



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church

31 MARCH 2024

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

EASTER SUNDAY - B

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

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

OCTAVE OF EASTER

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

01 Monday <i>Easter Octave</i>	09.30	Anne Groves - RIP (<i>Daphne & Cathy</i>)
02 Tuesday <i>Easter Octave</i>	09.30	Theresa Colleary - WB (<i>C Stevens</i>)
	19.00	Meter Chambers -RIP
03 Wednesday <i>Easter Octave</i>	09.30	Vicky D'Costa – RIP
	11.30	Funeral – T/L Mark DeNegri
	19.00	Joseph Antonisamy – RIP
04 Thursday <i>Easter Octave</i>	07.00	Geraldine Offord – WB (<i>N D'Aguiar</i>)
	09.30	Anton Sebastian – RIP (<i>Maria</i>)
05 Friday <i>Easter Octave</i>	07.00	Rita Aguiar – WB (<i>N D'Aguiar</i>)
	11.00	Funeral – T/L Jacob (Cliff) Lee
	09.30	Thanksgiving (<i>S Varanat</i>)
06 Saturday <i>Easter Octave</i>	09.00	Frank Ford – RIP (<i>J Lambert</i>)

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR OF DIVINE MERCY)

06 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Anna Olivia – RIP (<i>N&G Olivia</i>)
07 Sunday	09.00	Seamus Lenard – RIP (<i>Buchanan</i>)
	11.00	Denis Deasy – RIP (<i>Cummins</i>)
	18.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish

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

Easter Prayer of Saint Hippolytus

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate.

Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen.

Christ is Risen: The angels of God are Rejoicing.

Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty.

Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever.

Amen

~ St. Hippolytus of Rome

CHRIST IS RISEN

It is Easter Sunday, and we celebrate the fantastic claim of Christianity that Jesus who was crucified has now risen. Today we explore the meaning of Easter, and what the fate of humanity would have been if Christ had not risen. Christianity is exclusive in its claim that Jesus is the son of God, that he died a sacrificial death to redeem humankind from sin and the he rose again after three days. Without the resurrection, the Christian faith will lose its meaning. If Jesus did not rise from the dead, it means that sin and death will be the final word in our lives, but thanks be to God, Christ rose and we are his Easter people. Alleluia!

The meaning of Easter. At Easter, we celebrate the victory of Christ, the son of God, who himself emptied himself completely and died a shameful death on the cross. We celebrate the ultimate demonstration of love which Jesus referred to when he said, 'there is no greater love than for a man to lay down his life for his friends'. (John15:13).

Easter is the promise and assurance for us of the victory over the forces of evil. It is the promise and assurance of joy, peace and rest for all those who have labored and are overburdened. It is also the promise and assurance of abundant and eternal life for all who believe. If Christ did not rise from the dead, then his shameful death on the cross would have meant that the values behind the beatitudes and the entire sermon on the mount would have made no sense. It would have meant that might is right, that the meek, the humble and the pure in heart are indeed foolish and have lost out forever. Human society has evolved through the years since Christ's resurrection with the new hope that never existed before. This hope has shaped the conduct of our lives and our relationships. The resurrection therefore, unlock the meaning of history even the history of the world before Jesus was born. Without the resurrection, the most profound longing, our longing for love and life would have been extinguished. The sacrifices of the saints and the sacrifices of the people through time would have been in vain. The Christian life itself would have been a ridiculous experience had Jesus not risen from death. Imagine what life without the resurrection would be for people who have been humiliated by poverty and disease, people who have been distressed by failure in marriage and family life, or those persecuted and maligned by enemies. Easter is what makes the difference. Easter is the realisation of the hope of humanity that the profound longing of our hearts will not just end in the grave. It is the assurance that something profound awaits us beyond the grave and that is eternal life. The good news of Easter is that the story of Jesus did not end abruptly on the cross of Calvary. The good news is that there is a dramatic twist that sets the record straight, that God has brought the victory of life over death, of love over hate. Just when we thought that the worst has happened, the best emerged. This is how God operates even in our lives today. This is the take off point of the Christian faith. Henceforth, every detail of Christ's life, as well of the life of every Christian, should be seen from the perspective of the resurrection. In the same way, Christians should see their life experiences including their pains and tribulations in the light of the resurrection.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!

Fr. Boniface

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, 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 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 Adam Martin.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



*Excluding standing orders & online payments – the monthly total of which will be published on or after the first weekend of every new month.

LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £1,085.08

Gift-aid: £497.08

Total: £1,583.02

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.

IN GRATITUDE

Many thanks to all who have worked hard to make our celebration of the Paschal and Easter festivities in the parish solemn, prayerful and uplifting: Welcomers, readers, organists and singers, childrens liturgy and RCIA catechists, MCs, servers, florists, church cleaners, collectors, and a host of others. May God bless you for the generosity of your time and gifts in his service.

EASTER BLESSINGS



Father Michael and Father Boniface assure all parishioners of their prayers for a blessed and joyous Easter-tide.

May the risen Christ be with you, keep you safe and bring His Light to you all. Amen

THANK YOU

Frs Michael and Boniface wish to thank you all for your kind Easter greetings, prayers and for your generous gifts. May God bless you all.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR EASTER

The Parish Office will be closed for Easter holiday from 2nd April and will reopen on Monday 8th April at 10.00am.

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) 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**

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.

UNCOLLECTED GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Gift Aid members who pay by weekly envelopes and those who pay by standing orders or online transfers who have not yet collected their box of envelopes for the coming tax year should please collect them from the Parish Office. Thank you.

VALUBLES, HANDBAGS AND WALLETS

Unfortunately, we have been made aware of a theft directly from a parishioner's handbag. Please make sure your valuables, mobile phones, handbags etc. are secure, especially when leaving the pew to receive Holy Communion.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GRP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)

Back on Sunday 21 April.

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.


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 by Rose 1.mp4 - www.justgiving.com/page/our-lady-immaculate-church-1707849174051

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

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Kingston Foodbank at present is particularly short of tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, longlife milk, pasta sauce, fruit squash, rice, pot noodles, jam, ketchup and mayonnaise, household cleaning items, sanitary towels, toilet paper, crisps and treats, razors, shaving cream, shower gel and toothbrushes. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!