



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LÆTARE SUNDAY) – B

10 MARCH 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>

09 Sat – Vigil	18.30	John Davis
10 Sunday	09.00	Mary Keenan
RCIA: Second Scrutiny	11.00	Pro Populo – For the People
	18.00	Graham & Sheree Aitken – WB

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

11 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Mary Trussler – RIP (FM)
12 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Thanksgiving (Fazal) & Pauline Cronin - WB
	19.00	Anne Martin – Ints & Will Martin – RIP
13 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Jayaweea Family
	19.00	Mary & P Hosey - WB
14 Thursday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	John Clarke – RIP (M McHugh)
	9.30	Mary Burrows – RIP (A Dray)
15 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Tessa Rutter – WB
	9.30	Margaret & Thomas Kane – RIP
16 Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Paul Duhig (K Jankowski)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)– B

16 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Mary Langton & Mary Campbell – RIP (Maria Campbell)
17 Sunday	09.00	Margaret Grogan – RIP (Grogan)
	11.00	Pro Populo – For the People
	18.00	Catherine Yap – Ints

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

Give up harsh words: Use generous ones.
 Give up unhappiness: Take up gratitude.
 Give up anger: Take up gentleness and patience.
 Give up pessimism: Take up hope and optimism.
 Give up worrying: Take up trust in God.
 Give up complaining: Value what you have.
 Give up stress: Take up prayer.
 Give up judging others: Discover Jesus within them.
 Give up sorrow and bitterness: Fill your heart with joy.
 Give up selfishness: Take up compassion for others.
 Give up being unforgiving: Learn reconciliation.
 Give up words: Fill yourself with silence and listen to others.

~ CAFOD Prayer for a Special Lenten Fast

BEHOLD THE CROSS OF SACRIFICE

The story is told of a new Parish Priest who was visiting his parishioners in their homes. During his visit to one family, their four-year-old daughter wanted to do everything possible to impress the priest. She served him cookies and lemonade, showed him her room, then she asked, "Would you like to see Jesus?" He said, "of course!" She ran to her closet, climbed up on a chair and got a little ceramic cross of Jesus and showed him. "That is amazing," he said, "Thank you for showing it to me." "You are welcome," she replied, "Now I've got to go and put Jesus back on the shelf where he belongs." Anyone can buy a big cross of Jesus and nod reverently every time they pass by but still be unaffected in words and actions by the cross. Jesus Christ is not the ordinary wood of the cross. He died for us to have life in abundance. To lift high the Cross of Jesus is to walk in his footsteps of love and forgiveness. The simple question for us is if the exalted cross of Jesus Christ will have any effect on our life after we have seen it during this Lent and our Holy Week events. Are we ready to let the sacrifice of the Cross transform us in order to sacrifice our life for others rather than sacrificing others for our ego and selfishness?

Fr. Michael

MY NAME IS FR. MICHAEL EZENWAMADU




I am obsessed with bringing people together through kindness and relationship. My great passion is creating safe spaces and opportunities that bridge gaps, enable trust and unite diverse people. In my former parishes, I helped individuals, especially young people and elderly people, to see the amazing goodness that they possess and encouraged them to use it to break barriers and strengthen their relationship with other people. I was born in Nigeria into a large family of seven and grew up in the ghettos of the famous and deprived market town of Onitsha. My mother, a primary school teacher, influenced my life and vocation to the priesthood with her prayerful disposition and care for the poor. Prayer and helping other were not optional in our house but imposed with her maternal highhandedness. I joined the Holy Ghost Fathers (The Spiritans) to train as a priest from the age of ten and have been stuck with them since. I have worked as a missionary in Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Kingdom. In the United Kingdom, I have worked as a care assistant in our retirement home for sick and housebound missionaries, parish priest, hospital chaplain, school chaplain and currently, the Regional Superior of the London Region. I support Chelsea football club.

