



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B**

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**Spiritans**

**A Rich Man’s Wealth is Measured at his Funeral**

The world sees the self as the ultimate, and encourages us to put our wants and desires first. The self is exalted as the ultimate that needs to be pampered and treasured. However, Jesus reminds us to focus on God and others. Ironically, when we focus on God and others, the self grows stronger and more beautiful. Contrary, when we focus on ourselves, we lose God and we lose others and the self reduces. Consequently, when we lose God and others, we are dead. This reminds us that the true worth of life is not what the self owns but what is owed to the other. To look beyond the self is to have a greater and more life-giving perspective. This perspective reminds us that true greatness of life is not in possessions, but kindness. A proverb of my people affirms that the true measure of a man’s riches is at a person’s funeral, which is measured by the number of tears shed because of the way the deceased touched the lives of others. Offering someone your time, kindness and life is the measure of wealth and greatness. True leadership is found in becoming the servant of all, rather than dominating others. Power is discovered in submitting ourselves to others, and true love is attained in sacrificing ourselves in order to benefit others. The foremost symbol of this radical teaching is the cross. Jesus lived the cross-life in submission to all human beings. He was the servant of all. He flatly refused any position or honour. He lived the cross-life when He took a towel and washed the feet of His disciples. May we say no to a self-absorbed human existence and turn from me, to you.

**Fr. Michael**

**MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 15 SEPTEMBER 2024 — 22 SEPTEMBER 2024**

*(MEMORIALS: 16TH SS CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN BISHOP, MARTYRS, 20TH ST ANDREW KIM TAE-GON & PAUL CHONG HANG & COMPANIONS)*

<b>Sat 14</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Holy Souls	
<b>Sun 15</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Mary McDonald, Mary Brown & Clara Caine <i>(C Brown)</i>	
	<b>11.00:</b> Ann Deasy - RIP <i>(Cummins Family)</i>	
	<b>18.00:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Mon 16</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Monica & James Anderson RIP <i>(FM)</i>	
<b>Tues 17</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Lena-Marie Kidd 21st BD &Ints <i>(A Kidd)</i>	<b>19.00:</b>
<b>Wed 18</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Pauline Ferrara - BD	<b>19.00:</b> Clement - 17th BD & TG <i>(Mary &amp; S)</i>
<b>Thurs 19</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Rosamma Private Intention <i>(Thomas)</i>	<b>09.30:</b> Holy Souls
<b>Fri 20</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Rosamma Private Intention <i>(Thomas)</i>	<b>09.30:</b> Maria Sebastian - Ints
<b>Sat 21</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Tom Delaney - RIP, 13th ANN <i>(Ann)</i>	
<b>Sat 21</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Kathleen Pearce - RIP <i>(M Shanahan)</i>	
<b>Sun 22</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Rayappu - RIP, 22nd ANN <i>(Anita)</i>	<b>11.00:</b> TG -50th Wedd Ann <i>(K&amp;R Jankowski)</i>
		<b>18.00:</b> People of the Parish

<b>EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:</b>	<b>MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8AM</b>
<b>MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):</b>	<b>MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9AM</b>
<b>SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:</b>	<b>SATURDAY: - 9.30-10am &amp; 5.30-6.00pm</b>
<b>YOUTH MASS:</b>	<b>LAST SUNDAY: - 6pm Mass</b>
<b>ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:</b>	<b>TUESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses</b>
<b>OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses</b>
<b>OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:</b>	<b>FIRST SATURDAY - of the month, after morning Mass</b>
<b>SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL</b>	<b>FIRST FRIDAY - of the month</b>



**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.

# TODAY'S READINGS

## Entrance Antiphon

**Cf. Sir 36: 18**

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

**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:** Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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 50:5-9**

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

**114(116):1-6,8-9**

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;

for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **R**

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name.

O Lord, my God, deliver me! **R**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. **R**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. **R**

## Second reading

**James 2:14-18**

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Jn14:6**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Mark 8:27-35**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you

think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

**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:**

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon** **Cf. Ps 35: 8**

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**Prayer after Communion:**

May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEWSFLASH:** It has been announced in Rome on Friday that Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Philip Moger as the 10th Bishop of Plymouth. The date of his installation will be announced in due course.

