



**TWENTY-SEVENTH 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>

07 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Private (IE)
08 Sunday	09.00	Sr J Ekeigwe – TG
	11.00	Renee Barry – RIP (C Stevens)
	18.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish

**WEEK 27 IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR I)**

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:** Monday – Friday at 8.00am

09 Monday <i>St John H Newman</i>	9.30	Nora Murphy – RIP
10 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	C Loretta Gab-Obinna’s Intention
	10.30	<b>Requiem:</b> Francis Nazareth RIP
	19.00	James & Hilda Powell – RIP (FM)
11 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	James Fernandes – TG
	19.00	Basil Esomchi – RIP
12 Thursday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Joseph & Justina Edet – RIP
	9.30	John Schembri – RIP (O Logue)
13 Friday <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	7.00	Patrick Udofia – RIP
	9.30	Mary Donnelly – RIP
14 Saturday <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Dec’d of Furlong Family – RIP (C Furlong)

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A**

14 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Armando Barrero Bonilla – RIP (K Fox)
15 Sunday	09.00	
	11.00	Renee Barry – RIP (S Tremeheere)
	18.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish

**OTHER SERVICES**

<b>Eucharistic Exposition</b>	Monday – Friday: 8am
<b>Morning Prayer (Lauds)</b>	Monday – Friday: 9am
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm
<b>Youth Mass</b>	Last Sunday: 6pm Mass
<b>St Anthony of Padua</b>	<b>Tuesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses
<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses
<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	1st Saturday of the month
<b>Syro Malabar Prayer Group</b>	1st Friday of the month: 7pm

**SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

May God support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then, in His mercy, may he give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest and peace at the last.

**St John Henry Newman (9 October)**

**CALLED TO BEAR GOOD FRUITS**

Discipleship is not just about following the Master. It is also a call to bear fruits. Jesus stresses this in his discourse in John 15. “*You did not choose me,*” he says, “*no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last*” (v.16). To be fruitful, insists Jesus, the disciple must maintain communion with Him, like the branches with the vine: “*Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing*” (v.5).

There are at least two related senses in which the disciple’s identity, and his calling and mission depend on the Master. On the one hand, the disciple looks up to the Master as a model, seeks to imitate him, walking in his path; in a nutshell, strives to appropriate and advance his vision and mission. His/her fruitfulness is measured largely on this. This means that the disciple cannot be considered independently of the Master. On the other hand, since the disciple is not his/her own person, he/she is unavoidably answerable to the master; hence, accountability is integral to the identity and mission of the disciple. The prophet Isaiah in today’s first reading (Is 5:1-7) and Jesus in the Gospel (Mt 21:33-43), highlight this differently with the help of the metaphor / parable of the vineyard.

Addressing the people of Israel before the Babylonian captivity, the prophet Isaiah laments about their failure to bear wholesome fruits. God’s disappointment is aggravated by their disproportional outcome compared to his substantial investment (love, care, protection, etc.) on them: “*My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.*” Just as there is dire consequences for the evil-yielding vineyard, the prophet explains, so will it be for the people of God, because “*he expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.*” This is confirmed in the responsorial psalm (Ps 79 [80]), where the common view of the Exile as a consequence of Israel’s failure to live up to its remit as God’s “*chosen plant*” is echoed: “*You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations...Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by.*”

Reminiscent of Isaiah, Jesus appropriates the imagery of the attractive, remarkably built and luxuriously furnished vineyard in the parable of the generous landowner and his disgruntled rogue tenants. In his love and benevolence, God entrusts his Kingdom to us as stewards (see Gn 1:28a; 2:15). Like the tenants, God expects us to make good use of the opportunities he has given us, to do good, thereby witnessing to his love and presence in the world. He enjoins us, in the words of the apostle Peter, “*like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God,*” to “*put it at the service of others*” (1 Pe 4:10). To succeed in our stewardship, we must be open, responsive, and subject to God. For it is through his love and mercy that we receive the grace and privilege of discipleship. We must constantly remember that the Kingdom is God’s not ours. As Jesus says, “*We are useless servants*” who “*have done no more than our duty*” (Lk 17:10; see 1 Co 4:1). We need such interior (and exterior) disposition to avoid and/or overcome the temptation to greed and covetousness that lured the tenants in the parable (representing the Jewish establishment in particular) to violence against the landowner’s servants (the prophets, etc.) and finally the murder of his heir (foreshadowing Jesus’ crucifixion). Further, bearing good fruits in a sustainable way, as God desires of us, requires a lot of patience and perseverance. It is comforting to know that God always gives us repeated chances to prove ourselves worthy of his calling, even to the point of sacrificing his Beloved Son to save us (Jn 3:17). So, if we are tempted to worry about our inadequacy, let us heed the advice of Paul and pray to God with thanksgiving (Ph 4:6-9), ©IAE.

