



Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Church
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – B

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MASS INTENTIONS AND PRAYERS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

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

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION: Monday – Friday at 8.00am

15 Monday <i>Feria</i>	09.30	Ivan Flanagan - RIP
16 Tuesday <i>Feria</i>	09.30 19.00	Winnie Harvey - RIP (<i>G Harvey</i>) Adam Lansdown
17 Wednesday <i>Feria</i>	09.30 19.00	Clara Lee - BD Holy Souls
18 Thursday <i>Feria</i>	07.00 09.30	Private Intentions (<i>Rosamma</i>) James D'Souza – RIP (<i>M D'Souza</i>)
19 Friday <i>Feria</i>	07.00 09.30	Holy Souls Rosy Varanat – RIP (<i>J Varanati</i>)
20 Saturday <i>Feria</i>	09.00	Rose & Catherine Cusiak – RIP (<i>FM</i>)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

20 Sat <i>Vigil</i>	18.30	Tom & Chris McGuinness & James Byrne – RIP (<i>J McGunniess</i>)
21 Sunday	09.00 11.00 18.00	Seamus Leonard – RIP (<i>Houston</i>) Keith Reid – RIP (<i>M-J Gray</i>) 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

Risen Lord,
 You are our companion on the way.
 Help us to experience your closeness to us,
 constantly conscious of your presence in our midst,
 for you are always walking alongside with us
 on our life's journeys, especially in difficult moments.
 Open our eyes to recognise you,
 our hearts to welcome you,
 and our arms to embrace you
 especially in the poor and needy,
 the stranger and the lonely,
 and in all who yearn for your comforting presence.

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CHRIST'S GIFT OF PEACE

On this third Sunday of Easter, we reflect on Christ's gift of peace, which he offers to the disciples and to all of us, and how this peace can transform our lives and all those around us. The disciples lived in fear and regret as they gathered in the upper room. There are two emotions that still haunt us today: they were afraid of the persecution that would come from the Jews and the Roman authorities, they also regretted the sin they committed by abandoning Jesus. When Jesus appeared he did not focus on their sins; he did not scold or reprimand them; instead, he showed them mercy and compassion. In their darkest hour, Jesus offered them the gift of mercy and compassion, as well as the gift of peace. Jesus challenges us to do the same when people offend us.

Many of us find reasons to barricade ourselves physically, socially and mentally when we have committed sin and believe that we are no longer worthy to be in God's presence. We may stop attending Mass, stay away from prayers and the sacraments, and could live in fear and regret. Just as Jesus offered his gift of peace to the disciples without discrimination, he offers it to us today.

Fear is the dominant emotion that limits the potential of a human being, and in a modern society fear has become a dominant malaise. Many are led astray by pseudo-prophets and faith healers who put fear in gullible believers for material benefits. However, those who truly encounter Christ receive the gift of peace, and they no longer live in fear or are easy prey for such pseudo-prophets or exploitative faith healers.

Meaning and purpose of Christ's gift of faith. The gift of Christ's peace has ramifications for the disciples, for Christ himself, and for us today, as well as for our society and the world. As we reflect on these ramifications, we can begin to take the necessary actions to transform our lives and those around us. When Christ said peace be with you, he conveyed several critical messages: he was assuring them of the forgiveness of their sins, he healed their wounds and calmed their fears, and he gave them a new reason to be alive. To us Christians through the ages, the peace of Christ means that sin has been overthrown, darkness has been dislodged, truth has prevailed, and a new humanity is possible.

One amazing effect of Christ's peace is the hope that it brings to us all. It was the same hope that spurred the early Christian community into action. Christ's peace gives hope to all who are wounded by sin, all who are broken by betrayal, and all who are humiliated by poverty. Christ's peace gives hope to those who have problems in their family life and career. His peace enables us to find meaning amidst the challenges of daily life. Finally, Christ's peace has an impact on our spirituality; it offers us healing and a transformational change in our journey of faith.

Christ's peace is both a gift and a task. The gift of Christ to the disciples, as well as to humanity and the world, is also a task. As Jesus gave us his peace, he also charged us to go out and be the promoters of peace, even in our wounded state. The experience of the disciples shows that in reaching out to others in our wounded state, we often find healing ourselves. The gift of peace transforms us into wounded healers. Inspired by this peace, let us go forward into the world, doing God's will and bringing healing to wounded humanity.

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

Fr. Boniface

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1ST READING	Acts 4:8-12
2ND READING	John 3:1-2
GOSPEL	John 10:11-18

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-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, Adam Martin, Mark Draper and Gerry Taylor.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS



LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £587.98

Gift-aid: £356.47

Total: £944.45

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR MARCH 2024

A. Cash / cheques – £4,784.37

1. Gift-Aided – £1,415.38

2. Non-G/A – £3,368.99

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,519

1. Gift-Aided – £2,351

2. Non-G/A – £240

C. Contactless Machine – £1,019.70

Total = £8,395.07 (Last month: £8,482)

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.

All 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.

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

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

This collection helps to meet the costs of training students for the permanent diaconate and students for the priesthood. Envelopes available in the Narthex.

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.

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.

CALLING ALL LADIES IN THE PARISH

The Union of Catholic Mothers (a national organisation) was established in Tolworth just as WW2 was ending some 79 years ago in 1945. The aim was to support women in their role as wives and mothers and to help others in the Parish. Over the years, both single, and those without children, were welcomed into the Group. Our numbers have declined in recent years as family circumstances have changed.

Sadly, at our AGM last month we were unable to appoint a full Committee for the coming year. We are having a meeting on **TUESDAY 16th APRIL at 7.30pm** in the Old Chapel to consider the future.

PLEASE come along to share your views for the way forward, whether it is for the UCM to continue to its 80th year OR to establish a similar group perhaps meeting at a different time or day. ALL ladies (of all ages) in the Parish are welcome to attend and express their views. If you are not able to attend then please consider text or emailing Susan Fleming (07786 213 544) Monica Tett (me46ryan@gmail.com) or Denise Kidd in the parish office (tolworth@rcaos.org.uk)

We look forward to hearing from 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.

DAY OF PRAYER AND RENEWAL

Given by Canon Gerard Bradley

For Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who were not able to make the Advent event.

Saturday 27th April at St Catherine of Siena Church Chessington, Begins with Holy Mass at 10.30 – Ends at 3pm Lunch provided. Numbers please to Fr Peter Sebastian petersebastian@rcaos.org.uk

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

SRI LANKAN NIGHT – SAT 11 MAY, 7.30PM-11.30PM

Please come and enjoy a variety of Sri Lankan food and entertainment. Tickets – Adults £15; children 5-15yrs old - £10. Contact Joe & Antionette on 07956 891504 or 020 8399 6491. All proceeds go to the Lenten Project.

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!

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

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS 2024

At St George's Cathedral or a 'Hub' location around the diocese or join on Zoom. Tuesday evenings – 23, 30 April & 7, 21 & 28 May. Plus, an all day retreat at St George's on Saturday 18 May. For more details visit: bit.ly/LISS2024