



08 SEPTEMBER 2024

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

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Spiritans

NOTHING CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT SACRIFICE

God is not only the protector, but also the helper, of anyone in trouble. What was only promised and vaguely fulfilled in the past became a reality in Jesus. Whereas mankind is prone to exploit the poor and the weak, God is determined on securing them and championing their cause. In Jesus, God reveals and acts according to His true nature. After completing creation, God reviewed all His work and found them good. The people, seeing the actions and miracles of Jesus acclaimed: “He has done all things well; He even makes the deaf hear and dumb speak.” However, despite God’s marvelously, beautiful creation, and despite Jesus’ ministry, oppression and suffering, seems to be on the increase. There is a crying need for loving people and dedicated organisations that alleviate suffering, fight against injustice and champion the cause of the oppressed. It is in this way that we complete in our own persons what is still to be accomplished in the passion of Christ for the salvation and liberation of the world. Nothing beautiful can be achieved without self-sacrifice. The Kingdom of God, the flowering of creation, grows and flourishes in the soil of self-sacrifice.

Fr. Boniface

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 08 SEPTEMBER 2024 — 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

(FEASTS: 14TH THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS MEMORIALS: 13TH ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM)

Sat 07	18.30: Frs. Michael & Boniface (<i>M Tett</i>)	
Sun 08	09.00: Mary Flynn - RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>)	
	11.00: James & Susan Walsh - RIP (<i>J Dunseath</i>)	
	18.00: People of the Parish	
Mon 09	09.30: Maria Rosaria D’Agostino (<i>Franco</i>)	
Tues 10	09.30: Renato Trainini - WB	19.00: Janaki Gandhimathi - RIP (<i>Mary & Suresh</i>)
Wed 11	09.30: Holy Souls (<i>J Dunseath</i>)	19.00: Eric Powell - RIP
Thurs 12	07.00: Charles Sillem - RIP (<i>FM</i>)	09.30: Michael & Catherine Burrows - RIP (<i>FM</i>)
Fri 13	07.00: Catherine Seaward - RIP (<i>FM</i>)	09.30: Vivienne Keel - RIP (<i>K Jankowski</i>)
Sat 14	09.00: Gladis Garcia - RIP (<i>N & G Carro</i>)	
Sat 14	18.30 Holy Souls	
Sun 15	09.00: Mary McDonald, Mary Brown & Clara Caine (<i>C Brown</i>)	
	11.00: Ann Deasy - RIP (<i>Cummins Family</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 Eric Powell 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, Angela Bailey and Colin Stevens.

Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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

Isaiah 35:4-7

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

145(146):7-10

My soul, give praise to the Lord. or Alleluia!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives

bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

My soul, give praise to the Lord. or Alleluia!

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

My soul, give praise to the Lord. or Alleluia!

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

My soul, give praise to the Lord. or Alleluia!

Second reading

James 2:1-5

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him. **Reader: The word of the Lord.**

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Or:

f.Mt4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insist-

ed, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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 give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Or: Jn 8: 12

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.

Prayer after Communion: Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever

and ever. **Amen.**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE (CES) As we mark Education Day, the 2nd collection will be taken for the Catholic Education Service. It acts on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference to support Catholic Education. 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 CES is the chief negotiating and advisory body on matters affecting all aspects of Catholic education, and it also provides financial assistances for school transport in rural areas. Many thanks.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support 'Home Mission,' the spread of the Gospel in our own country. The money collected enables a breadth of work to be done in support of parish evangelisation. Many thanks

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Returns this weekend at the 9am Sunday Mass. Children aged from 4 to before their First Holy Communion are warmly invited to attend. We are looking for helpers. Please speak to the team after Mass if you can help.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024/25 Parents, do you have a child/children in year 3 or above, and would like them to begin the programme for preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion? If so, please attend the meeting for parents ahead of formal registration for the programme. The meeting is on **Monday 9th September at 7.30pm** in the parish hall and will take approximately 1 hour. At this meeting you will be given information about the programme and requirements for registration.

Please use the following link to confirm your attendance: <https://koalendar.com/e/first-reconciliation-and-holy-communion-parents-meeting>

SUPPORTING THOSE AFFECTED BY ABUSE The Archdiocese of Southwark warmly invites you to the annual service of hope & healing for those that have been harmed by abuse and for those that work with or support those that have been harmed. **Date-25th September 2024. Time-6.30pm. Venue-St George's Cathedral, SE1 7HY** Afterwards all are invited to tie a ribbon to our "LoudFence", as a sign of solidarity, care & hope for survivors & as a memorial for those that have been lost to abuse.

DAY FOR CATECHISTS , SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL Parish Catechists are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists, 28th September at Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR. Starting at 10am finishing with Mass at 4pm. This day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. For those who wish to attend, please register your interest with the Parish Office.

PARISH INFORMATION & REMINDERS

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.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE - ST MATTHIAS
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

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, little Jonnie stayed at home with a babysitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Little Jonnie asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him. "Wouldn't you know it?" Little Jonnie fumed. "The one Sunday I don't go and He shows up."

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £392.71
Non-Gift-aid: £841.20 **Total:** **£1,233.91**

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 2024

Cash / cheques – £4,143.15

1. Gift-Aided – £1,276.54

2. Non-G/A – £2,866.61

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,860.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,173.00

2. Non-G/A – £687.00

C. Contactless Machine – £853.52

Total = £7,856.67 (Last month: £8,166.52)

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.

booking is essential. Please contact worcesterpark@rcaos.org.uk or by phone: 020 8337 1782 to book your place.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (SPUC) is holding a one-day conference on **Saturday 28th September 2024**, at Holiday Inn Regent's Park, Carburton Street, London, W1W 5EE. Tickets are £40, including lunch. Speakers include **Alex Schadenberg**, Executive Director of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, Canada, and **David Campanale**, a former Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate, who was deselected for his pro-life, Christian beliefs.

Bookings can be made via the SPUC website at: www.spuc.org.uk/conference-2024

OBITUARIES:

ERIC POWELL: Please pray for Eric Powell who passed away on Tuesday 3rd September.

Funeral: To be arranged

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