



TWENTY-THIRD 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>

09 Sat – <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Janaki Gandhimathi – RIP (<i>Mary S</i>)
10 Sunday	09.00	Maria Rosaria D’Agostino Taylor
<i>Education Day</i>	11.00	Mary Flynn – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>)
	18.00	Mary & Jim Creighan – RIP (<i>K Fox</i>)

WEEK 23 IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR I)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

11 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Maria Sebastian’s Intentions
12 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	Charles Sillem – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
13 Wednesday <i>St John Chrysostom</i>	9.30 19.00	Catherine Seaward – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
14 Thursday <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	7.00 9.30	Michael & Catherine Burrows (<i>FM</i>)
15 Friday <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	7.00 9.30	Catherine Curtin (<i>K Fox</i>) Nirvan Marie Calayal’s Intentions
16 Saturday <i>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	9.00	Monica & James Anderson (<i>FM</i>)

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A

16 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Rita Tibbs’ Intentions (<i>A Davis</i>)
17 Sunday	09.00 11.00 18.00	K & R Jankowski – 49 th WA Sally D’Costa – 70 th BD

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 Holy Spirit, source of all light, Spirit of wisdom, of understanding, and of knowledge, come to my assistance and enable me to prepare for a good reconciliation. Enlighten me, and help me now, to know my sins. Bring to my mind the evil which I have done and the good which I have neglected. Grant me, moreover, heartfelt sorrow for my offences, so that I may be forgiven, and receive the gift of firm dedication, that I may always love God above all. Amen.

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH OTHER

Every baptised person is configured, aligned through the anointing of the Holy Spirit to the triple nature of Christ as *priest, prophet, and king*. This is brought about and signified by the anointing with holy chrism during which the minister says: “*God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people. He now anoints you with the chrism of salvation. As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of body, sharing everlasting life.*” With this configuration to Christ come the corresponding duties to the new identity of the baptised as an *alter Christus*, another Christ. These three offices of Christ are distinct but inseparable. However, during his public ministry, the prophetic identity appeared more prominent. So, it is not surprising that the common opinion of the people about him, as we heard two weeks ago, linked him firmly to the prophetic tradition (Mt 16:14; see Lk 4:18-21). His prophetic mission consists in the proclamation of the Kingdom of God and calling people to conversion (Mk 1:14-14). Today’s readings invite us to consider the privilege that we have by sharing in Christ’s prophetic identity and the responsibility that goes with it as we strive to carry out his missionary mandate in the world.

In the first reading, the mission of the prophet Ezekiel (33:7-9), to the people of Israel is described. He is sent as “a sentry to the House of Israel.” As a watchman, his duty is to safeguard the covenant relationship between God and the chosen people. He is to achieve this by announcing God’s point of view to them, by helping the people to see themselves and things as God sees them. Being God’s mouthpiece, the prophet has no business with equivocation; he must say things as he sees and experiences them in the light of the covenant. This makes the prophet’s position generally unenviable. Because of this, the prophet is sometimes tempted to renounce his role as in the case of Jonah (1:1-3) or compromise the truth as in the case of the imperial prophets who would not dare to speak truth to power (see Jr 14:13-16; 23:16; Am 7:12). The true prophet is under a serious burden, not only to truth but also to love. That is why he bears responsibility for himself and the people to whom he is sent. Like Ezekiel, we all share similar fiduciary responsibility in relation to our faith, to fellow Christians, and to others before whom we have been missioned to witness as light of the world and salt of the earth (Mt 5:13-16). So, we are called to take responsibility for each other. As Paul says (Rm 13:8-10), we owe each other a debt of mutual love. Jesus reiterates this message in the Gospel (Mt 18:15-20). Notably, his framework for conflict resolution lays the burden on the victim: “*If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you...But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community...* (see also Mt 5:23-24). The emphasis here on listening on the part of the offender is significant. Without it, there can be no breakthrough. But it is important for the victim as well. As believers, whether victim or offender, we cannot learn to truly listen to each other if we have not first opened our hearts to God and his saving word. “*O that today you would listen to his voice!*” The psalmist beckons on us, “*Harden not your hearts.*”

