



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT – B

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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>

14 Sat – Vigil	18.30	James Morrello – RIP (<i>P Morrello</i>)
25 Sunday	09.00	Dec'd of F D'Agostino Family (RIP)
	11.00	Daisey Bourne – RIP
	12.30	Baptism: Kian Ahaan Jeyanandam
	16.00	Reception of Remains: A Groves
	18.00	New Parish Priest & Assistant (<i>IE</i>)

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

26 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Barry Lingfield – RIP (<i>F Deegan</i>)
	14.30	Requiem Mass: Ann Groves – RIP
27 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	John Flanagan – RIP (<i>M-J Gray</i>)
	19.00	Laura Beatty – Birthday
28 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Don Paul Ramaramanayake – RIP
	11.00	Requiem Mass: C Pozella – RIP
	19.00	Rosary Anthony – RIP
29 Thursday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Jacob (Cliff) Lee – RIP (<i>IE</i>)
	9.30	Timothy Aseervatham – RIP (<i>Louis</i>)
01 Friday <i>St David (Feast)</i>	7.00	Private (<i>IE</i>)
	9.30	Nick Furlong – RIP (<i>Szymanski</i>)
02 Saturday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Carlota Fernandes – RIP (<i>James</i>)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – B

02 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Miranda Family – Thanksgiving
03 Sunday	09.00	Angelica D'Agostino – RIP (<i>Franco</i>)
	11.00	Joe Cullinan – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>)
	18.00	Pro Populo – For the People

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

Loving God,
 help us to listen to you
 and to live out your word in our lives.
 Open our eyes to situations
 where we can make a difference
 and grant us the courage
 to take action to support one another. Amen.

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THE SACRIFICE OF OBEDIENCE

Sacrifice is prominent in the Old Testament. With prayer, fasting and other rituals, it is crucial in the Jewish religion (see Dan 3:37-40). Understood generally “as a material oblation made to the deity by means of a consecration and consumption of the thing offered,” according to John McKenzie, the goal of sacrifice is “to establish or maintain communion with the deity” (*Dictionary of the Bible*, p.754). In primitive society, human sacrifice was considered the highest form of oblation, and expressed the ultimate submission of the ‘offerer’ to the deity (e.g. Jephthah’s sacrifice of his daughter in the book of Judges 11:29-39!). This is echoed in today’s first reading (Gn 22:1-2,9-13,15-18). Abraham was tested by God. He was asked to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. As proof of his complete loyalty and submission to God, he set about to do as he was told. However, an angel from heaven intervened, stopped him from killing the boy, and provided a ram as a substitute for him. As “a reward for his obedience,” God reconfirmed his covenant with Abraham and his descendants.

Beyond the faith and obedience of Abraham, this episode also significantly interrogates the practice of human sacrifice. It, therefore, serves as a watershed in the understanding of sacrifice in the Bible, especially in view of the New Testament. While Christianity has not done away with the idea of sacrifice, it has surpassed all previous sacrifices with one ultimate sacrificial event, that is, the sacrifice of God’s only Son, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (Jn 1:29). He was prefigured in Isaac! Thus, the apostle Paul asserts in the second reading (Rm 8:31-34), “God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all.” The Christian faith is founded on this one supreme sacrifice, which is re-enacted in the Holy Eucharist.

The mystery of Jesus’ Transfiguration which is narrated in today’s Gospel (Mk 2:2-10) is set against the background of the paschal sacrifice of Christ. Its importance to the evangelists and the early Church (see 2 Pe 1:16-18) is underlined by its being recounted also by Matthew (17:1-13) and Luke (9:28-36).

Jesus took three of his disciples, Peter, James and John, and led them up a high mountain where they could be by themselves. Sooner or later, their solitary retreat was spectacularly interrupted by a theophany. His glory was unveiled in their presence: “he was transfigured, his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them.” Moses and Elijah, two important figures in the Old Testament, one representing the Law and the other the Prophets, appeared and talked with him. Lastly, from the thick cloud that came over them, a voice spoke, witnessing to Jesus as his Beloved Son and inviting the disciples to obey him. Like at his baptism (Matt 3:16-17), the mystery of his divinity is unveiled through this divine testimony. These experiences constitute a unique mystical encounter for the three disciples in view of the paschal mystery of his suffering, death and resurrection. Thus, the *Preface* of today’s Mass: “For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death, on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection.” Likewise, the *Preface of the Transfiguration of the Lord* (6 August) states that the Transfiguration was intended to remove “the scandal of the Cross ... from the hearts of his disciples” and to serve as a foretaste of the splendour of the whole Church in heaven. So, the Transfiguration is a foretaste of the glory of Jesus’ resurrection, which is preceded by his suffering and death on the cross. Now, as Paul explains in *Philippians* 2:5-11, the paschal mystery was the climax of Jesus’ self-emptying (*kenosis*) and obedience to the Father, and the reason for his ultimate glorification. As his missionary disciples, we are invited as we prepare this Lent to commemorate his supreme sacrifice and glorification at Easter, to imitate his ultimate sacrifice by listening to him. © **IAE**