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

<b>1ST READING</b>	Isaiah 25:6-10
<b>2ND READING</b>	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
<b>GOSPEL</b>	Matthew 22:1-14

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially 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, Qiaochen Shi, and Jack Hoey.

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL

Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD today so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelop in the narthex or give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk).

### SIGNING OF SECONDARY SCHOOL FORMS

Tuesday 10 October & Wednesday 11 October from 5pm to 6pm, **strictly by appointment** <https://koalendar.com/e/secondary-school-form-signing-for-sept-2024>

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

If you would like to be included in the programme, please visit the parish website and download the full application form. The closing date for applications will be Sunday 5 November.

This is open to any young person in year 9 or above at school, or in college, and you regularly come to Mass in Our Lady Immaculate Parish and have received your First Holy Communion.

### PARENT CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 14 OCTOBER 2023

The Catholic conference is designed to help parents and grandparents to support their children's moral life as young adults. Attendance is in person or online via Zoom. Details can be found at [www.eventcatholic.com](http://www.eventcatholic.com)

### OLI SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone in the Parish and beyond for our upcoming Open Morning. The next Open Morning is happening on 20 October. Please see the poster on the school's notice board. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing all the amazing aspects of OLI school.

### SEMINAR ON RACIAL AND CULTURAL INCLUSION

There will be a Seminar entitled "Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion in Our Parishes, Schools and Communities."

**Venue:** Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, from 9.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 28 October 2023.

You are all welcomed to this archdiocesan initiative by the Commission for Promoting Racial and Cultural Inclusion. On the day there will be contributions from a range of speakers, including our archbishop, Archbishop John Wilson.

For more information and registration, please use this link: <https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/commission-for-promoting-racial-and-cultural-inclusion/what-we-do/>

Or write us: [racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:racialjusticecommission@rcaos.org.uk)

Please join us for a stimulating and hope-filled day of discussion.

**Registration is FREE.**



### Our Lady Immaculate Church Parish Lenten Project

**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. Once you have completed the form, please either email it to [tolworth@rcaos.org](mailto: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](mailto:townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk)

### † FRANCIS JOSEPH NAZARETH – RIP

Please pray for Francis Nazareth, who died peacefully at Crest Lodge Nursing Home on 17 August, aged 68 years.

**Requiem Mass:** Tuesday 10 October at 10.30am.

**Committal:** Kingston Crematorium at 11.40am. Our condolences to his brother Charles and family. May he rest in peace. Amen.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

**Non-Gift-aid:** £648.94

**Gift-aid:** £362.25 **Total: £1,011.19\***

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER

A. Cash / cheques – £5,899.53

1. Gift-Aided – £2,745.40

2. Non-G/A – £3,154.13

B. Standing Orders/Bank Transfers – £2,918.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,646.00

2. Non-G/A – £272.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,160.73

**Total = £9,978.26 (Last Month: £9,092.36).**

**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](http://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](mailto:tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk) or 07851 070036.

### MISSION APPEAL 2023

Fr Andrew Batare of the Society of African Missions (SMA) will be visiting our parish next weekend 14/15 October to share with us their missionary undertakings and to ask for our prayers and support for sustaining their work.

### OCTOBER DEVOTION

By Catholic custom, the month of October is specially dedicated to the Holy Rosary and devotion to St Joseph. Parishioners are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily, concluding with the Prayer to St Joseph, individually and in families or groups. The prayer can be found at <https://www.usccb.org/prayers/prayer-st-joseph-after-rosary>

### 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.