



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

14 JANUARY 2024

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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>

13 Sat – Vigil	18.30	John Kinahan – RIP (<i>B Mulcahy</i>)
14 Sunday	09.00	Ping Or & Family – WB
<i>Peace Sunday</i>	11.00	Isac & Lucy George - TG
	18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People

WEEK 2 IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR 2)

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

15 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Flanagan Family
16 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30 19.00	Cathy Bull – RIP Walter Sice – RIP (<i>FM</i>)
17 Wednesday <i>St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot</i>	9.30 19.00	Lavelle Family Holy Souls (<i>Anon</i>)
18 Thursday <i>Feria (Unity Octave)</i>	7.00 9.30	FHC & Confirmation Catechists Joseph Joseph – RIP (<i>S Matthew</i>)
19 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00 9.30	Florence & Ethel Eales – RIP (<i>FM</i>) Mary White – RIP
20 Saturday <i>Our Lady</i>	9.00	Hilda Delney – WB

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20 Sat – Vigil	18.30	John Richard – RIP (<i>P Morello</i>)
21 Sunday	09.00 11.00 18.00	<i>Pro Populo</i> – For the People Barry Family (<i>C Stevens</i>) 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

Lord Jesus,
 who prayed that all might be one,
 we pray to you for the unity of all Christians,
 according to your will,
 according to your means.
 May your Spirit enable us
 to experience the suffering caused by division,
 to see our sin
 and to hope beyond all hope. Amen.

Daily Prayer for Christian Unity of the Chemin Neuf Community.

CALLED TO COMMUNION AND MISSION

Christian discipleship is a call to communion and mission. It is rooted in an encounter with the Lord Jesus. No one who truly encounters him ever remains the same. According to the apostle Paul, “those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified” (Rm 8:30). Because God’s call comes to those who are called in different, nay, unexpected ways, it remains a mystery. This truth is illustrated in today’s liturgy of the word.

In the first reading (1 Sam 3:3b-10,19), young Samuel heard God’s call through his name being whispered in the night. The setting of this encounter is symbolic. He “was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was” at Shiloh. Recall that the ark of the covenant was a symbol of God’s abiding presence with the people of Israel (Ex 25:10-22; Jos 3:1-6; 6:6-8; 1 Sam 4). So, the boy Samuel was basically before God’s presence when he was called by God. The directness and simplicity of the voice that called out his name, ‘Samuel, Samuel,’ would excuse his initial response, thinking his master, the old prophet-priest Eli, was calling him. Yet, his vigilance and alertness even while ‘sleeping’ is noteworthy. Many centuries later, Jesus will recommend the same disposition to his disciples, admonishing to be on their guard and stay alert (Mk 13:3). Three times he was called and each time he would respond, ‘Here I am,’ and ran to Eli who would ask him to go back to sleep since he did not call him. Gradually, Eli discerned that the Lord was calling the lad and guided him to respond accordingly. Samuel subsequently became his successor, the last of the judges and, finally, established the monarchy by anointing Saul as the first king of Israel (1 Sam 9).

Like Eli, in the Gospel (Jn 1:35-42), John the Baptist introduces two of his disciples to Jesus. He points his disciples away from himself, towards Christ, “Look, there is the lamb of God.” Based on his testimony, the two disciples followed Jesus who invited them to where he was staying, and went to spend the whole day with him. They are transformed by their encounter with Jesus. Recognising him as the Messiah, the course of their life is completely changed by their encounter with him. Thus, they leave John the Baptist to become his disciples. One of them, Andrew, is so captivated by the encounter that he sets out in search of his brother Simon to share the good news and bring him also to Jesus: “We have found the Messiah” – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus.” Andrew here mirrors Eli the priest, and especially his former master, the Baptist who, in pointing away from himself, points them towards Christ, thereby, pointing them towards a new future.

We are reminded today that bringing others to encounter the Lord is integral to the Christian vocation. It is a duty imposed upon all Christian people by virtue of their baptism and anointing with the Holy Spirit. According to the decree on the missionary activity of the Church (*Ad Gentes*) of the Second Vatican Council (1962-65), this task “is one and the same everywhere and in every condition, even though it may be carried out differently according to circumstances” (AG, §6). We are, therefore, invited to play our part not only in introducing others to the Lord but also in sustaining and affirming those already following him in their journey of faith. Since God is constantly calling people to follow him, as a Christian people, we are called and challenged to be a community that constantly assist and accompany each other to properly discern and faithfully respond to God’s call with renewed commitment and fervour.

