



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE – 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>

25 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Michael Fox – WB
26 Sunday Youth Day	09.00 11.00 18.00	Freda McKeon – WB Maria & Michael Simmons – RIP Pro Populo – People of the Parish
LAST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR I)		
EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am		
27 Monday Feria	9.30 14.30	Dec'd of Simmonds Family – RIP Requiem: Mounir Kabban – RIP
28 Tuesday Feria	9.30 19.00	Gerard Dodds – RIP (FM) Brian & Catherine McKie – RIP
29 Wednesday Feria	9.30 19.00	Peter Fox – RIP (K Fox) Dec'd Parishioners in Crayford
30 Thursday St Andrew, Patron of Scotland	7.00 9.30	Dec'd Parishioners in Merton Rosary Anthony – RIP
01 Friday Feria	7.00 9.30	Charles & Anna Lusack – WB Rajani Reginald – RIP
02 Sat – Our Lady	9.00	Anne Conor – WB
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – B		
02 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Edward Howe – RIP (S Howe)
03 Sunday	09.00 11.00 18.00	John & David Doyle Florence Stroud & Dec'd Fam (FM) Pro Populo – 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

O Lord our God,
you alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations.
We pray to you, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from you, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things.
Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth.
Guard us we pray Most Faithful One.
Protect us from our enemies and from your Just Judgment
Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you.
Jesus, you are a King of Mercy.
We have deserved your Just Judgment
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
We trust in your Great Mercy.
O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before you and pray:
May your Reign, your Kingdom, be recognized on earth.
Amen.

THE TRULY KINGLY PEOPLE

The *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* is celebrated on the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to counter the growing secularism and nationalism of the time. Initially observed on the last Sunday of October, it was moved by Pope Paul VI to the last Sunday of the Year in 1969 in his reform of the Roman Calendar after Vatican II. Among others, its current setting clearly emphasises its relevance for Christian hope (*eschatology*). The last Sunday of the year highlights Christ as the goal of history who at the end of time would “hand over the kingdom to God the Father” (1 Co 15:24-28). It also ushers in the beginning of Advent during which the second coming of Christ (*the Parousia*) is anticipated by the Church in the light of the celebration of his first coming (*the Incarnation*) at Christmas.

These points are highlighted in the *Presidential Prayers* of today's Mass. Against a secularism that recognises neither the sovereignty of God nor our religious obligation to worship and serve God above all else, we pray in the **Collect** ('Opening Prayer'), for the whole creation to be set free to acknowledge God's majesty, and to worship and serve him. The **Preface** extols Christ, who, anointed by the Father with “the oil of gladness as eternal Priest and King of all creation,” offered “himself on the altar of the Cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace.” The **Prayer over the Offerings** asserts that Christ's kingship on the altar of the Cross is re-enacted at the Eucharistic altar and concludes by pleading that Christ “himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace.” Because these gifts always look towards the heavenly Kingdom for their ultimate fulfilment, we pray in the **Prayer after Communion** that we may live there eternally by “glorying in the commands of Christ, the King of the universe. Hence, Christ's kingdom or reign is fittingly eulogised in the *Preface* as: “An eternal and universal kingdom; a kingdom of truth and life; a kingdom of holiness and grace; a kingdom of justice, love and peace.” Evidently, no earthly kingdom, past and present, fits this ideal. Certainly, none will ever do!

We recall Jesus' declaration before Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world” (Jn 18:36). Whereas “among the gentiles the rulers lord it over them, and great men make their authority felt” (Mt 20:25), Jesus is the Servant-King par excellence. He “came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matt 20:28; see Jn 13:1-17). He is the shepherd-king who lays down his life for his flock (Jn 10:10-12), the perfect realisation of the prophecy of Ezekiel in the first reading (Ez 34:11-16): “I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest... I shall be a true shepherd to them.”

