



# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – B

04/05 MAY 2024

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# Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

## REMAIN IN GOD'S LOVE

Children have an extraordinary way of framing the reality around them. Recently I read several letters where children asked God these questions: one asked; “Dear God, what does it mean that you are a jealous God? I thought you have everything”. Another asked, “Dear God, I bet it is hard for you to love everyone in the world, there are only 4 people in my family and I can never do it.” A girl wrote “Dear God, thank you for my baby brother but what I prayed for was a puppy.” Though these are comedy-gold moments, they still capture the challenges we face in remaining in love. Loving others can often leave us feeling empty and incomplete, forcing us to stay away from love. This reminds us that perfect love is only found in God. We may never love others properly because we are broken people, but God always loves us properly. This is the most important thing we need to know; when others don't love us perfectly or when we don't love others perfectly too, God's love completes every imperfection of human love. There is nothing we did or said that made Him love us; He just loves us unconditionally nothing can make him stop loving us. He will do anything to show us His love. For God is love. Fr.

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 5 MAY 2024 — 12 MAY 2024

<b>Sat 04</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Severine Rodrigues - RIP 3rd ANN ( <i>Rodrigues Family</i> )	
<b>Sun 05</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Nathan Louis ( <i>Louis Family</i> )	<b>11.00:</b> John Lobo—RIP, 27th ANN <b>18.00:</b> Pro Populo - People of the Parish
<b>Mon 06</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Mark Draper & Tony Fisher - Speedy Recovery and Wellbeing ( <i>Maramzano</i> )	
<b>Tues 07</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Nicholas Reginald ( <i>M Sebastian</i> )	<b>19.00:</b> Scott Johnson- RIP
<b>Wed 08</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Bernard Lyons - RIP ( <i>C Yap</i> )	<b>19.00:</b> James Thomas Mattam - RIP, 3rd ANN
<b>Thurs 09</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Rajani Reginald - RIP <b>11.00:</b> OLI School Mass	<b>09.30:</b> Henry & Mary Joyce - RIP ( <i>M-J Gray</i> ) <b>20.00:</b> Deceased Parishioners - RIP
<b>Fri 10</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Holy Souls	<b>09.30:</b> Michael & Mary Kelly - RIP ( <i>M-J Gray</i> )
<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Margaret & Peter Crawford - RIP ( <i>FM</i> )	
<b>Sat 11</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Eileen Knibbs - Wellbeing ( <i>R Tibbs</i> )	
<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Bernadette Mitchell - WB & Recovery <b>11.00:</b> David & Danny Docherty - RIP ( <i>M-J Gray</i> ), <b>18.00</b> Pro Populo - People of the Parish	

**EUCCHARISTIC 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 NOVENA: TUESDAY:** After morning and evening Masses

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA: WEDNESDAY:** After morning and evening Masses

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:** First Saturday of the month, after morning Mass



**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Rian Jack Nolan and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

**THE SICK:** 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, Adam Martin, Mark Draper, Gerry Taylor, Janice Ryan and Bernadette Mitchell.

*A Gentle reminder: Please turn off your mobile phones. You have the right to remain silent .....*

# TODAY'S READINGS

**Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Is 48: 20**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Penitential Act:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (*And, striking their breast, they say:*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. **Amen.**

**The Gloria** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Opening Prayer:** Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**First reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48**

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrat-

ed himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm 97(98):1-4**

*The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.*

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. **R**

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. **R**

**Second reading: 1 John 4:7-10**

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone

who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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**All:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn14:23**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' **Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

**THE NICENE CREED:**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus

Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

*(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow)* For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

**Prayer over the Offerings:** May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.

**Communion Antiphon: Jn 14: 15-16** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion:** Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK:

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** - This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CNN) the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CNN seeks to be of service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

**PENTECOST 2024:** - Pentecost Sunday is 19th of May. There will be a special Pentecost Mass at the 11am Mass. We are asked to come with our cultural attire in order to represent the unity in diversity of nations and cultures of our Church. There will be light refreshment after Mass. The Spirtans will be having the first of their two mission appeals on that day. **Pentecost Novena starts on the 10 May till the 18 May.** It is the oldest novena of the Church and copies of the Novena will be made available next Sunday.

**FR IGNATIUS' FAREWELL COLLECTION** – Unfortunately, the provisional date we had for Fr Ignatius to come back for a leaving party will have to be re-scheduled for later in the year, as he is unable now to come to the UK at the beginning of June. In the meantime, we feel we should go ahead and have a collection for him, from the parish, so with that in mind, if you would like to contribute, please collect an envelope from the Narthex, marked "Fr Ignatius' Farewell Collection" on the front and either put

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	
<b>LAST WEEKEND</b>	
<b>Non-Gift-aid:</b> £816.94	
<b>Gift-aid:</b> £309.92	<b>Total:</b> £1,126.86
<b>2nd Collection:</b> £248.16	
<b>TOTAL COLLECTIONS FOR APRIL 2024</b>	
A. Cash / Cheques – £4,381.63	
1. Gift-Aided – £1,558.07	
2. Non-G/A – £2,823.56	
B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,680	
1. Gift-Aided – £2,440	
2. Non-G/A – £240	
C. Contactless Machine – £1,043.30	
<b>Total = £8,104.93</b> (Last month: £8,395.07)	

it through the presbytery door or put it in the weekly collection at Mass. Thank you.

## PARISH LENTEN PROJECT

**SRI LANKAN NIGHT – SAT 11 MAY, 7.30-11.30PM** - Adults £15; children 5-15yrs old - £10. Contact Please Contact Joe & Antionette on 07956 891504 or 020 8399 6491 for tickets. **No tickets available/sold on the door**

**JUMBLE SALE: 18 MAY 12 - 2PM** Please come along and pick up a real bargain. Top quality items will be sold at rock bottom prices. If you would like to donate anything, please bring your donations along to the Presbytery during Office hours or the RC Parish Hall on the morning of the sale. No rubbish please! Thank you.

**A Minister, a Priest and a Pastor were having a discussion on when life begins. The minister argued eloquently that life begins at birth. The Priest argued that the teachings of the Church made it clear that life begins at conception. The Pastor replied, "you both have it wrong! Life begins when the last child moves out and the dog dies."**

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