



**TWENTY-EIGHTH 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>

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

**WEEK 28 IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR I)**

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

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| 16 Monday<br><i>Feria</i>                   | 9.30  | Bernie Maguire – BD                      |
| 17 Tuesday<br><i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i> | 9.30  | Rayappu & William – RIP ( <i>Anita</i> ) |
|   | 19.00 | Private                                  |
| 18 Wednesday<br><i>St Luke, Evangelist</i>  | 9.30  | Paul Ward – WB                           |
|   | 19.00 | Private                                  |
| 19 Thursday<br><i>Feria</i>                 | 7.00  | Private                                  |
|   | 9.30  | Geoff Rugman – RIP ( <i>C Stevens</i> )  |
| 20 Friday<br><i>Feria</i>                   | 7.00  | Private                                  |
|   | 9.30  | Michael Donovan – RIP                    |
| 21 Saturday<br><i>Our Lady</i>              | 9.00  | Mary Aseeravatham – RIP ( <i>Louis</i> ) |

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

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| 21 Saturday<br><i>Vigil</i>              | 18.30 | Peter & Joseph Campbell – RIP             |
| 22 Sunday<br><i>World Mission Sunday</i> | 09.00 | Joseph Antonisamy – RIP ( <i>Suresh</i> ) |
|  | 11.00 | <i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish  |
|  | 18.00 | Alice Tumilty – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )         |

**OTHER SERVICES**

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| <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**

**An Act of Offering after Holy Communion**

O Jesus, receive my poor offering.  
 Jesus, you have given yourself to me,  
 now let me give myself to you:  
 give you my body, that it may be chaste and pure,  
 I give you my soul, that it may be free from sin,  
 I give you my heart, that it may always love you,  
 I give you every breath,  
 that I shall breathe and especially my last,  
 I give you myself in life and in death,  
 that I may be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

**BLESSED ARE THOSE CALLED**

*“Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.”* With these words, the presiding celebrant at every Mass invites us to Eucharistic communion. And, together with him, the congregation respond, *“Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof [to receive you], but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”* Among others, they remind us that participation in the Eucharistic celebration, *especially by that full sharing which takes place in sacramental communion*” (John Paul II, *Ecclesia Eucharistia* (2003), §22), is always a response to a generous invitation of the Father, through the Son whose saving sacrifice on the Cross is *re-enacted* in the Eucharistic sacrifice, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The invitation is the decisive element in this relation. As Jesus says, *“No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me”* (Jn 6:44). Yet the response is also vital since no one can be compelled. This is an important consequence of the gift of freewill endowed by God. Nonetheless, either way, there are consequences whether one rejects or accepts the invitation. Jesus’ double parable in today’s Gospel (Mt 22:1-14) underscores the fact that responding to the invitation particularly comes with enormous responsibility.

In the first parable, the kingdom of God is likened to a king who invited guests to his son’s wedding feast. The banquet set, he sent his servants to call the guests, *“but they would not come.”* Not giving up, he sent some more servants to them. This time around, with a detailed menu of the delicacies he had prepared for them. It reminds us of the prophecy of Isaiah in the first reading (Is 25:6-9): *“The Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.”* But would they be persuaded? Two went about their personal affairs; others maltreated and killed his servants. In response, the king sent troops to kill the murderers and burn their town. However, he did not give up on the banquet. Therefore, he sent out his servants to the crossroads to invite everyone they could find, good and bad alike. And soon the banquet hall was filled. Sadly, the story ends again tragically; one guest is thrown out *“into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth,”* for not wearing a “wedding garment.”

Obviously, the king here represents God, and the son is Jesus. The royal feast symbolises the eternal banquet at the end of time, a foretaste of which is realised in the Holy Eucharist. The initial invitation signifies God’s call to the people of Israel, his chosen people to whom God spoke at various times through the prophets (Hb 1:1). The sending of the servants stands for the sending of the prophets, while the murdering of the servants represents the killing the prophets and Jesus. Now, despite the stubbornness of the chosen people, as St Paul says, God never changed his mind for his gifts and choice are irrevocable (Rm 11:29). Thus, the second invitation emphasises God’s patience (see 2 Pe 3:15). The third and final invitation, to all manner of people on the crossroads refers to the mission to the Gentiles against the backdrop of the rejection of the Gospel by the Jews: *“We had to proclaim the word of God to you first,”* says Paul and Barnabas to the Jews in Antioch, *“but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, here and now we turn to the gentiles”* (Acts 13:46).

Lastly, those who accept the invitation to the banquet should not and cannot take it for granted. While it does not matter who we are when we are called, it does matter who we remain or are called to be in the light of God’s generous and loving invitation. Our generous God who calls us despite who we are to the wedding feast of his Son does, indeed, require and deserve our loyalty. That is, being ready to repent and put on Christ (Rm 13:14). Also, dressed “in compassion, generosity and humility, gentleness and patience,” and “over all these clothes,” to “put on love, the perfect bond” (Col 3:12-14). ©IAE.

**NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS**

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| <b>1ST READING</b> | Isaiah 45:1,4-6       |
| <b>2ND READING</b> | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 |
| <b>GOSPEL</b>      | Matthew 22:15-21      |

## 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, Clare & Baby Polly, Gerry Hague, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Eric Powell, Tony & Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Mary L Taylor, Ian Beard, Qiaochen Shi, Jack Hoey, and Nee Collier.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £713.25

Gift-aid: £267.11 Total: **£980.36\***

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION (CAFOD): £467.73**

**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 [online.co.uk](http://online.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.



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

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### MISSION APPEAL 2023

We welcome Fr Andrew Bataré, a representative of the Society of African Missions (SMA) who is visiting our parish this weekend to share with us their missionary undertakings and to ask for our prayers and support for sustaining their work. Thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

### 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.

### UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 17 October at 7.30pm in the Old Chapel. We shall pray the Rosary and read the parable of the Good Samaritan. Raffle and refreshments as usual. All ladies are welcome to join us.

### HOLY SOULS DAY – THURSDAY 2 NOVEMBER

There will be three Masses in the parish: **7am, 9.30am, and 7pm.** There will be a special service of commemoration for parishioners and relations of parishioners who have passed on between last year's and this year's All Souls Day. A family member or friend would be invited when their names are called out, to light a votive candle in their memory, while we pray for them. At the end, all who attend will be invited to light a votive candle for their departed ones.

### 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.**

### NEXT WEEKEND: 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FOR MISSIO

Missio is the Church's official organ for the support of foreign missions. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday goes in its entirety to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or materially poor.

### 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.



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. 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)

### BLESSING OF GRAVES: SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

**Surbiton Cemetery: 2pm and Kingston Cemetery: 3pm.**

Please gather in the Chapel for a short service before blessing of each grave at the graveside!

### DEANARY MASS FOR DEPARTED CLERGY

The annual Mass for deceased priests and deacons who have served parishes in our deanery will be celebrated on Friday 17 November 2023.

**Venue:** St Ann's, Kingston Hill at 12.00 noon.

Parishioners are encouraged to attend.