



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

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E-mail: tolworth@rcaos.org.uk □ www.olionline.co.uk □ **Parish Office:** Mon-Fri from 10am to 2pm
Parish Priest: Fr. Michael Ezenwammadu, CSSp, michaelezenwammadu@rcaos.org.uk
Curate: Fr Boniface Ayoo, CSSp, bonifaceayoo@rcaos.org.uk □ **Secretary:** Mrs Denise Kidd
School: Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School □ **Headteacher:** Mr Ben Martin



Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

He turns scraps of food into a feast.


The feeding of 5000 men is a miracle that defies comprehension. When we add the women and the children to these 5000 men, we are dealing with a lot of people and we can see the impossibility of feeding them with just a meagre meal of five small loaves and a couple of fish and still have a surplus. This reminds us that it is by faith rather than by sight that God works. God makes the impossible to be possible in a way that only He can. This gives us the assurance that Jesus will meet and surpass all our expectations. There is nothing that we face that is too big for God, hence, we should never be anxious. We have to focus on God rather than our problems, even when solutions seem humanly impossible, for God uses our inadequacies, challenges and small resources to demonstrate His powers. A look in all parts of the Bible indicates that God always creates something glorious and great out of our smallness. Hence, Jesus never said that the Kingdom of God is like rich people, rather, it is always the neglected, insignificant and the small that reveal abundantly the power of God. This is evident in the everyday life of all of us and this parish; the bread and the wine, the flowers, the Lenten project, the catechesis, the after 10am Mass tea, the Wednesday Welcoming groups, the Children’s Liturgy, the Visitation of the Sick, the Tea, Coffee, Cake and Chat. Though these stuffs are little, however, God transforms them to bring so much joy, blessings, peace and healing to all of us. Remember that we can be fed abundantly by God when we bring our inadequacies to Him, knowing that we cannot do it alone and that it is only Him that can turn our challenges into blessings. it is only Him that can turn our scraps of food into a feast. **Fr. Michael**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 28 JULY 2024 — 04 AUGUST 2024

(MEMORIALS: 29TH SS MARY, MARTHA & LAZARUS, 31ST ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, 1ST ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI)

Sat 27	18.30: Daniel Headland <i>(P Olliffe)</i>	
Sun 28	09.00: People of the Parish	
	11.00: Lydia Ault <i>(A & L Simmonds)</i>	
	18.00: Cela Covickovic-RIP, Months Mind <i>(M Jores)</i>	
Mon 29	09.30: Mary Taylor Kidd - RIP <i>(C Yap)</i>	
Tues 30	09.30: Nigel Ellis - RIP <i>(E & S Cullen)</i>	19.00: Vocations to the Priesthood
Wed 31	09.30: Judith Mwiteneza - WB <i>(T Rutter)</i>	19.00: Parish Flower Arrangers
Thurs 01	07.00: Parish Catechists	09.30: Brian Croker RIP <i>(T Rutter)</i>
Fri 02	07.00: Holy Souls	09.30: Rajani Reginald - RIP
Sat 03	09.00: Catherine Yap - WB <i>(D Kidd)</i>	
Sat 03	18.30: Thanksgiving	
Sun 04	09.00: Liz Telfer RIP <i>(L Jones)</i>	
	11.00: Gerry Taylor - WB <i>(C Stevens)</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

 **REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, especially Joe Ingrassi, Bernadette Mitchell 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, 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, Tim & Janice Ryan, David Knights, Lionel Holland, Gerry Taylor, Allan Cook and Angela Bailey.

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

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, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

144(145):10-11,15-18

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant

Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36 *our desires.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

Second reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Or:

Lk7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There

is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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: Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Ps 102: 2

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

Or:

Mt 5: 7-8

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Prayer after Communion: We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

FR. IGNATIUS - Is back in the UK for a very short time. He will be celebrating Mass on one of the Mornings next week. His collection will close on Monday 29th July. If you have not donated and would like to do so, some envelopes are still available, this weekend in the Narthex.

PARISH INFORMATION & REMINDERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. BONIFACE AYOO as he celebrates his 23rd anniversary of his ordination on the 28th of July, May God bless him in his ministry.

THE PARISH IS UPDATING ITS LIST FOR THE SICK AND HOUSE-BOUND FOR VISITATION BY THE CLERGY AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - If you have in your family, or know of anyone that is sick or housebound, and would like to be visited and given Holy Communion, please contact Fr. Michael or the Parish office. This is very important.

THANK YOU SO MUCH - to all those who responded to our appeal of purchasing the new sets of lectionaries for the Church. Thanks so much to Chris & Eileen Furlong, Maria Sebastian, Dr Philip and an anonymous donor, may God bless you and your families.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR AFRO CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY FOR ORGANISING THE AFRICAN CARIBBEAN NIGHT - It was a fantastic evening! Moreover, a huge £2,000.47 was raised for the Parish Lenten Project 2024! Many thanks to all the organisers and contributors.

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NEW FORMS FOR THE BOOKING OF THE PARISH HALL ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND WILL NEED TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE PARISH OFFICE - All new bookings and existing groups must complete this form or the bookings will become invalid. Exceptions to the new booking rate will be signed by the Parish Priest. Please note, without the signed and completed form, your bookings are not valid.

PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AND HAVE ONLY AN EMERGENCY SERVICE FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF AUGUST. Please, if you have any issue that needs to be attended to before September, please, use the month of July to do it.

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MASS ENVELOPES ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND MASSES CAN ALSO BE BOOKED THROUGH THE EMAIL OR TELEPHONE Mass offerings can be made online to the parish account.

JOURNEY MERCY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS who are travelling for their Summer Holiday, may God bless and protect you. May all those who are staying in our beautiful Tolworth and its environs also have a peaceful and restful holiday.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY, THIS SUNDAY 28TH JULY Is the opportunity to celebrate the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. This is a chance to show your love, appreciation and gratitude for these important members of your family and the wider community.

An old £5 and an even older £50 arrive at the Bank of England to be retired. "I've had a pretty good life," the £50 says. "I've been to the best Casinos, the finest restaurants in London, and even on a Caribbean cruise." "You did have an exciting life!" the £5 says. "Where have you been?" the £50 asks. "Oh, I've been to the Methodist church, the Baptist church, spent some time with the Roman Catholic..." "Wait," the £50 interrupts. "What's a church?"

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Non-Gift-aid: £830.03

Gift-aid: £351.60 **Total:** £1,181.63

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.

ST JOSEPH'S, NEW MALDEN 8DAY PILGRIMAGE - To Assisi - Rome - Rotondo 10 - 17 May 2025

by Air. Price from £1490 including a £20 one-of gratuity; Children age 5-11yrs - £1190

Included: Return flights + airport taxes, accommodation on half board, tolls & city tax, daily Masses, guided tours in Italy, airport transfers in the UK and Italy, public bus / train tickets, all entrance fees. To register interest, please send initial information to annedsilva@rcaos.org.uk

OBITUARIES:

JOE INGRASCI: Please pray for Joe Ingrasci who passed away peacefully on Wednesday 3rd July.

Funeral: Wednesday 31st July, 11am, OLI Church Committal at Putney Vale Cemetery

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