



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – B**

**17 MARCH 2024**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Michael Ezenwamadu, CSSp + **Curate:** Fr Boniface Ayoo, CSSp + **Secretary:** Mrs Denise Kidd  
**School:** Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mr Ben Martin

<b>MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS</b>		
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (PASSION SUNDAY) – B</b>		
<b>LIVESTREAM LINK: <a href="https://www.olionline.co.uk">https://www.olionline.co.uk</a></b>		
16 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Mary Langton & Mary Campbell – RIP ( <i>Maria Campbell</i> )
17 Sunday	09.00	Margaret Grogan – RIP (Grogan)
	11.00	Pro Populo – For the People
	18.00	Catherine Yap – Ints
<b>FIFTH WEEK OF LENT</b>		
<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am</b>		
18 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Ken Stacey ( <i>M Stacey</i> )
19 Tuesday <i>St Joseph</i>	9.30	Nellie Walmsley ( <i>M Stacey</i> )
	19.00	Rhoda D’Cruz -RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
20 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Abdul Naoum Nannies - Ints
	19.00	Anthony & Patricia Moore – RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
21 Thursday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Gregyer Family ( <i>McNambee</i> )
	9.30	Ursula McCluskay – WB ( <i>L Jones</i> )
22 Friday <i>Feria</i>	7.00	Manfred Pagel - RIP
	9.30	Roman & Giulietta – RIP ( <i>K Jankowski</i> )
23 Saturday <i>Feria</i>	9.00	Nicole Parker – RIP ( <i>A Davis</i> )
<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD - B</b>		
23 Sat – Vigil	18.30	Gladys Millard – RIP ( <i>S Howe</i> )
24 Sunday <i>Palm Sunday</i>	09.00	Joseph Antionsamy – RIP ( <i>Family</i> )
	11.00	Malcolm – RIP ( <i>Tremenheere</i> )
	18.00	Pro Populo – For the People

<b>OTHER SERVICES</b>	
<b>Eucharistic Exposition</b>	Monday – Friday: 8am
<b>Morning Prayer (Lauds)</b>	Monday – Friday: 9am
<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>	Saturday: 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm
<b>Youth Mass</b>	Last Sunday: 6pm Mass
<b>St Anthony of Padua</b>	<b>Tuesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses
<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b>	<b>Wednesday:</b> after morning and evening Masses
<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b>	1st Saturday of the month
<b>Syro Malabar Prayer Group</b>	1st Friday of the month: 7pm

**SHARED PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

Father, I abandon myself into your hands;  
 do with me what you will.  
 I am ready for all, I accept all.  
 Let only your will be done in me,  
 And in all your creatures –  
 I wish no more than this, O Lord.  
 Into your hands I commend my soul:  
 I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,  
 for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,  
 to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,  
 and with boundless confidence,  
 for you are my Father, Amen. ~ *BI Charles de Foucauld*

**THE HOUR HAS COME**

In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah explains the new covenant which God has promised. The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews explores the undeserved suffering of Jesus and the glory that his obedience brought. In the Gospel reading Jesus announces that his hour has come and explains his impending suffering and death to his disciples. The hour has come is one of the common themes in the Bible. Jesus constantly refers to this hour. In the Gospel of John Chapter 2, his mother went to Jesus in Cana of Galilee to say, ‘they have no wine.’ Jesus said to her, ‘my hour has not yet come.’ Several times he referred to the hour and said, ‘my hour has not come’ but, in today’s Gospel he says ‘my hour has come’. What is this hour? On the surface level, it was the hour of shame and failure, darkness and evil, the hour of defeat and humiliation of the cross. But, by the virtue of the resurrection and by the virtue of what St. Paul refers to as God’s foolishness being greater than man’s wisdom or God’s weakness being greater than man’s strength (1Cor1:1-25). The hour of Jesus’ death has become his finest hour. Jesus’ hour became the turning point of his ministry. The hour when Jesus was lifted up in disgrace is ironically the hour when he is lifted up in exaltation. This is the hour when the work of salvation is all accomplished. The hour of Jesus’s humiliation has become the hour of victory. The victory of good over evil and the victory of God over hate. The hour of Jesus’ humiliation has become the hour of divine mercy. At Gethsemane, Jesus prayed passionately, ‘Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass over me.’ The second reading in Hebrews 5:7-9 says that this prayer of Jesus was heard by God, yet Jesus was not spared from the physical death he prayed against, rather through obedience to the will of God, he achieved his ultimate destiny. From this point of view his prayer was heard. Jesus found fulfilment through obedience to the will of God. Friends like Peter wanted to dissuade him from going the way of the cross, but he scolded Peter sharply calling him Satan. Jesus knew that it is through obedience to his Father’s will, whatever such will entail, that he will find ultimate fulfilment. Jesus came for the purpose of saving the world, and this purpose could only be achieved through the cross so he had to submit himself to the cross to fulfil his mission on earth. ‘Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain.’ In the face of tribulations, Jesus was confident that God would hear his prayer. The fundamental spirituality of Jesus was that unless a grain of wheat falls down and dies it remained a single grain, armed with this, Jesus made a self-sacrificing choice to do the will of God. He said, ‘I laid down my life so that I will take it up again, no one can take it from me’. Jesus uses his Godly principles to decide. Now and again we are challenged to make the choices that could put our reputation, our relationship with friends and family and our financial security at risk. At such times, we must summon the courage to go the way shown to us by Jesus, recognising that our life meaning and fulfilment are found in the realisation of God’s purpose. If our ultimate values are earthbound, then we could make decisions that ensure our material success and prosperity. Every critical decision we make in life have fundamental values. If our values are godly values, then our choices will be acceptable to God and in accordance with God’s design for us even if they now and again result in suffering and pain.