The privilege of the Lord’s invitation, which draws us into a life of intimate communion with the Father, through his eternal Word made flesh, by the grace and power of his life-giving Spirit, is not just for ourselves. It is to be extended to and shared with others so that together, as members of Christ’s body, we may glorify God. © IAE

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Jonah 3:1-5,10
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
GOSPEL	Mark 1:14-20

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Kathleen Doyle 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, 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, Ravenna Ahmed, Jesse Osborne, Shirley Nicholson, Vinitha Sherin, and Jisha Nelson.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RESUMES AT 9AM MASS

For children between 4 and 8 years who are not in the First Holy Communion programme. It is aimed at giving children an adapted Liturgy of the Word in a context which encourages them to listen, to pray and to respond to the word of God through stories, activities, and drawing. **Venue:** the RDJ Room (near the sacristy).

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

A second collection will be taken this weekend to support the White Flower Appeal, which is an annual appeal by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). SPUC's vision is for a world where abortion is unthinkable. This year's appeal calls for the Government to end the pills-by-post DIY abortion. As well as ending the lives of previous babies, this policy lacks safeguards against illegal late-term abortions, and puts mothers at physical and psychological risk. 86% of GPs are concerned that this scheme leaves women vulnerable to coerced abortion.

Please be generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers by highlighting this urgent crisis.

OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY (18-25 JANUARY)

Theme: *'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself' (Lk 10:27)*. Materials have been prepared by an ecumenical team from Burkina Faso facilitated by the local Chemin Neuf Community (CCN): <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources-for-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2024/>

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES MEETING

Tuesday, 16 January 2024 at 7.20pm in the Church Hall.

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

Our next meeting will be on 16 January from 7.30-9pm in the old chapel. This will be a Bring and Buy Sale. Don't miss this opportunity to recycle any unused and / or good-as-new items you may have. All proceeds will go to Stella Maris, one of our Charities for this year. All ladies are welcome to join us.

A reminder: The treasurer will be collecting subs (£16) and diary money (£2.50) to be sent to Diocesan Treasurer by 31 January.

CRIB ON DISPLAY TILL 2 FEBRUARY

Our parish Crib Offering this year will go to support the Catholic Children's Society's (CCS) Southwark Crisis Fund, which provides help for local families who are facing real hardship and have nowhere else to run to. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website www.cathchild.org.uk/crib.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE COURSE

As part of the preparation for the 2025 Jubilee year, the Southwark Marriage and Family Team will be running a *Building a Better Marriage Course* throughout the Archdiocese from February 2024. The one-day course is for married couples (whether married for one year, 60 years or anywhere in between). It seeks to help husbands and wives to make their marriage better and to improve their communication skills. There is no group sharing, and private information remains private to each couple. Couples who have attended previously have found it enjoyable, informative, and uplifting. For more information contact the Marriage and Family Life team through the Archdiocese of Southwark website:

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/mission/marriage-and-family-life>

THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

You will have noticed that the walls of the Lady Chapel have looked a little bare since the painting and decorating last summer. The paintings, depicting the 4 mysteries of the rosary, had to be removed for the workmen, but we needed to find a better way of presenting them as they were never hung in a straight line, and for those who are not familiar with what they represent, would be left in the dark. Great news! They have returned, looking better than ever before! Pop into the Lady Chapel and turn and look at the back wall, and hopefully you will find the re-arrangement more helpful.

† KATHLEEN DOYLE – RIP

Please pray for Kathleen Doyle of 33 Ravenscar Road who died peacefully at home on Thursday 11 January aged 90 years.

Our condolences to her daughter, Mary Hall and her other family members. May she rest in peace. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £781.01

Gift-aid: £284.00 **Total:** £1,065.01*

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 2023

(EXCLUDING CHRISTMAS OFFERING)

A. Cash / cheques – £3,276.83

1. Gift-Aided – £3,276.83

2. Non-G/A – £3,647.12

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,565

1. Gift-Aided – £2,375.00

2. Non-G/A – £190.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,043.30

Total = £10,532.25 (Last month: £8,356.79)

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

NEXT CHILDREN SESSION: 27 JAN, 10.30 – 11.30AM.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

"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.