



THIRTY-SECOND 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>

11 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Anthony Michael Hodgson – RIP
12 Sunday <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	09.00	Fr Augustus Effiong – RIP
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish
	18.00	Catalda Camnarta

WEEK 32 IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR I)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

13 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Lily Ko’s Intention
14 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Nora Murphy – RIP
	19.00	Patrick Udofia – RIP
15 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Private
	19.00	Desire John Sice – RIP (FM)
16 Thursday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Vincent Arreza – RIP (<i>J Arreza</i>)
	9.30	Private
17 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Private
	9.30	Nicholas Hoey – RIP
18 Saturday <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Vincent Arreza – RIP (<i>J Arreza</i>)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – A

18 Saturday <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Peter Fox – RIP
19 Sunday	09.00	Obinna Daniel Eke – BD
	11.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – People of the Parish
	18.00	Alexius Yap – RIP (<i>C Yap</i>)

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

PRAYER FOR SERENITY

O God and Heavenly Father,
grant to us the serenity of mind
to accept that which cannot be changed,
courage to change that which can be changed,
and wisdom to know the one from the other,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

Attributed to Reinhold Niebuhr (1892–1971)

BE READY AT ALL TIMES!

We are gradually coming to the end of the liturgical year. Characteristically, the readings focus our attention on the end of the world and the coming of God’s Kingdom, thereby, anticipating the season of Advent and the preparation for the celebration of the first coming of Christ in view of his second coming at the Parousia, the end of time. Liturgically, we are at a period of waiting and anticipation.

Far from a time of laziness or sloth, waiting to welcome the Lord requires active and committed preparation. This, in turn, requires wisdom. For Christians, wisdom goes beyond Thomas Jefferson’s (1743-1826) description of it as “knowing what to do next,” nor mere cleverness or intelligence. It is, over and above these, one and the first of “*the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit*” which, as explained by the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (§1831), “*complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them.*”

The first reading (Wis 6:12-16) sheds light on the nature and relevance of wisdom in the believer’s life. It reminds us that though priceless, wisdom is readily accessible to those who love, desire, and seek her: “*By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.*” Notably, she does not force herself on anyone and, therefore, risk being ignored or rejected. Yet, there are consequences for either choosing or rejecting her. This fact is stressed in the Gospel (Mt 25:1-13)

The parable of the ten virgins who went to welcome the bridegroom highlight the importance of wisdom in the life of the disciple. The impact of wisdom is evident in their attitude towards their mission. Whereas the wise five took extra flasks of oil with their lamps, the foolish ones took only their lamps. They must have thought to themselves, how foolish their colleagues were, bothering themselves with extra flasks of oil. After all, travelling light should normally be a sensible and smart choice. Well, if only one has everything one needs at one’s destination!

The wisdom of the five wise virgins lay in their doing what was expected of them, that is, by preparing well, and making the sacrifice to be ready for the bridegroom’s arrival. They also displayed wisdom when they refused to give their colleagues part of their oil, thus rightly distinguishing genuine charity from potentially risking their readiness for their bridegroom’s arrival. On the contrary, the stupidity of the five foolish virgins consisted in their failure to do what was expected of them. Careless, assuming, and negligent, they failed to prepare adequately to welcome the bridegroom. Apparently, they took for granted that he would come in time. Besides, even when he did not arrive timely, they failed to perceive the potential danger their shortage of oil might posed to their mission. Rather than finding where to refill their lamps, they joined others to sleep, apparently, presuming their colleagues would help if the need arose. Only to be shocked when the bridegroom arrived at midnight that the latter could not help them. Sadly, when they returned from filling their lamps, it was too late to join the bridegroom and the other guests at the feast.

Towards the conclusion of the Church’s year, we are reminded not only of the end-times, but that we are pilgrims journeying towards our heavenly homeland. There, as Paul says in the second reading (1 Th 4:13-18), “*we shall stay with the Lord for ever.*” The whole of earthly life is an opportunity to prepare for this life of eternal communion with God, which is our ultimate goal. And so, we are constantly called to be ready to welcome the Lord when he comes. That he will come, we know in faith, await with hope, and desire in love. About when, we do not know. But, like the five wise virgins, if we do what we have to do diligently, we have no reason to worry about the unexpected arrival of the Lord. Our watchword is: Always be ready! @IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
2ND READING	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
GOSPEL	Matthew 25:14-30

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Valerie Potter, 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, Nee Collier, Ida Rebello, and Ravenna Ahmed.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SAFEGUARDING NOTICE

Please could parents / guardians ensure that children are always accompanied when using the toilets during Mass. Thank you.

