



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – B (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

07 APRIL 2024

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

08 Monday <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	09.30	Fr Redding & Family - RIP (<i>FM</i>)
09 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	09.30	Regina Sellamah - RIP (<i>Madona</i>)
	19.00	Augustine – 19 th BD (<i>M & S</i>)
10 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	09.30	Dec'd Mems, Meehan & McAleer Families (<i>L Morrissey</i>)
	19.00	Shelia Gara (<i>Joan</i>)
11 Thursday <i>St Stanislaus</i>	07.00	Private Intentions (<i>Rosamma</i>)
	09.30	Mary Hooks – RIP (<i>Cummins Family</i>)
12 Friday <i>Feria</i>	07.00	Private Intentions (<i>Rosamma</i>)
	09.30	Josie Kiniry – RIP (<i>K Jankowski</i>)
13 Saturday <i>Feria</i>	09.00	Anna Olivia – RIP (<i>N&G Olivia</i>)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

13 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Ragina Sellammah – RIP (<i>Madona</i>)
14 Sunday	09.00	Pro Populo – People of the Parish
	11.00	Les Willis – RIP (<i>N D'Aguiar</i>)
	18.00	Susanna Chin – RIP (<i>T Bredl</i>)

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

The Divine Mercy Prayer

Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion, inexhaustible; look kindly upon us and increase your mercy in us, that in difficult moments we might not despair nor become despondent, but with great confidence submit ourselves to your holy will, which is love and mercy itself. Amen.

-*St. Faustina Kowalska*

ANOTHER NAME FOR MERCY IS COMPASSION

Today is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. It started when Pope John Paul II made the surprise declaration in his homily at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. He said “the Second Sunday of Easter, from now on, throughout the Church, will be called ‘Divine Mercy Sunday.’”

Saint Faustina was an apostle of Divine Mercy. She was given three assignments by Jesus; firstly, to pray for souls and entrust them to God’s incomprehensible Mercy; secondly, to proclaim to the world about God’s generous Mercy; and thirdly, to start a new prayer movement focusing on Divine Mercy.

What is Mercy? Mercy can be illustrated with this story about French Emperor, Napoléon and a soldier’s Mum. Once, a soldier was found guilty with a serious offence. The soldier’s mother came to Napoleon and asked pardon for her son. Napoleon said that since it was the second major offence, justice demanded death. The mother implored, “I do not ask for justice, I plead for mercy.” “But,” said the emperor, “he does not deserve mercy.” “Sir,” cried the mother, “it would not be mercy if he deserved it, and mercy is all I ask for.”

Mercy is derived from the Latin word “misericordia”. It, in turn, derives from two words: misereri, meaning “to have pity on” or “compassion for” and cor, meaning “heart”. Mercy, therefore, carries the idea of having compassion on someone with all of one’s heart. Compassion is the most repeated attribute for God found in the Bible. Taken together, when we pray, ‘Have mercy on me, God!’, we are actually asking God to have compassion on us, or to hold us in His loving-kindness. And more intimately, we are asking Him to re-create or rejuvenate us in his presence.

Divine mercy Sunday reminds us strongly that God is a God of Mercy and that his mercies are unending, all-forgiving and total. The reality of Divine Mercy Sunday is actually the reality of our existence. We live, breathe, work, play and pray surrounded by a sea of Divine mercy and compassion. It is in his mercy that we experience the forgiveness that we need for our healing. It is when we experience this forgiveness, that the need to forgive others becomes clearer to us. There is no one that ever-experienced mercy that will ever withhold it from another person. We must be cautious lest we withhold mercy from others. It’s not hard to do. Our harsh judgements, anger, gossip, jealousy, and many other negative attitudes we often bring forth can push mercy out of the room. It’s so easy to find ourselves talking about others, judging others, placing ourselves above others rather than showing them mercy.

The message of Divine Mercy is very important and urgently needed in our world today. If there is mercy, there would be no killing one another in wars and violence and the world would be a better place. We would live in peace with one another, wars would be and large cease to exist, families will not be estranged from each other, communities would not be fragmented, our planet would not be struggling for survival, sufferers from poverty would not have to wake up each day with despair in their hearts. If we truly understand Divine Mercy, we will be kind and caring to one another.

Fr. Michael

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 3:13-18,17-19
2ND READING	John 2:1-5
GOSPEL	Luke 24:35-48

PRAYERS REMEMBRANCE



Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, 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 - EASTER 2024

Maudy Thursday (Lenten Project): £387.50

Good Friday (Holy Places): £681.37

Easter Offering: £3,440.56 **Total: £4,509.43**

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Total collections for March will be published next weekend

Kindly consider making your regular contribution to the Church via standing order (form available at olionline.co.uk), or by online banking:

RCAS TOLWORTH, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.

Please make **cheques** payable to: **RCAS Tolworth**

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you wish to request a Mass, please indicate if it is an anniversary of death, marriage or birthday and so on.

Please remember, if you require a specific date and intention, we would like to advise that you give plenty time (ideally, 6-8 weeks' notice at busy seasons). The Parish Office will continue to make sure that your requests for Masses are assigned as soon as possible but, understandably, on a first-come basis.

2024 – YEAR OF PRAYER

The 2024 Year of Prayer, designated by Pope Francis, began last Advent – this is in preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. There is a particular focus on the *Our Father*, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

To mark this New Year and the Year of Prayer, the Archdiocese of Southwark has been encouraging people to #GivePrayerAGo through an online campaign.

Prayer is strength for the weak and opens our hearts to Christ. Make 2024 the year you #GivePrayerAGo

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

THANK YOU

The Spiritans, Fr. Michael and Fr. Boniface thank you for your Easter gifts, prayers and kindness. You made our first Easter celebration in Tolworth an awesome experience. May the Risen Christ bless you abundantly.

A NEW PARISH NEWSLETTER

A new Parish Newsletter will be trialled on the weekend of 27th / 28th of April. This may replace our use of the Mass book when the Mass book is phased out because of the new translation.

PARISH OFFICE REOPENS

The Parish Office will reopen on Monday 8th April at 10.00am.

EMAILS AND CORRESPONDANCE

Letters to the Church are to be sent to the Parish email. Correspondences to the clergy should be sent to their diocesan email address, which are now located at the top of the newsletter. Thank you.

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

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!