



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

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Little things can make a big difference!

“Tell me the weight of a snowflake”, said the robin to the dove. “Why, it weighs nothing,” replied the dove. “In that case,” the robin went on, “I must tell you a marvelous story. I was sitting on a branch of a fir tree, close to its trunk,” the robin began, “when snow began to fall...not heavily, not in a raging blizzard, no, just like a dream without any violence. Since I did not have anything better to do, I counted the snowflakes settling on the needles and twigs of my branch. I reached the number 3,741,952. Then, when the 3,741,953 snowflake dropped onto the branch weighing nothing as you say, the branch suddenly broke off.” With that the robin flew away. The dove thought about the story and said to herself, “I sometimes think that all my efforts and the little I can do make no difference. We might think they are nothing at all, but if we put all our efforts together, great things are possible.” The parable of the mustard seed reminds us that the kingdom of God is not only the big events, big laws and big people but the everyday little things that we do. Little things advance the big things because they reflect Christ. Don’t despise or dismiss the little things of this world, for they matter. Don’t underestimate how powerful your little contribution can make in changing our world for the better. Remember, a tiny drop of water makes the mighty ocean. Jesus took a little lunch from a little boy and fed thousands. Little David took a little stone and brought down the giant, Goliath. The tiny wafer that is consecrated by your little priest becomes Jesus Christ. Always remember that a great lifetime is made up of little moments. Try and value every second that you have on earth and remember that every little thing that you do counts and advances the kingdom of God.

Fr. Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 16 JUNE 2024 — 23 JUNE 2024

(FEAST: 22nd Sts John Fisher & Thomas More. Memorial: 19th St John Rigby, 20th St Alban, 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga)

Sat 15	18.30: Patricia O’Reilly - RIP <i>(Houston Family)</i>	
Sun 16	09.00: Walter Egan - RIP <i>(B & D Marley)</i>	
	11.00: Paulette Leung-Cheun <i>(M Leung-Cheun)</i>	18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 17	09.30: Rosakutty Thomas Mattam - RIP, 11th ANN <i>(Rosamma & Simon)</i>	
Tues 18	09.30: Maria Sebastian –Ints	19.00: UCM Foundation—Ints
Wed 19	09.30: Chizitara Gab-Obina - BD & TG	19.00: Lourdes D’Souza - WB & Ints <i>(C Stevens)</i>
Thurs 20	07.00: Anna Szymanski - WB <i>(C Andrew)</i>	09.30: Caterina (Tina) Burton - RIP <i>(P Grogan)</i>
Fri 21	07.00: Margaret Burns & Mary Keenan	09.30: John Walsh - RIP <i>(J Dunseath)</i>
Sat 22	09.00: Delia Kelly - RIP <i>(FM)</i>	
Sat 22	18.30: Tom & Chris McGuinness <i>(J McGuinness)</i>	
Sun 23	09.00: Mary Suresh - TG	
	11.00: Nan Healy - WB <i>(M C Taylor)</i>	18.00: 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
SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL	FIRST FRIDAY - of the month

REMEMBERANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Shelia Walsh, Caterina (Tina) Burton, Tony Fisher, Eileen Clarke 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, 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, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Ian Beard, Qiaochen Shi, Ida Rebello, Ravenna Ahmed, Jesse Osborne, Vinitha Sherin, Jisha Nelson, Ralph Smallwood, Adam Martin, Mark Draper, Janice Ryan, Bernadette Mitchell, David Knights, Lionel Holland and Gerry Taylor.



TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 26: 7, 9
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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: O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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.. **Amen.**

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24
The Lord says this:
'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I,

the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16
It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R**

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R**

Second reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Jn15:15
Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4 26-34
Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we

say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’ Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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: O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. Through Christ our Lord. . **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon:

Jn 17: 11

Holy Father, keep in your name those you have given me, that they may be one as we are one, says the Lord.

Prayer after Communion: As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: DAY FOR

LIFE: This Sunday (16 June), is kept as the *Day for Life* by the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. This year’s theme is “*The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*”, providing an invitation for Catholics to reflect on end-of-life care in the midst of the national debate regarding assisted suicide.

