



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

24 MARCH 2024

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD – B**

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**School:** Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School + **Headteacher:** Mr Ben Martin

**MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS**

**PALM SUNDAY - B**

**LIVESTREAM LINK:** <https://www.olionline.co.uk>

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	Mary Langton & Mary Campbell – RIP ( <i>Maria Campbell</i> )

**HOLY WEEK & SCARED TRIDUUM**

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:** Monday – Friday at 8.00am

25 Monday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Cicity Paul – BD & TG ( <i>B Roy</i> )
26 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Marie Costa - RIP ( <i>A Davis</i> )
	11.00	Funeral T/L Pauline Cronin
	19.00	Jebamalai Muthu -RIP ( <i>Family</i> )
27 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	9.30	Margaret & Thomas Kane - RIP
	19.00	Rosary Anthony – RIP
28 Thursday <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	17.00	Margaret Delany – RIP ( <i>Family</i> )
	20.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish
29 Friday <i>Good Friday</i>		Day of fast & abstinence from meat! See Holy Week Programme!
30 Saturday <i>Holy Saturday</i>		See Holy Week Programme overleaf!

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION**

30 Sat <i>Easter Vigil</i>	20.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish
31 Sunday	09.00	Gary Pearce – RIP ( <i>N D'Aguiar</i> )
	11.00	Irene Powell -RIP ( <i>E. Powell</i> )
	18.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish

**OTHER SERVICES**

<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**

Prayer of Surrender  
 Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty,  
 My memory, my understanding  
 And my entire will,  
 All I have and call my own.  
 You have given all to me.  
 To you, Lord, I return it.  
 Everything is yours; do with it what you will.  
 Give me only your love and your grace.  
 That is enough for me. Amen  
 -St. Ignatius of Loyola

**WHOSE CHARACTER ARE YOU IN THE PASSION DRAMA?**

The overpowering drama of the passion reading is filled with so many characters that resonate with us. Hence, the passion reading is an invitation to use these characters to discover how we respond to the situations of the cross in our life. Though, as one engages in this reflection, they may find shades of these characters abounding in their daily life.

The first major character is Jesus. He is focused on preparing for his mission of salvation and is not allowing the pain, cruelty and injustice of the cross to distract him. Though the cross is overwhelming, Jesus does not allow it to deter him from his mission. Rather than getting angry over the failure of others, he helps and support them. For instance, while the plot to betray him was going on, he is instituting the Holy Eucharist, in which he would share his life as food and drink, that give eternal life to others, and even with the person that will betray him, thereby demonstrating utmost love and kindness. He did nothing, nor said a single word that was in opposition to his message and ministries. He forgave those who crucified him even when he faced the most excruciating pain. At his moment of temptation and suffering, his recourse is to God and prayer. Prayer for him was keeping his faith and hope in God, even when everything seems to be falling apart. Our recourse in everything must be to God and love.

The next characters we encounter are the disciples of Jesus. They have been his most loyal friends but at his moment of greatest need in this divine drama, they deserted and failed him. Kisses are linked to loved ones, but Judas kiss' is rather linked to betrayal and death. Despite making Peter the foundation of his Church, going through all the high moments with him and revealing himself as God to him, Peter still denied knowing him and abandoned him. Other disciples all abandoned him when the cross became real. Though we may shudder at their treachery, the only message there is when everyone abandons us, God will always be there. Other characters abound in the passion drama and they engage us in reflection. Herod and Pilate claim that they wield so much power, but all they portrayed is fear when they were faced by the cross and the soldiers who the epitome of strength, turn weak when they slap and brutalise Jesus. They demonstrate human weaknesses that became the reason for the cross to exist and which Jesus came to redeem. Again, this trend of human weakness continues; the crowd that claims to be the victim of Roman oppression succumbs to human weakness and becomes the oppressor, and Simon the Cyrene who is following Jesus to the cross became weak and very unwilling to help when his assistance is needed. Though they may disgust us, they resemble our human weakness in the face of the cross and life.

However, it is not all gloom in this passion drama. There are rays of sunshine that demonstrate human goodness. The compassion and kindness of Joseph of Arimathea who took the body of Jesus for burial is compelling. Also, comforting is the faithfulness of Mary and the other women who followed Jesus to the end. Despite our pains, suffering and weaknesses, there is tremendous amount of goodness in us when we are confronted with our cross and the cross of others. This is what the cross of Jesus has come to reveal.

**Fr. Michael**

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA**

The novena will start on Good Friday and end on the Divine Mercy Sunday. If you wish, please collect a Divine Mercy Novena leaflet at the back of the Church.

## 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-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 Ingrasci, 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: £756.21

Gift-aid: £330.80 Total: £1,087.01

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Poor Parishes: £375.23**

**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:

**RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.**

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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)

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

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

## LENTEEN 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

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE: MONDAY, 25 MARCH, 7PM

There will be visiting priests to hear confessions. Kindly avail yourself this opportunity to make your Easter Confession.

### HOLY WEEK - SERVERS REHEARSAL

Altar servers who have signed up to minister during the Holy Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter and Easter Vigil) are required to attend a practice on Sunday 24 March 2024 at 12.30 pm in the church and jobs will be allocated then.

### 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. 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 MEETING - IN THE OLD CHAPEL

Fr Michael would like to meet the following group:

The Finance Committee, Wednesday 27 March at 8.15pm

### EASTER ENVELOPES FOR THE CLERGY:

The Easter envelope for donations to your parish priests and the Spiritans are at the back of the Church. Priests do not have income and depend on your generosity for their upkeep. Envelopes are available on the desk in the narthex Thank you so much for your kindness.

### SAFEGUARDING

Are you interested in helping to Safeguard the children, young persons and vulnerable adults in our parish? If so, please contact either Fr Michael (020 8399 9550) or Monica Tett ([me46ryan@gmail.com](mailto:me46ryan@gmail.com)) to arrange an informal chat about the responsibilities and job description involved. This is a Diocesan appointment on the recommendation of the Parish Priest. In particular, we are looking for someone who could help deliver the Training to all Volunteers. (package supplied by the Diocese). Many thanks.

Fr Michael

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

1. **Maundy Thursday:** Parish Lenten Project

2. **Good Friday:** This collection is sent for the upkeep of the Holy Places connected with Our Lord's Passion.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY GRP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)

Many thanks to all parents and children for your support of the Children's Liturgy Group. We are now on our Easter break and look forward to welcoming you all back on Sunday 21 April.


## PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

### 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

### TABLE TOP SALE

The very popular Table Top sale took place last weekend and raised an amazing £868 for the Lenten Project. Many thanks to the helpers for all their hard work and the Parishioners for all their support.

Please watch & sponsor Rose:  OLI Lenten Project 2024

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Thank you so much to all those who have been donating to our Parish Lenten Project. May God bless you all. Fr. Michael

**GREENFINGERS NOT ESSENTIAL!** - Can you spare a couple of hours once a month to help maintain the church grounds in a tidy condition? A bit of weeding, grass-cutting, watering and general tidying is all that is needed. If you can help please message Rosemary (07557 057083) or Jon (07979 052957) Thank you.