NOVEMBER LIST

The month of November is specially dedicated to the commemoration of the faithful departed, through prayer, penance, and Holy Mass. Holy Souls' envelopes are now available in the Narthex; please, collect an envelope and fill in the names of your departed family members and friends. If you would like to make an offering towards ongoing Masses for the Holy Souls, kindly indicate the enclosed sum on the envelope. Thank you.

NB: Please use the regular Mass intention envelopes if you want to request a Mass for a particular person.

ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL FUND COLLECTION 12 NOV

The Archbishop's Appeal is a Diocesan second collection that funds key areas of ministry: **Youth and Evangelisation, Our Faith in Action (Caritas), and Clergy Care and Formation.** Your support will enable the Archdiocese of Southwark to support innovative projects taking place within Catholic parishes and schools throughout South London and Kent that seek to invest Faith, Hope and Love into the communities they serve. Your support last year enabled the Appeal to raise **£250,000** in its inaugural year. This summer, the Archbishop's Appeal granted funding to **36** innovative projects taking place at grassroots level. **61%** of projects funded were new projects and **30%** of projects funded enabled the expansion of existing successful projects, thereby supporting local efforts to build a strong, vibrant, and missionary focussed Church. Please be generous. Every gift is welcome. Find out more or donate online: www.rcaos.org.uk/archbishops-appeal or scan the QR Code on posters, telephone weekdays 9am – 5pm: **020 7960 2504** or cash / cheque (envelopes at the back of the church). Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to request a Mass for a specific date and intention, we would like to advise that you give plenty time (ideally, 6-8 weeks' notice at busy seasons). The Parish Office will continue to make sure that your requests for Masses are assigned as soon as possible but, understandably, on a first-come basis.

PARISH SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

We are putting together an enlarged choir for the parish Service of Lessons and Carols (17 December, 3pm). If you can sing, please think about joining us for this special and very rewarding event, which rehearses separately from the main choir. This is a very mixed-ability choir. Please contact Rob Howe: 07939 084 797 (robert.howe@dunelm.org.uk). Friends are welcome too!

The main parish choir now rehearses primarily before the 11am Mass on Sunday. If you would like to find out more about joining, please also contact Rob Howe as above. We do need more singers!

CATHOLIC WOMEN PRAYING TOGETHER

Come along and join us for Mass on **Wednesday 15 November 2023 2pm** at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 7NY (nearest tube/train: Waterloo or Lambeth North).

Theme: Affirming the Church's Teaching on Marriage and the Family. All are welcome! No need to book. Mass will be followed by tea and light refreshments in the Amigo Hall. For more information, please visit www.catholicwomenprayingtogether.com

READERS & EXTR-MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Canon Gerald Bradley, the Episcopal Vicar for the SW Area of our diocese, cordially invites all readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to a Day of Recollection, Prayer, Renewal, and Practical Guidance for your ministry.

Date: Saturday 2 December, starting 10am and ending with lunch at 2.15pm. **Venue:** St Boniface Hall, 185 Mitcham Road, Tooting SW17 9PG. Day's programme, on the notice board.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £826.21

Gift-aid: £299.00 **Total:** **£1,125.21***

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER

A. Cash / cheques – £5,041.13

1. Gift-Aided – £2,029.60

2. Non-G/A – £3,011.53

B. Standing Orders/Bank Transfers – £3,122.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,780.00

2. Non-G/A – £342.00

C. Contactless Machine – £951.78

Total = £9,114.91 (Last Month: £9,978.26).

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: tolworthac1@rcaos.org.uk or 07851 070036.

DEACONATE ORDINATION

Mr Tony Simon, a seminarian from our parish who is studying for the sacred priesthood, is gradually coming to the end of his seminary training in Rome.

We are delighted to announce that he will be ordained deacon, a penultimate step before priestly ordination, by Mar Joseph Srampickal, bishop of the Catholic Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain. **Date:** Saturday 9 December 2023. **Time:** 2.30pm. **Venue:** St Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, St. Ignatius Square, Preston, Lancashire. Let us all keep him in our prayers!

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.