**OUR VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING** will be on Tuesday, 24th September at 8pm. This meeting is mandatory and will discuss many important issues. Please let Mary Antonisamy know immediately if you will not attend.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING WITH FR. MICHAEL** will be on Tuesday, 24th of September immediately after the evening Mass in the RDJ Room to discuss urgent issues. This meeting is mandatory for all Eucharistic Ministers.

**TRAINING FOR JUNIOR READERS.** There will be training for young people interested in becoming readers at mass on Saturday 21st September at 11am in the Church. Reading in Church brings your child closer to God and help their confidence and public speaking.

**SIGNING OF SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS:** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 4pm-6pm in the Old Chapel. Please use the following link to make an appointment <https://koalendar.com/e/secondary-school-form-signing-for-sept-2025>

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2024/25**

**Registration Meeting for Parents and Children.**

Formal registration for the programme will take place between 5pm-7.30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September in the Presbytery. Please book an appointment using the link below: <https://koalendar.com/e/first-holy-communion-and-reconciliation-programme-20242025>

**TOWARDS FR BONIFACE'S FAREWELL**

Fr Boniface has taken up his new assignment in Liverpool. There will be a farewell Mass & celebration to thank him for his ministry in the parish later in November. If you wish, envelopes are available in the narthex for donations towards a farewell gift to him.

**RCIA PROGRAM: ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND WANT TO KNOW MORE? ARE YOU AN ADULT, BAPTISED CATHOLIC BUT NOT YET CONFIRMED?** If you, or someone you know, would say 'Yes' to one of these questions, we invite you to complete one of the forms at the entrance to the church and hand it in at the parish office. The parish is putting together a small group that will meet informally every week from early October that may help answer your questions about the Church and, if you wish, enable you to take further steps.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE HOME MISSION.** This collection provides the Bishops of England and Wales with resources to support the spread of the Gospel in our own country.

**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** It will begin the series of preparation for the next World Youth Day. There will be a group of us going from OLI using public transport on the day (Saturday 21 September), we will be meeting in the Narthex of the church at 8.15 am. If people are interested in travelling with us, please email [tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk)

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The Parish Lenten Project has been running successfully for 52 years.

The aim of the Project is give the parish a charitable focal point during Lent and give everyone (all groups, clubs and societies) in the parish the opportunity to take part in fundraising for projects in the developing world.

**The Lenten Project AGM will be held on Wed 23 October 2024 at 7.45pm** in the Old Chapel. At that meeting we will select the charities which we will be supporting during Lent 2024. We are now actively seeking parishioners to nominate suitable charities.

If you have a charity you would like the parish to support in Lent during 2025 then please complete the charity nomination form, in Word, which can be found at: <http://www.olionline.co.uk/community/lenten-project/>

You can also find blank copies of the form at the back of Church or obtain one from the Parish Office.

**The deadline for forms is 20 October 2024**

Once you have completed the form please either email it to [tolworth@rcaos.org](mailto:tolworth@rcaos.org). or place it through the Presbytery letter box. If you would like any more information please contact the parish office on 8399 9550 or email

### OUR LADY IMMACULATE SCHOOL

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone in the Parish and beyond for the upcoming Open Mornings/Evening. The Open Mornings/Evening are happening on 25<sup>th</sup> September – 9-10am, 2<sup>nd</sup> October- 6-7pm & 18<sup>th</sup> October – 9-10am. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing all the amazing aspects of OLI School.

A young couple invited their elderly parish priest for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the priest asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the Priest, "Are you sure about that?" "Yes," said the youngster. "I heard Dad say to Mum, 'We might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'"

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

#### LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £229.40

Non-Gift-aid: £976.41

Total: £1,205.81

#### 2ND COLLECTION:

Total: £249.45

*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](http://olionline.co.uk)), or by online banking:*

*RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032; Sort Code: 60-21-05.*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - Returned last 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.

#### 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.

### OBITUARIES:

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

**Funeral:** St Raphael, Tues 1st October at 12pm

**SERGIO DELLA GROTTA:** Please pray for Sergio Della Grotta who passed away on Friday 6th September.

**Funeral:** To be arranged

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 STRICT SUFFER ELDERS DEATH  
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