



01 SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

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Spiritans

RELIGION OF THE HEART AND NOT EXTERNAL RITUALISM

The Scribes and Pharisees were very much concerned about the strict observance of the Law and ritualism, very much bothered about the affairs of other's lives, how to question, how to put down others by speaking ill of others, and not at all bothered about the daily struggle of the simple ordinary people. They were more worried about their external appearance and artificial way of dealing than internal reality which really hurt the feelings of others. What matters is not purifying the hands but purifying the heart: it is not from the outside that goes and defiles us, but rather it is from within that comes out and defiles us. When we are very particular about certain practices of age old traditions as an end in itself and not as a reflection of love and reverence for God, we miss out in our life the joy and peace promised by Christ.

Fr. Boniface, CSSp.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 01 SEPTEMBER 2024 — 08 SEPTEMBER 2024

(FEASTS: 3RD ST GREGORY THE GREAT)

Sat 31	18.30: Mary's Intentions	
Sun 01	09.00: Elizabeth Powell - RIP (FM)	
	11.00: Renee Barry - RIP 1st ANN (C Stevens)	18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 02	09.30: Rajani Reginald - RIP	
Tues 03	09.30: Betty Powell - RIP 18th ANN	19.00: Ron & Bernadette Malone - 65th Wedd Anni
Wed 04	09.30: Thanksgiving (Rosamma)	19.00: Ron Malone - 90th BDay
Thurs 05	07.00: Freda Cantwell - WB (J Dunseath)	09.30: Anthony Vella - RIP (D Kidd)
Fri 06	07.00: John Walsh - RIP (J Dunseath)	09.30: Peter White - RIP (T Rutter)
Sat 07	09.00: Florence Elmsie RIP (FM)	
Sat 07	18.30: Frs. Michael & Boniface (M Tett)	
Sun 08	09.00: Mary Flynn - RIP (P Grogan)	
	11.00: James & Susan Walsh - RIP (J Dunseath)	
	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 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 Colin Stevens.

Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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: God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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 Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 14(15):2-5

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Second reading James 1:17-18,21-22,27

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

cf. Jn 6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Or:

James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

By his own choice the Father made us his children
by the message of the truth,

so that we should be a sort of first-fruits
of all that he created.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For

the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.' He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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 this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery

it may accomplish in power.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Or:

Mt 5: 9-10

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Prayer after Communion: Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL TO FR BONIFACE AYOO

Fr Boniface has been transferred from our parish to a Spiritan parish in Liverpool to continue his sabbatical program. We thank him for his gracious ministry and service to our parish. Next weekend will be his last Sunday with us to say goodbye to everyone. He will come later for a send forth. May God bless him in his Ministry.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE (CES)

The CES acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic education. They have a strong and positive working relationship with the British and Welsh governments, sharing the aims of high academic standards for all, and increased parental choice. Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are over 2,000 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 800,000 students. The Catholic Church and the Church of England together provide one-third of all of the schools in the country. The CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistance for school transport in rural areas.

GET READY FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION

God the maker of all that is good

from September 1 to October 4,

the Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Creation is the foundation of Christian ecology, everything in it pointing to God our Creator. The Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home and hear the call to care for Creation. We are co-creatures and part of all that God has made. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. For further information and resources please see the Diocesan notice board in the Narthex or <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/livesimply-award>, <https://theletterfilm.org/>

PARISH INFORMATION & REMINDERS

A BIG WELCOME AND THANKSGIVING FOR JOURNEY MERCIES - for every Parishioner returning from their holiday.

NEXT OLI YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT: SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 4:15 - 5.30 PM - Following a short break for summer, we are excited to invite all young people, Year 7 to the age of 19, to our next Youth Ministry Event in the Parish Hall. There will be games, snacks and, possibly some singing as well so that young people can experience their faith in good company. Please note, going forward we will require a signed consent form, for young people under the age of 18, to attend. Consent forms will be made available at the back of the church from the week of 26th August, completed forms can be dropped off in the presbytery or brought to the event.

YOUNG ADULT'S CONCERT IS BEING ORGANISED BY THE SPIRITAN RELIGIOUS ORDER YOUTH MINISTRY ON SATURDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, FROM 10AM TO 5PM AT ST. MELLITUS, TOLLINGTON PARK, LONDON Is a day of worship, fun activities, and adoration. Many young adults will be coming from all the Spiritan Parishes in London. It will begin the series of preparation for the next World Youth Day. Speak to Fr. Michael or Jefin John, our Parish Youth Coordinator, for a free ticket if you are interested. Don't miss out on this exciting event.

A NEW FORM FOR THE BOOKING OF THE PARISH HALL IS 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.

Two men on really high scaffolds are painting the ceiling of a church. They look down and see a little old lady kneeling in prayer right below them. One of the painters decides to have a little fun and in his deepest voice says, "This is Jesus talking." Nothing happens. So he says again, "Woman, this is Jesus speaking to you." Finally the lady, still looking straight ahead, says, "Be quiet! I am talking to your mother!"

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £299.03

Non-Gift-aid: £683.30 Total: **£982.33**

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.

FOOD BANK DONATIONS: RENEWED APPEAL

"Food banks saw the highest ever levels of need as more people found their incomes did not cover the cost of essentials like heating and food. Between April 2023 and March 2024, the number of people that used a food bank for the first time was 655,000".

These are the recent words of the Trussell Trust. Please continue to be generous with your food donations. All non-perishable food items are welcome. Thank you for your generosity.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

This is run by the Marriage & Family Life Team RC Archdiocese of Southwark and it is to be held on **Saturday 28 September** in the parish hall, from **9.30am until 4.30pm**. It is a day in which married couples can privately explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into their communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no charge but booking is essential. Please contact worcesterpark@rcaos.org.uk or by phone: 020 8337 1782 to book your place. Refreshments will be provided.

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UNCLEAN HANDS WASHING ELDERS
MARKET CUPS POTS BRONZE
RESPECT FOOD HYPOCRITES ELBOW