**LESSONS - 1.** Life is fruitful only to the extent to which is laid out or given away. **2.** A glorious life does not consist in the degree of our self-expression but in a degree of our self-sacrifice. What makes us rich is not what we keep for ourselves but what we give away. Only those who accept this logic can live true Christian and a fruitful life. It is in the surrender of Jesus’ life that Jesus bore the seed of salvation.

**Fr Boniface**

**HAPPY ST PATRICK’S DAY!**

Wishing all our parishioners, especially our Irish parishioners a very blessed and happy St Patrick’s Day! May St Patrick guard you wherever you go and guard you in whatever you do and may his loving protection be a blessing to you always.

## PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Mark De Negri, Pauline Cronin, Cliff Lee and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen



Please remember to pray for the sick, for their healing, well well-being 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 Ingrassci, 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 Adam Martin.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



### LAST WEEKEND

**Non-Gift-aid:** £827.92

**Gift-aid:** £290.00

**Total: £1,117.92**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Easter Flowers: £258.60**

**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](http://olionline.co.uk)), or by online banking:*

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## HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME 2024

### 1. PALM SUNDAY (24 MARCH)

Saturday (23/03), 6.30PM; 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

4-4.30PM: 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)

9.00AM Office of Readings & Lauds

8.00PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night & Sacraments of Initiation

**EASTER SUNDAY (31 MARCH) 9AM; 11AM; and 6PM**

## LENTEN PROGRAMME 2024

1. **Stations of the Cross:** Friday after 9.30 Mass (*English*) and 6pm (*Syro Malabar Community*)

4. **Service on the 7 Last Words on the Cross:** TBC

5. **Lenten Reconciliation Service:** Monday 25 March 7pm

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### 2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEK- Poor Parishes

### ATTENTION: ALL GIFT-AID MEMBERS

Gift Aid envelopes for the coming tax year will be available for collection in the RDJ Room after each Mass this weekend. Please come yourself or ask a friend or family member to collect for you. Gift Aid donors who give by standing order or online should also come to collect their special packs of envelopes for Easter, Christmas and other special collections.

### CLERGY MEETINGS - THE OLD CHAPEL & RDJ RM

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

### 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.

### EASTER OFFERING FOR THE CLERGY:

By custom, for the support of parochial priests in the diocese. It is your gift to Fathers Michael and Boniface. Envelopes are available on the desk in the narthex.

### UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 19th at 7.30pm in the old chapel. This will be our AGM. Raffle and refreshments. All ladies are welcome to join us.

## PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

**1. SPONSORED WALK:** If you 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](http://www.justgiving.com/page/our-lady-immaculate-church-1707849174051) Many thanks for your support!

**2. TABLETOP SALE THIS WEEKEND:** 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](mailto:Townsend4@blueyonder.co.uk)

### 3. SOUTH INDIAN EVENT – SAT, 6 APRIL @ 7.30PM

You are cordially invited to taste a homemade 3-course Indian dinner, with Indian talent, culture and entertainment organised by the Syro Malabar Community. Church Hall, £15 per adult, children under 12, £5 & family £50. Proceeds go to the Lenten Project. To book a table contact Sheeba @ 07505279725, Jommy @ 07738652931 or Rosamma @ 07961444865

**FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS** From next month, Paul and Cecilia Hatt will be unable to continue the weekly collection of parish food donations and delivery of them to the food bank depot. We are asking for one or two volunteers with a car to take over this regular task, which is not troublesome, but greatly appreciated by the food bank organisers. For info, please contact [ceciliahatt@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ceciliahatt@yahoo.co.uk) or 02080012363.