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Exodus 20:1-17
2ND READING	1 Corinthians 1:22-25
GOSPEL	John 2:13-25

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Concetta Pozella, Ann Groves, Tony Butcher, Joan McGovern, Michael Ekong, Kathleen Doyle, Nick Furlong and Bernadette Braid, 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, Thomas Haley, George Trutwein, Frances Cox, Mary Ryan, 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, Jisha Nelson, Ralph Smallwood, and Mark De Negri.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEK: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day (23 February) appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk.

MORNING MASS ON SATURDAY 2 MARCH

There is a change of time for morning Mass on Saturday 2 March, from 9am to **7am**, to enable Fr Ignatius to catch a flight later that morning.



YEAR OF PRAYER / JUBILEE YEAR 2025

After the year dedicated to reflection on the documents and study of the fruits of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis has proposed that 2024 be marked as a 'Year of Prayer.' Useful resources are available on the official website:

<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

SIGN OF PEACE DURING MASS

A few parishioners have recently asked about shaking hands during the 'Sign of Peace' at Mass. There is no prohibition against doing so if you want to, just as there is none in other settings. So, please feel free to give and receive the sign of peace as it was customary before the Covid-related restrictions.

SOUTHWARK CATHOLIC YOUTH

The Southwark Catholic Youth Service has re-launched several activities in 2024 for those aged 10-35. For more details about what is on offer, please sign up to our network at tinyurl.com/scysnetwork or scan the QR code on the narthex poster to receive updates.

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.

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

1. SPONSORED WALK: On Saturday 9th March 2024, there is going to be a challenging 38 km (24 mile) sponsored walk to raise funds for the Parish Lenten Project. Setting off from OLI Church, we plan to walk along the river to Richmond and then walk a circuit of Richmond Park, before retracing our steps. If you think that the full walk is too far, please do come along and walk part of the course with us. Please contact Elspeth (elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com) if you are interested in taking part. To sponsor us, either pop some money in an envelope and post through the Presbytery door, or use the following Justgiving site : www.justgiving.com/page/our-lady-immaculate-church-1707849174051 Many thanks for your support!

2. TABLETOP SALE 16TH & 17TH MARCH: This popular event will be held after the 6.30 Mass on Saturday 16 March and after the 9.00 and 11.00 Masses on Sunday 17 March. Items sold will include plants; kitchenware; toys and games; DVD's and audiobooks; books and much much more! Refreshments will be provided, and it will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends and support the Lenten Project.

NB: If you would like to organise or participate in an event during Lent 2024, please contact Phil Townsend on 8399 3481 or email Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk

† MARGARET ANN GROVES – RIP

Please pray for Ann Groves who died at Kingston Hospital on Friday 9 February, aged 83 years. **Funeral:** Monday 26 February at 2.30pm. May she rest in peace. Amen.

† CONCETTA POZELLA – RIP

Please pray for Concetta Pozella who died on Sunday 4 February, aged 87 years. **Funeral:** Wednesday 28 February at 11.00am. May she rest in peace. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £761.47

Gift-aid: £318.35 **Total:** £1,079.82*

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND: £689.01

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: tolworthgc1@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 SESSION: 16 MARCH

LENTEN PROGRAMME 2024

- 1. Stations of the Cross:** Friday after 9.30 Mass (*English*) and 6pm (*Syro Malabar Community*)
- 2. Vespers** (*Evening Prayer of the Church*): Sunday 18 Feb 4pm
- 3. Vespers** (*Evening Prayer of the Church*): Sunday 3 March 4pm
- 4. Service on the 7 Last Words on the Cross:** TBC
- 5. Lenten Reconciliation Service:** Monday 25 March 7pm

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

24-31 May 2024 for a charter flight from Birmingham or a Eurostar option from St Pancras, 23 May - 1 June. For further information, please contact 020 8848 9833; or visit www.soll-lourdes.com ; or call your parish contact, Allan Cook on 020 8399 4368.

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM FR IGNATIUS

I want to thank you all, beloved brothers and sisters, for your love, care, support, and generosity to me for the past five years and five months of my pilgrimage with you, as your fellow missionary disciple and your parish priest here in OLI. It has been an undeserved honour, privilege and blessing serving here. I treasure every opportunity and challenge I have had here and will remain always grateful for everything. You'll always be part of my journey. I love and miss you all! Gracias!!