



TWENTY-FOURTH 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>

16 Sat – <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Rita Tibbs' Intentions (<i>A Davis</i>)
17 Sunday	09.00	K & R Jankowski – 49 th WA
<i>Evangelii Gaudium</i>	11.00	Sally D'Costa – 70 th BD
<i>Sunday (Mission)</i>	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish

WEEK 24 IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR I)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

18 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Clement Suresh – 16 BD TG
19 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	Maria Sebastian's Intentions Holy Souls
20 Wednesday <i>Ss A Taegon & Co</i>	9.30 19.00	Hannah Shea – RIP Holy Souls
21 Thursday <i>St Matthew</i>	7.00 9.30	Fredrick & Dolly Sirmon – RIP (<i>FM</i>) Patrick & Helen Clifford – RIP
22 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00 9.30	Private (<i>IE</i>) Michael D'Souza – RIP (<i>P Fazal</i>)
23 Saturday <i>Ss Pius of Pietrelcina (P. Pio)</i>	9.00	Margaret T Kane – RIP (<i>Jankowski</i>)

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23 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Mary B Peiris – WB (<i>M C Taylor</i>)
24 Sunday	09.00 11.00 18.00	Angelica De Staio & Family RIP David Louis – BD (<i>L Ko</i>) <i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish

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

A HEALING PRAYER AT BEDTIME

Lord Jesus, through the power of the Holy Spirit, go back into my memory as I sleep. Every hurt that has ever been done to me, heal the hurt. Every hurt that I have ever caused another person, heal that hurt. All the relationships that have been damaged in my whole life that I am not aware of, heal those relationships.

But Lord, if there is anything that I need to do – if I need to go to a person because he/she is still suffering from my hand, bring to my awareness that person.

I choose to forgive, and I ask to be forgiven. Remove whatever bitterness may be in my heart, Lord, and fill the empty spaces with your love. Thank you, Jesus! Amen.

FORGIVENESS WITHOUT LIMIT

“To err is human, to forgive is divine.” This is not only a common saying, but one whose deepest meaning is generally missed or overlooked by not a few people. Little wonder it is oftentimes invoked as an excuse for not forgiving. ‘After all,’ so the argument would go, ‘it is only God who can and does forgive. But I’m not God. Therefore, I can’t forgive.’ Twisted logic! And more so, when considered in the light of the Gospel. However, a truly Christian understanding of the maxim acknowledges on the one hand that forgiveness is a divine attribute and on the other, that it is not natural for humans to forgive. Nonetheless, it does not rationalise over the human inability, failure or reluctance to forgive. Instead, it offers a strong incentive to encourage and/or challenge us to strive to forgive, since it makes us godlike. So, the argument can be reframed thus: ‘Since it is divine to forgive, whenever I make a genuine effort to forgive, I resemble God.’

The importance of forgiveness cannot be overemphasised, emotionally, physically, socially and spiritually. This is stressed in today’s readings. Besides, as Christians, we are reminded that forgiveness is both a gift and a duty. It is a gift because we do not always merit it. This applies perfectly to God’s forgiveness, which depends purely on his mercy and compassion as echoed in the responsorial psalm (Ps 102 (103):1-4,9-12: *“The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.”* Accordingly, the evangelist asserts that God sent his Son not to condemn but to redeem the world (Jn 3:17; see Rm 5:8). As a gift, forgiveness imposes a duty on the beneficiary, namely, to pass on what has been received to others. The chain of forgiveness must not be broken; it must be extended to others, near and far. To guarantee this sharing, at least two inner dispositions are required. The first is gratitude. It is indicative of the value that one places on the gift / experience of being forgiven, namely, that one does not simply presume it or take it for granted. King David is an outstanding model in this regard (see Ps 51; also, 32, 86, 91; cf. Lk 7:47). The second is memory and is closely linked with the former. How can one pass on a gift of which one has no memory? Thus, the Torah appeals to their memory of divine providence in Egypt as the basis for commanding the people of Israel to be kind to foreigners (see Ex 22:21; Lv 19:34; Dt 15:15; 24:18).

In the light of the above, it is evident that within the Judeo-Christian tradition, forgiving others is both a consequence of, and a condition for experiencing God’s mercy. In other words, we forgive as we are forgiven and as we hope (pray) to be forgiven. Once again, and as illustrated by Jesus in the Gospel (Mt 18:21-35), memory is deeply implicated in attaining this. The servant who is forgiven so much by his master, failed to realise that he was equally obliged to forgive the little debt of his fellow servant, because he had so quickly forgotten that he was free because of the gift, sheer grace of the master. Clearly, he had failed to appreciate the true meaning of what was done for him; he took things for granted and felt perhaps entitled. The master’s reprimand, *“You wicked servant...I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?”* reiterates the sage Sirach in the first reading (Eccl 27:33-28:9): *“He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?”* We echo this every time we pray the ‘Our Father,’ *“Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.”*

Forgiveness is not about noting the frequency, but forgiving as we are forgiven by God. Since God, as Pope Francis reminds us, never tires forgiving us, we should have no limits in forgiving others. As we live and die for Christ, we look to him as our model and help. ©IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 55:6-9
2ND READING	Philippians 1:20-24,27
GOSPEL	Matthew 20: 1-16

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, Ian Beard, and Qiaochen.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

2ND COLLECTION TODAY: **EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY**

This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home Mission,' the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation. Many thanks.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION: **PARENTS' MEETING**

For parents of children who have been enrolled for the programme on Monday 18 Sept, at 7pm in the Church Hall.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting on Tuesday 19 Sept, 7.30-9pm in the Old Chapel will be a social evening. We'll share our summer holidays /staycations and look at our coming events. Refreshments and raffle. Bring a friend. All ladies in the parish are welcome to join us.

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.

SUPPORTING THOSE AFFECTED BY ABUSE

Archdiocese of Southwark in partnership with LOUDfence. LOUDfence is a visible display of support and solidarity with those affected by abuse. The ribbons tied to each fence/tree/gate represent the voices of those who wish to speak out in support and defence of those affected by abuse. LOUDfence & Survivors Voices in partnership with the Archdiocese of Southwark, are to hold their annual event on 27 September, 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral, everyone is invited to attend. If you are unable to join on 27 September, you can still take part by requesting a virtual ribbon. This can include a personal message of support or commitment for the support of those that have been harmed by abuse.

DIOCESAN DAY FOR CATECHISTS

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: £638.44

Gift-aid: £418.00 Total: **£1,056.44***

2nd Collection (Catholic Education): £272.82

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.

Please, use this link to sign up to ensure that it can be suitably catered for <https://koalendar.com/e/annual-parish-ministry-celebration-2023>

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