Through holy baptism, the Christian people are formed into a royal people. Christian nobility/royalty consists in the privilege of sharing in Christ's life and mission as his holy priestly, prophetic and kingly people. Surely, it is not just enough to celebrate this honour. We must also strive to express it in our relationship to God and others. Like he was born at his first coming not in regal comfort but in the obscurity of a humble manger, “wrapped in swaddling clothes” (Lk 2:12), and made his ‘triumphal entry’ into Jerusalem on a donkey, a lowly beast (Lk 19:28-40; Jn 12:12-19), we are reminded in the Gospel (Mt 25:31-46) that Christ, the King of the Universe comes to us today disguised in the poor and vulnerable – the hungry, naked, thirsty, stranger, sick, and imprisoned. These are the faces and broken bodies of the suffering-servant king, which constantly appeal for our attention and action. How we respond to them will define our fate at the end of time. Thus, we cannot attain our final goal as a kingly people without recognising and reaching out to Him who tells us clearly: “I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink... I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.” @IAE

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Isaiah 63:16-17,64:1,3-8
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
GOSPEL	Mark 13:33-37

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Mounir Kabban, Francis Sebastianpillai, Jack Hoey 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, Tony 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, Nee Collier, Ida Rebello, and Ravenna Ahmed.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

For the work of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service, which is re-launching several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, please see our website tinyurl.com/scys1. Please also sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork to receive regular updates. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has produced further World Youth Sunday resources at worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023.

EMAIL ADDRESS FOR PARISH DATABASE

If you wish to receive the Parish Newsletter to your inbox, please provide an updated and current email address to tolworth@rcaos.org.uk Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & REPOSITORY NEWS

The repository is open every Sunday after 9am Mass to sell Christmas cards, 2024 calendars and other gift items. Consider supporting your parish by stocking from the repository. Also, Denise has offered to sell the Christmas cards, £3.50 per box in the Parish Office from 10am to 2pm on Monday – Friday.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to request a Mass for a specific date and intention, we would like to advise that you give plenty of 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!

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.

NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT

The season of Advent begins on Sunday 3 December. Please NO flowers to be brought to the Lady Chapel or anywhere throughout the Church until Christmas Eve due the quasi penitential nature of Advent and then the Crib being erected. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS AT CHRISTMAS

Altar servers are needed for the Christmas Masses as follows: **Christmas Eve 5.00pm, 7.00pm and 10.00pm** (please note this starts with carols at 9.30 so you need to be there for 8.45pm) and on **Christmas Day at 8.00am, 9.15am and 11.00am**. There are sign-up sheets in the RDJ room. Thanks!

† MOUNIR KABBAN – RIP

Please pray for Dr Mounir Kabban, who died peacefully on Sunday 12 November, aged 80. May he rest in peace. Amen.
Requiem Mass: Monday 27 November 2023 at 14.30.

† YOGAN FRANCIS SEBASTIANPILLAI – RIP

Please pray for Dr Yogan Francis Sebastianpillai, brother of Carmel Nagendran and Sybila Kumar who died peacefully on Wednesday 15 November, aged 80. May he rest in peace. Amen.
Funeral: 29 November 2023 at Our Lady of Lourdes, North London.

† JACK HOEY – RIP

Please pray for Jack Hoey, who died peacefully at home on Tuesday 21 November, aged 86. Our condolences to Mary and the family. May he rest in peace. Amen.
Requiem Mass: Friday 15 December 2023 at 11.30.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £753.73

Gift-aid: £246.67 **Total:** £1,000.40*

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.

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!

LAMBERT SPORT CLINIC: PARENTS, HAVE FUN. BE FIT!

All parents are welcome to join for an exercise class, after school drop-off on Tuesday mornings, 9am in the Old Chapel. Spend 45 minutes shaking off the stiffness and learning how to move in ways that bring ease to your busy life. Starting on Tuesday 5 December. Only £5 per session. Children are more than welcome to join in the fun! Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to stay for chat and refreshments. Contact: call 020 8133 5694.

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.