Taking the initiative to seek reconciliation whether privately or with the help of friends or the community is an expression of our prophetic calling and mission. It reminds us that we should not be easily disposed to succumb to evil out of fear or favour; that wrongdoing and hurts should be named and addressed with candour and love. We bear responsibility for justice, unity and peace in the family, Church, and wider society. As prophets we shall be held accountable for any negligence in this regard. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9
2ND READING	Romans 14:7-9
GOSPEL	Matthew 18:21-35

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Genoveffa Riti, Francis Nazareth, 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

GOING TO UNIVERSITY THIS SEPTEMBER?

Fr Ignatius would like to meet with you for a chat & some refreshments at the Presbytery after 6pm Mass on Sunday 10 Sept.

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: CATHOLIC EDUCATION

As we mark Education Day, the 2nd collection will be taken for the Catholic Education Service (CES). It acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistances for school transport in rural areas. Many thanks.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION: REGISTRATION

To formally register your child and to meet with Father Ignatius and Mary in the Presbytery, please remember to bring the registration form and a copy of your child's Baptism certificate. Your child needs to come along to the meeting and bring with them a letter they have written to Father Ignatius asking for Holy Communion.

You can book either **Monday 11 Sept: 5pm-7pm** or **Thursday 14 Sept: 6pm-7.30pm** using the link below.

<https://koalendar.com/e/1st-holy-communion-and-reconciliation-june2024>

NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We urgently need more altar servers, to help with all our Sunday Masses. We need at **least 20** new servers, if possible, to help cover all the Masses. Age is no barrier both **young people and adults equally welcome**. The only requirement is that you have made your First Holy Communion. Adults will need to complete a DBS check before being added to the Rota. The Training Course for new servers begins on **Sunday 24 September at 12.30** in the Sacristy and will last for about 45 minutes. The course will run for up to 7 weeks. Please help if you can in this very important and vital ministry in our parish. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Jacques Lambert on 020 8397 2793.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS: SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

The Agency for Evangelisation & Catechesis (AEC), on behalf of Archbishop John, invite you to attend the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists on **Saturday 30 September 2023** at the Amigo Hall and St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HR. This Day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process.

Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. The Day will conclude with a Commissioning Mass for all catechists.

All booking this year is via an online form here <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/cat23>

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £908.53

Gift-aid: £367.55 **Total: £1,276.08***

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR AUGUST

A. Cash / cheques – £4,640.68

1. Gift-Aided – £1,222.49

2. Non-G/A – £3,146.00

B. Standing Orders/Bank Transfers – £3,146

1. Gift-Aided – £2,933.00

2. Non-G/A – £213.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,305.68

Total = £9,092.36 (Last Month: £9,504.07).

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 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.

DAY OF CELEBRATION OF PARISH MINISTRIES

At the last Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting (24 April 2023), it was agreed that the first Friday in October should be set aside as an annual day of celebration of parish ministries in the parish. It will be a day of thanksgiving to God for the gifts of diverse ministries in our parish; showing appreciation to all who help in the parish in any way; and encouraging more parishioners to be involved in parish ministries.

The maiden edition will take place on Friday 6 October. It will begin with Mass at 7pm, followed by a reception in the hall. There will more information next weekend on how to sign up, to ensure that it can be suitably catered for.

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.



The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for 52 years. The aim of the Project is to give the parish a charitable focal point during Lent and give everyone (all groups, clubs, and societies) in the parish the opportunity to take part in fundraising for projects in the developing world.

The Lenten Project AGM will be held on Sunday 15 October 2023 at 7.00pm in the Old Chapel. At that meeting we will select the charities which we will be supporting during Lent 2024. We are now actively seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities.

If you have a charity, you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2024 then please complete the charity nomination form with **criteria for selecting a charity**, in Word, which can be found at:

<http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/>

You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of Church or obtain one from the Parish Office.

The deadline for forms will be advertised in the newsletter.

Once you have completed the form, please either email it to tolworth@rcaos.org, or place it through the Presbytery letter box. If you would like any more information, please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk