



06 OCTOBER 2024

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

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Spiritans

MARRIAGE IS NOT A BURDEN BUT A BLESSING

A wise priest once wrote these words: “When I was young I was a revolutionary. My prayer to God was: ‘Lord, give me the energy to change the world.’ As I approached middle-age and realised that my life was half-gone without my changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come into contact with me. Just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.’ Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: ‘Lord, give me the grace to change myself.’ If I had prayed for this from the start, I would not have wasted my life.’ This reminds us that the capacity to change others comes from the Holy Spirit; starts with ourselves and is rooted deeply in love. Every relationship is a gift from God and is meant to be cherished. This involves us learning that pointing fingers at others is an exercise in futility because it prevents us from pointing our fingers at the one person that we have a right to criticise – ourselves. As we see from the Gospel reading, Jesus was trying to show the Pharisees that they were wrong about marriage. It is not a burden but a blessing. Marriage is not man’s work but God’s. And what God joins together, man cannot separate. Only death can do that. And death is God’s business, not man’s. We live in an age of finger pointing, where people blame each other for breakdown of relationships and marriage. When things break down, nobody accepts the blame but rather point accusing fingers at the other, neglecting their own wrong doing, thereby losing the opportunity for growth and forgiveness. It is not God that breaks relationships, but our attitude of forgiveness and holding onto grudges that destroys relationships. Where there is true love and faith, there is nothing that love cannot forgive.

Fr. Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 06 OCTOBER 2024 — 13 OCTOBER 2024

(MEMORIALS: 7TH OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FEASTS: 9TH ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN)

Sat 05	18.30: Jack Hoey - RIP <i>(P Mitchell)</i>	
Sun 06	09.00: Fredrick & Dolly Sirmon - RIP <i>(FM)</i>	
	11.00: Maureen Sheehan RIP <i>(S De Fonseka)</i>	
	18.00: People of the Parish	
Mon 07	09.30: Tessa & John Rutter - WB <i>(A & R Maranzano)</i>	
Tues 08	09.30: Canon Michael Cooley - RIP <i>(J Lambert)</i>	19.00: Holy Souls
Wed 09	09.30: Peter Healy - RIP <i>(KJ)</i>	19.00:
Thurs 10	07.00: James & Hilda Powell - RIP <i>(FM)</i>	09.30: Tessa Rutter –WB <i>(Kidd)</i>
Fri 11	07.00: Agnelo & Rita Noronha - 21st Wedd Anni	
	09.30: Tim & Janice Ryan - WB <i>(M Tett)</i>	
Sat 12	09.00: Thanksgiving to St Anthony	
Sat 12	18.30: Andrew Brownrigg - RIP <i>(P Mitchell)</i>	
Sun 13	09.00: Mary McGlynn - RIP <i>(P Grogan)</i>	11.00:
		18.00: People of the Parish

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:

MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

YOUTH MASS:

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:

OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:

SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8AM

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9AM

SATURDAY: - 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm

LAST SUNDAY: - 6pm Mass

TUESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses

WEDNESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses

FIRST SATURDAY - of the month, after morning Mass

FIRST FRIDAY - of the month

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially 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, Angela Bailey, Allan Cook and Colin Stevens.



Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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:

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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.

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Cf. Est 4: 17

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 127(128)

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.

You will be happy and prosper.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Your wife like a fruitful vine

in the heart of your house;

your children like shoots of the olive, around your table.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Indeed thus shall be blessed

the man who fears the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion

in a happy Jerusalem

all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children.

On Israel, peace!

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

Second reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendor because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Jn17:17

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do

not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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 sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL: FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

We are encouraged to fast or eat a simple meal on Friday in solidarity with the poor, and donate the savings from our fast through the second collection next weekend, or directly to CAFOD, using the envelopes provided in the narthex or give online at cafod.org.uk

FR MICHAEL'S INDUCTION: A BRING AND SHARE SIGN UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

Parishioners are invited to donate food, drinks and other items for a shared table. All donations are very welcome. Thank you.

OLI YOUTH MINISTRY: Sunday 13th October, 4.15 - 5.30 pm. 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 available at the back of the church, completed forms can be dropped off in the presbytery or brought to the event.

INFO & REMINDERS

SOUTHWARK ARCHDIOCESE PRAYER PROJECT: Journey with Mary to Pentecost 7th October 2024- 7th June 2025. Come and be a part of this diocesan wide prayer campaign, praying a decade of the rosary every day for the priests and parishes of our local deanery in preparation for the Jubilee Year and the special Pentecost celebration at Aylesford on Saturday 7th June 2025. How can I participate? Commit to pray one decade of the rosary every day for a different priest and parish every day. Receive a daily reminder via the Kingston Deanery WhatsApp group. Your contact person for this is Anne D'Silva. Please email Anne if you would like to receive daily reminders via WhatsApp at annedsilva@rcaos.org.uk.

DAY FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - 19TH OCT 11AM - 4PM at Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon. Day for Parish Readers and Eucharistic Ministers: on the new translation of the Lectionary, soon to be brought into use. Please bring a packed lunch; tea and coffee provided. Register directly through your parish office or via wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk

FR. MICHAEL'S INDUCTION as parish priest will be on Thursday, 31st of October at 7pm. Please keep this in your diary. We will need donations of food, drink, money and service for the event. We are expecting more than 35 priests. Please, speak to Fr. Michael or the Parish office if you will like to contribute and may God bless you abundantly.

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. RCIA process. For those who wish to attend, please register your interest with the parish office on 8399 9550 or email tolworth@rcaos.org.uk

INFORMATION & REMINDERS



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. 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

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. If you wish, envelopes are available in the narthex for donations towards a farewell gift to him.

NEW BAPTISMAL BOOKLET: Are you thinking of Baptising your child? Please collect the new Baptism booklet available in the narthex.

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/

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £283.20

Non-Gift-aid: £843.22

Total: **£1,126.42**

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.

Evening. The Open Mornings/Evening are happening on 18th October – 9-10am. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing all the amazing aspects of OLI School.

FOR THE BEREAVED - Grief In Loss: Hope In Christ is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from October 4-6, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. The residential cost is £260 for a single, £230 each for a shared room. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you – 01622 717 272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

OBITUARIES:

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

Funeral: OLI, Friday 11th October at 12.30pm

ERIC POWELL: A message from Eric's son, Michael: *"I would like to thank everyone who came to Dad's requiem and burial this week. It was a great send off for a good man".* Eric was one of the founder parishioners of Our Lady Immaculate.

The doctor tells the heart-attack patient that he will die without a heart transplant, but two organs are available — the heart of a U.S. Congressman and the heart of a priest. "I want the Congressman's," the patient says. "Why?" the doctor asks. "It's easy," the patient replies. "Priests use their hearts a lot and their hearts are tired and worn out, whereas the Congressman has probably never used his."

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