed.
 For as you will, so it has been done;
 and what you do is good.
 Let your servant rejoice in you,
 not in myself or in any other.
 You alone are my true joy.
 You are my hope and my crown.
 You are my gladness and my honour.
 O Lord, what has your servant
 but what has been received from you without deserving it?
 Yours are all things that you have given and have made.
 Amen. (*Thomas á Kempis*)

POSSESSING THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

Discipleship is a call to follow and / or imitate the Master, Jesus Christ. This implies having his spirit, that is, taking on his mind. St Paul captures this vividly when he says, *“In your mind you must be the same as Christ Jesus. His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself ... and became as men are; and being as men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross”* (Ph 2:5-8). This is no easy task for mere humans. For our Lord, though human in all things but sin (see Heb 4:15), was equally true God. By virtue of his divinity (Col 2:9), his humanity was not tainted by original sin, nor the consequences associated with it (Acts 13:34-35). The merely human condition is certainly different. Though redeemed by God’s grace through holy Baptism (Acts 2:38; Col 2:11-12), we still *“fall short of God’s glory”* (Rm 3:23-24). Because of this, we remain prone to falter, fumble, and fall in our feeble attempt to respond to the Master’s call to follow him. Yet our only pathway to true and lasting happiness lies in following him in whom alone, as St Augustine says, our souls find their rest.

The Gospel reading (Mt 11:25-30) presents us with a portrait of Jesus to copy: *“I am gentle and humble in heart.”* Here, the evangelist echoes the earlier self-portrayal of Jesus by means of the *Beatitudes*: *“Blessed are the poor in spirit ... the gentle ... the merciful ... the peacemakers”* (Mt 5:3-10). As the epitome of gentleness and humility, Jesus is the perfect realisation of the victorious Davidic-king announced in the first reading by the prophet Zechariah (9:9-10): *“your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”* Only the humble and pure in heart, those without prejudice, those who make no real or pretentious claims about themselves and their self-importance before God and others (see Lk 18:9-14), can grasp and experience this truth. They are the mere children, the infants to whom it has pleased the Father to reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom while hiding same *“from the learned and the clever.”*

The message of Jesus is more impactful if we consider this passage against the backdrop of the rejection of him and his message and mission by his contemporaries, especially by the intelligentsia, the educated elites – the rabbis, the scribes and the Pharisees (Mt 11:1-12:50). He is clearly disappointed that those who are schooled in the word of God have failed to see in him or his teaching or actions the power and wisdom of God made manifest (cf. 1 Co 1:23-24). Yet, all is not lost. There is hope. It consists of an unassuming remnant. That is, those who, open and docile to Jesus, *“receive and welcome the kingdom of God like a little child”* (Mk 10:15). To them he extends a loving and transforming invitation, *“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.”* In place of the yoke of the Mosaic law, he invites them to *“shoulder my yoke and learn from me.”* Simply put, he calls them to be his disciples. From its Greek roots (*mathētēs*), a disciple is one who learns through instruction from a teacher and strives to be like him (see Mt 10:24-25^a). So, discipleship is beyond cognitive learning or acquiring skills. It is the imitation of Jesus, his being (identity) and action (works).

Responding to Jesus’ summons is not without serious consequences. Importantly, it cannot be undertaken without repentance and conversion. Thus, St Paul reminds us in the second reading, *“there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live”* (Rm 8:9,11-13). Hence, Jesus’ declaration, *“My yoke is easy and burden light,”* is not intended solely as a contrast to the Mosaic Law but also and, indeed, ultimately to the yoke of sin which, as believers, we must put away if we truly want to be, live, and act as his missionary disciples (see Lam 1:14; cf. Gal 5:1,16-25). ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 55:10-11
2ND READING	Romans 8:18-23
GOSPEL	Matthew 13:1-23

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Fr Leonard Taylor, Fr Felix Ekong, Charles Godfrey, Anne Shea, Rosary Anthony, 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £877.84
Gift-aid: £274.71 **Total: £1,152.55***

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JUNE

- A. Cash / cheques – £4,641.23
1. Gift-Aided – £1,486.17
2. Non-G/A – £3,155.06
B. Standing Orders/Bank Transfers – £3,061.00
1. Gift-Aided – £2,921.00
2. Non-G/A – £140.00
C. Contactless Machine – £978.47

Total = £8,680.70 (Last month: £8,938.12).

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.

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Any queries? Please contact Lance Louis: tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk or 07851 070036.

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

A THANK YOU MASS FOR DEACON AL CALLAN

Deacon Al was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 1992. He has served the people of our parish and the deanery selflessly for more than three decades. As he is retiring officially from active parish ministry, the parish would like to thank him and Trudie for their many years of devoted services to the parish before and after his ordination as a deacon.

There will be a Thank You Mass for him on Sunday, 23 July at the 11am Mass, to celebrate his ministry and services to the people of our parish. This will be followed by a reception in the parish hall.

Envelopes are available for donations towards a retirement gift. Also, if you would like to bring some food / drink to share on the occasion, please indicate by signing the sheet at the narthex.

SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Vacancy for Executive Assistant (21hours pw) whose role is to work with the Executive Director in ensuring the smooth and successful operation of SPUC's governance, administration, and finance departments. Salary details, on request. For further information and application form, email jobs@spuc.org.uk or call 020 7091 7091

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: 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. It relies wholly on voluntary contributions and can only continue its work through the generous donations of its supporters, particularly this collection. Thanks for your generosity.

WORK IN OUR LADY CHAPEL: 10 JULY ONWARDS

Scaffolding will be installed in Our Lady Chapel on Monday 10 July and will remain in place for a couple of weeks for decorating and other minor repair works. For Health and Safety reasons, the Chapel will be out of use throughout the duration of work. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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 & Antionette on 07956 891504 or 0208 399 6491. Adults – £10; children 5-15 years old – £5. All proceeds go to the Lenten Project.

VOCATIONS DAY (NORBERTINES): 15 JULY

The Norbertine Community in Peckham is holding a Vocations Day on Saturday 15 July from 10am-4pm for young men to visit their priory and discover more about the life of a Norbertine canon. If you are thinking about a vocation and are curious about the Norbertine Order and religious life please contact them to book a place:

community@norbertines.org.uk

WORLD YOUTH DAY EVENT (LONDON): 5 AUGUST

World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join WYD in London – a day celebration on Saturday 5 August 2023 from 11am-5pm in the church by Leicester Square. **Programme:** music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! **Venue:** Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. To register a group or individually, please fill in the form: bit.ly/wydlondon

ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON AREA FOR 6 MONTHS

Henry is in his third year studying engineering at Imperial College and is looking for a room to rent from October to Easter. He will be on placement for the rest of the year, so he only needs to be in London for about 6 months.

He is very quiet, kind and family-minded, and would be a good lodger/tenant. If you know of anyone who might be able to offer a room to let, please contact Cecilia Hatt: ceciliahatt@yahoo.co.uk.

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.

† CHARLES GODFREY – RIP

Kindly pray for Charles Godfrey who passed on peacefully on Tuesday 20 June, aged 75 years. Our condolences to his wife Liz and the family. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Funeral Service: Friday 14 July, 11.00am.

† ROSARY ANTHONY – RIP

Kindly pray for Rosary Anthony who passed on peacefully at Kingston Hospital on Friday 30 June, aged 70 years. May he rest in peace. Amen. **Funeral:** TBC.

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."