MY NAME IS FR. BONIFACE AYOO

I was born on 20th November, 1972 to the family of the late Ayoo Tsaga and Mrs. Esther Ayoo of Awajir Kendev, Iwaryam Council ward, Konshisha Local Government of Benue State, Nigeria. I am the first child in the family of three. I had my elementary education in my home village of Awajir, and secondary education at Mount Saint Michael's Secondary school, Aliade, Benue State. I was admitted into the congregation of the Holy spirit in 1993 and made my first profession of vows on 8th September, 1994. I studied philosophy in Ejisu, Ghana and Theology in Attakwu, Enugu State, Nigeria, and was ordained a priest on 28th July, 2001. Since my ordination, I have worked in different capacities; formation of young people, assistant parish priest, parish priest, Vicar for consecrated persons and consultant in the last Diocese I worked in. My missionary experience has taken me to Zambia, South Africa, Nigeria and now to the UK. I have a passion for working with the elderly and young adults. I love football and badminton. I am an ardent Arsenal fan.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

We pray for mothers and those that play the role of a mother in people's lives. They hold a special place in all our hearts and we are grateful for all their sacrifices for their children and for others.

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE		PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS	
	Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Mark De Negri, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen	SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK EASTER FLOWERS SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK 16/17 There will be a second collection next week for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.	
	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 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, Adam Martin and Pauline Cronin.	CLERGY MEETINGS - THE OLD CHAPEL & RDJ ROOM Fr Michael would like to meet the following groups: 1. PPC - Monday 18 March at 7.15pm 2. Eucharistic Ministers (RDJ) Thursday 21 March at 20.15 3. The Finance Committee Wednesday 27 March at 8.15pm	
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS		HOLY WEEK - SERVERS NEEDED Servers are needed for all our Holy Week Services i.e., Maundy Thursday 28 March @ both 5.00 and 8.00 pm, Good Friday 29 March @ 3.00 pm and Holy Saturday 30 March @ 8.00pm. If you can help at any of these masses please add your name to the appropriate sign-up sheet in the RDJ room. We need a lot of people to ensure these masses are successful so please help if you can. You will need to attend the practice on Sunday 24 March 2024 at 12.30 pm in the church and jobs will be allocated then. If you can't attend the practice but can serve during Holy Week Please Contact the Parish Office.	
	LAST WEEKEND Non-Gift-aid: £698.72 Gift-aid: £297.50 Total: £996.42 TOTAL COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 2024 A. Cash / cheques – £4,764.84 1. Gift-Aided – £1,700.17 2. Non-G/A – £3,064.67 B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,716 1. Gift-Aided – £2,476.00 2. Non-G/A – £240.00 C. Contactless Machine – £1,001.97 Total = £8,482 (Last month: £9,648.52) Thank you for your generosity to your parish. <i>Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), or by online banking:</i> 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.	PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 1. SPONSORED WALK: Thank you to all who joined the sponsored walk, Led by Fr Michael on Saturday 9th March 2024. If you were unable to join us and wish 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 16 & 17 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 3. SOUTH INDIAN EVENT – SATURDAY, 6 APRIL @ 7.30PM	
<i>*Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on or after the first weekend of every new month.</i>		HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME 2024 1. PALM SUNDAY (24 MARCH) Saturday (23/03), 6pm; 9am, 11am, and 6pm Blessings of Palms and procession to the Church from the Hall at 9am and 11am Masses 2. MONDAY (25 MARCH) 7PM – Penitential Service with Individual Confessions 3. MAUNDY THURSDAY (28 MARCH) 9.00AM: Office of Readings & Lauds 4.30PM: Sacrament of Reconciliation 5.00PM: Mass of the Last Supper 8.00PM: Mass of the Last Supper followed by watching at the Chapel of Repose, closing with Night Prayer before Midnight. 4. GOOD FRIDAY (29 MARCH) 9.00AM: Office of Readings & Lauds 9.30-10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation 11.00AM: Service of the Passion with Children 3.00PM: Commemoration of the Passion & Adoration of the Cross & 7.00PM Way of the Cross 5. HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL (30 MARCH) 8.00PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night & Sacraments of Initiation EASTER SUNDAY (31 MARCH) 9AM; 11AM; and 6PM	
FIRST COMMUNION NEXT SESSION: 16 MARCH			
LENTEN PROGRAMME 2024			
1. Stations of the Cross: Friday after 9.30 Mass (<i>English</i>) and 6pm (<i>Syro Malabar Community</i>)			
4. Service on the 7 Last Words on the Cross: TBC			
5. Lenten Reconciliation Service: Monday 25 March 7pm			
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.			