



22 SEPTEMBER 2024

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

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Spiritans

### Grow up and be like a Child.

Children are the best gift openers and we need to learn a lot from them as we open the gift of life. When my three year old niece opens a present, it looks like watching summer flowers blossom. Every gift is the best gift for her. She will hold the gift, dance in circles and then give you a big hug that makes you feel as if you gave her the world. She will show everyone her gift. Jesus wants us to welcome this joyful and enthusiastic spirit of children into our life. He wants us to enjoy all that He gives us without wanting more and more of power, domination and position. Children are full of trust, adoration and wonder. They do not allow the pressures and disappointments of life to affect their trust of others. They depend on adults and their parents for everything and do not want to be left alone. That is why God wants us to trust and depend on him rather than depending on our power and abilities. We have no reason not to trust God for He never fails. The Lord is always for us, not against us and we have nothing to fear or worry. No matter how disappointing a situation is, we should allow God to lead. Remember that life cannot be handled by human wisdom or capabilities, for we do not have absolute control over life. Consequently, being like a child is also about staying humble. The disciples had been arguing about who among them was the greatest. To correct them, Jesus lifted up a child in His arms as their model. A child does not think about his own greatness and power but the greatness and power of his parents, which therefore implies that if greatness and power in God's kingdom is our goal, God's own comes first and is the Centre of our own. Remember that life is more of God and less of us. **Fr. Michael**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 22 SEPTEMBER 2024 — 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

(*MEMORIALS: 23 ST PIUS OF PIETRELcina, 24 OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM, 27 ST VINCENT DE PAUL*)

<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> Jolene Soul - RIP ( <i>Christelle</i> )	
<b>Mon 23</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Catherine Howe - WB ( <i>M Shanahan</i> )	
<b>Tues 24</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Deceased Members of Angelica De Stasio & Fam ( <i>D'Agostino</i> )	
	<b>19.00:</b> David Louie - Birthday thanksgiving ( <i>L Ko</i> )	
<b>Wed 25</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Margaret & Thomas Kane RIP ( <i>K Jankowski</i> )	<b>19.00:</b> Genovessa Riti - RIP ( <i>Stevens</i> )
<b>Thurs 26</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Rosamma Private Intention ( <i>Thomas</i> )	<b>09.30:</b> Eric Powell - RIP ( <i>Lee</i> )
<b>Fri 27</b>	<b>07.00:</b> May Phillips RIP ( <i>FM</i> )	<b>09.30:</b> Hutchinson Family ( <i>Lee</i> )
<b>Sat 28</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Margaret Clifford - RIP	
<b>Sat 28</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Robert McInnery - RIP ( <i>P Mitchell</i> )	
<b>Sun 29</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Sergio Della Grotta - RIP	
	<b>11.00:</b> Philmon Buenafe - RIP ( <i>Espiritu</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, Sergio Della Grotta, 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, 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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**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, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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. **Wisdom 2:12,17-20**

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. 'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm: 53(54):3-6,8

*The Lord upholds my life.*

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth.

*The Lord upholds my life.*

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God.

*The Lord upholds my life.*

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good.

*The Lord upholds my life.*

## Second reading

**James 3:16-4:3**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Jn8:12**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms

round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**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:**

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Communion Antiphon Ps 118: 4-5**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FR. MICHAEL'S INDUCTION** as parish priest will be on Thursday, 31st of October at 7pm. Please keep this date in your diary.

**NEW BAPTISMAL BOOKLET:** Are you thinking of having your child Baptised? Please see the new Baptism booklet available on the website or collect one from the narthex. Thank you.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO AMANDA AND NARESH WHO** got married this weekend in our Parish and may God bless their union with peace, life and love.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED** - Please consider volunteering and joining our altar servers ministry to help with all our Masses. Age is no barrier, both adults and young people equally welcome. The only requirement is you have made your First Holy Communion. If you are over 18yrs you will need to complete a DBS check and all will need to complete a Code of Conduct Form (including under 18s)

The Training Course for new servers begins on **Sunday 29th September at 12.30pm** in the Sacristy for approximately 45 minutes and will run for up to 7 weeks. Any former server who wishes to rejoin the group will be equally welcome. Please come and join us for the first session on 29th September. For further information or questions please contact the parish office, 020 8399 9550 or email [tolworth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworth@rcaos.org.uk)

## **INFO & REMINDERS**

**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** is now on Wednesday, 25th of September immediately after the evening Mass in the RDJ Room to discuss urgent issues. This meeting is mandatory for all Eucharistic Ministers.

### **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> and Tuesday 24<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 on Sunday 24th November, after the 11am Mass. 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.

# INFORMATION & REMINDERS



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

The aim of the Project is to 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 2025. 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 [tolworth@rcaos.org](mailto:tolworth@rcaos.org)

## 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 businessman needed a million pounds to close an important business transaction. He went to church to pray for the money. He knelt and started praying next to a man who was praying for a hundred pounds he needed to pay an urgent debt. The businessman took out his wallet and pressed the hundred pounds into the other man's hand. Overjoyed, the man got up and left the church. The businessman then closed his eyes and prayed, "And now, Lord, that I have your undivided attention...."

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £314.21

Non-Gift-aid: £756.34

Total: £1,070.55

### 2ND COLLECTION:

Total: £213.45

*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.*

## 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 .on 8399 9550 or email [tolworth@rcaos.org](mailto:tolworth@rcaos.org)

## 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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