Below is part of a message sent from Pope Francis to Bishop John Sherington, Lead Bishop for Life Issues at the Bishops’ Conference:

‘His Holiness prays that through the reflection on the theme “The Lord is my shepherd – compassion and hope at the end of life”, this public testimony will encourage a deeper understanding of the precious gift of life and a greater desire to protect the most vulnerable from a culture that would pressure them into ‘assisted suicide’, which is falsely presented as a form of compassion. It is likewise his hope that those nearing the end of their earthly journey will recognise the immense value of their lives, experience the comforting presence of Jesus and their loved ones, receive dignified care and trust deeply in God’s promise of eternal life.’

The full message and further information may be found via this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/pope-francis-gives-his-blessing-to-day-for-life/>

THE COMMISSIONING OF OUR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WILL BE HELD ON THE 7TH OF JULY: -

At the 11.00am Mass. Please, let us remember them in our prayers.

FORMS FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. Altar serving is a very beautiful way of your child growing in their faith and loving God. Encourage your child to join as we have a lot of faith developing and fun activities being prepared for them.

JUNIOR READERS: FORM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE READERS IN OUR CHURCH ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. Reading in the church helps your child to know the Bible, develop their faith and boost their confidence. Please, encourage your child. Training will be prepared for them.

VOLUNTEERS, FIRE MARSHALLS - Training on Wed 19th June at 7.45pm.

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UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS - Sadly our Foundation has closed due to falling numbers and lack of Officers for the Committee. We were established in 1945 under Fr Redding and would have celebrated our 80th Anniversary next year. In recognition of the Faith and the Friendships that have existed over many years we would like to invite all ladies in the Parish (and beyond) who have ever been members to join us on TUESDAY 18th June 2024 at 7pm for Mass followed by a Fish & Chip Supper (provided) in the Old Chapel. Please let us know asap whether you will be attending (for catering purposes) by phoning Susan Fleming (020 8399 3732) or Monica Tett (020 8399 8050) If you need transport please contact either number OR the Parish Office (020 8399 9550).

OLI SCHOOL - The school will be joining the 9.30am Mass on Wednesday 26th June.

OLI SUMMER CELEBRATION : SATURDAY 29TH JUNE : 12PM TO 3PM - OLI School warmly welcomes all Parishioners to an afternoon of fun and entertainment at its Summer Celebration. Entertainment includes a Tombola, Animal Show, Balloon Modelling, DJ, Bar, BBQ, Games, Crafts, Shopping, Glam Room, Grand Draw and much more. Save the date!

LENTEN PROJECT, AFRICAN-CARIBBEAN EVENING: 6TH JULY, 7.30PM Please, come and enjoy a variety of African & Caribbean food and entertainment. All proceeds go to the Lenten Project. For Tickets, call 0208 399 9550 or book online: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/oli/t-yavzdvg>

CONFERRAL OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Saturday, 22 June 2024 at 11am by Canon Garard Bradley. Kindly remember our candidates, their families and catechists in your prayers. Thank you.

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IN NEED OF A CARER? - An experienced carer from OLI Parish seeks new clients & can offer personal care. For more information contact Irene on 07966 698331.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £747.13

Gift-aid: £350.70 Total: **£1,097.83***

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR MAY 2024

A. Cash / cheques – £3,366.66

1. Gift-Aided – £1,285.00

2. Non-G/A – £2,081.66

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £3,109.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,879.00

2. Non-G/A – £230.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,194.62

Total = £7,670.28 (Last month: £8,104.93)

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

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

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 in the instruction to the bank. Any queries? Please contact Lance Louis: tolworthgacl@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.

OBITUARIES:

ANTHONY (TONY) FISHER: A devoted, long standing and faithful parishioner passed away on Tuesday 4th June in Kingston Hospital.

Funeral: Monday 24th June, at 11.40am, Kingston Crematorium. May his soul rest in peace. Amen

CATERINA (TINA) BURTON: A devoted parishioner who died on Wednesday 29th May at 06.45am in Kingston Hospital, aged 87 years.

Funeral: Monday 24th June, at 11.00am at OLI. May her soul rest in peace. Amen

One night a lady came home from her weekly prayer meeting, found she was being robbed, and she shouted out, "Acts 2:38: 'Repent & be baptised & your sins will be forgiven.'" The robber quickly gave up & the lady rang the police. While handcuffing the criminal, a policeman said, "Wow mate, you gave up pretty easily. How come you gave up so quickly?" The robber said, "She said she had an axe and two 38's!"

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