



13 OCTOBER 2024

# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

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**School:** Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School □ **Headteacher:** Mr Ben Martin



**Spiritans**

**Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth**

## What is the purpose of life?

According to the great Athenian philosopher, Socrates, “The unexamined life is not worth living.” One must examine themselves always about their life purpose. Pleasure, money, security and success do not represent our true purpose and will never fulfil us completely. This is because we are made for a relationship with God, and we can only find true meaning and purpose in Him. However, we often turn the care of “self” into the purpose of life and live in the satisfaction of the self. We focus on self-centered questions such as: “What are my goals, my ambitions, and my dreams for my future?” This is the problem with the rich young man and the reason for his sadness. He is searching for what he would do to have eternal life without focusing on the true purpose of his existence. He feels that the true purpose of his life lies in himself, possessions or achievements, and fails to realise that it is only in God’s overwhelming and steadfast love, that we discover our purpose. We are called to love and serve God and to experience intimacy with Him. We can have no greater purpose than that. We are not created to be driven by guilt, worry, fear, insecurity, anger, resentment, our past and others. Indeed, God wants us to be purpose driven people, driven by His plans and purposes for our lives. We are not here by chance. Before God even created the world, He planned us and our purpose. Hence, we need to eliminate worthless things that do not matter. Stop doing what is not important so that you can have the time and resources to do the things that count. Think always about your life’s purpose and where your life is going. Think ahead! Don't wait for some major crisis or situation to come before you think about the meaning of your life. Always ask yourself, 'What's going to last and what will not last?' Think 10 or 20 years from now and even to eternity about what will still be meaningful. Remember that this world and its desires will pass away, but those who do the will of God will live forever.

**Fr. Michael**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 13 OCTOBER 2024 — 20 OCTOBER 2024

*(MEMORIALS: 15TH ST TERESA OF JESUS (AVILA) ~ 17TH ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH FEASTS: 18TH ST LUKE)*

<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Andrew Brownrigg - RIP <i>(P Mitchell)</i>	
<b>Sun 13</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Mary McGlynn - RIP <i>(P Grogan)</i>	
	<b>11.00:</b> Nubia & Terry - WB <i>(Nubia)</i>	
	<b>18.00:</b> People of the Parish	
<b>Mon 14</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Fr Michael - Ints <i>(M Tett)</i>	
<b>Tues 15</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Philisata Ko - RIP <i>(Lily)</i>	<b>19.00:</b> Elvira Amato - RIP
<b>Wed 16</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Kidd Family - Ints <i>(M Tett)</i>	<b>19.00:</b> Parish Volunteers
<b>Thurs 17</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Holy Souls	<b>09.30:</b> Sick & Housebound Parishioners
<b>Fri 18</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Holy Souls	
	<b>09.30:</b> Colin Stevens - WB <i>(D Kidd)</i>	
<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Catherine Yap - WB <i>(D Kidd)</i>	
<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Fr Michael - Birthday and Ints <i>(D Kidd)</i>	
<b>Sun 20</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Bernadette Mitchell - RIP <i>(P Mitchell)</i>	<b>11.00:</b> Fr Michael - Birthday
		<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 Elvira Amato 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.



# TODAY'S READINGS

## Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of 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:

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 7:7-11**

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89(90):12-17**

**Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.**

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

**Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.**

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

**Ps 129: 3-4**

Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune.

**Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.**

Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

give success to the work of our hands.

**Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.**

## Second reading

**Hebrews 4:12-13**

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Mt11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

## Gospel

**Mark 10:17-30**

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecu-

tions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.’

**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, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**Prayer after Communion**

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY. THERE WILL BE ROSARY 30 MINUTES BEFORE EACH SUNDAY MASS.**

**FR MICHAEL’S INDUCTION : OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

Fr Michael would like to encourage as many Parishioners as possible to be involved in his Induction Mass on Thursday 31st October at 7pm. To that end, he is very keen for a member of each Parish Group to form part of the Offertory Procession. Each representative is requested to bring with them an item that represents their group. This item will be received by Bishop Philip and displayed around the altar. Could the leaders of

each group contact Denise (tolworth@rcaos.org.uk) to confirm participation. Many thanks.

**NOVEMBER IS A MONTH DEDICATED TO PRAYING FOR THE DEAD. WE WILL ERECT A MEMORIAL ALTAR IN OUR LADY’S CHAPEL WITH THE PICTURES OF YOUR DEAD LOVED ONES** - Please, give the pictures to Fr. Michael or to the Parish office before the end of the month.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2025**

If you have a son / daughter in year 9 or above, they have made their First Holy Communion and you attend Mass regularly in OLI, they can be considered for Confirmation next year. The application is on the website. Closing date for applications is 10<sup>th</sup> November

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (MISSIO)** The theme this year is ‘Go and invite everyone to the banquet!’ On this day the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and conflict. For more information on World Mission Sunday please visit: mission.org.uk.

**OPPOSE ASSISTED DYING BILL:** -There have been increasing reports that the Government will support a Bill in Parliament to legalise assisted dying. In March, Archbishop John reminded us that “the Catholic Church believes and teaches that every life is valuable, regardless of one’s physical or mental state or ability”, which is why “we cannot approve of any form of euthanasia and assisted suicide”. To find out how and for more information visit:

<https://www.rcsouthwark.co.uk/news-events/news/how-to-oppose-the-assisted-dying-bill/>

**RCIC PROGRAM FOR TEENAGERS:** Will take place on Tuesdays. Starting on Tuesday 15th October at 6pm in the Presbytery

## INFO & REMINDERS

**OLI YOUTH MINISTRY:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> 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. A signed consent form for young people under the age of 18 is required to attend. Consent forms are available in the Narthex

**THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE MADE DONATIONS TOWARDS FR MICHAEL’S INDUCTION:** May God bless you so much. We still need more to make the evening a memorable one. A Bring and Share Sign Up Sheet is still available in the Narthex

**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.

# 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](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)

## 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](mailto:wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk)

## 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/ Evenings. The Open Mornings/Evening are happening

**“Early one morning a husband and wife were arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally, the wife folded her arms and said decidedly, “You have to make the coffee. It’s in the Bible!” The husband was shocked & said. “Is not! Show me!” Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it to one of the New Testament books and declared, “It says right here — HEBREWS!”**

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### LAST WEEKEND

**Gift-aid:** £328.21  
**Non-Gift-aid:** £904.54                      **Total: £1,232.75**  
**2nd Collection:** £287.15

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

Cash / cheques – £5,928.55  
 1. Gift-Aided – £4,217.97  
 2. Non-G/A – £1,710.58  
 B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,494.00  
 1. Gift-Aided – £2,294.00  
 2. Non-G/A – £200.00  
 C. Contactless Machine – £1,213.38  
**Total = £9,635.93** (Last month: £7,856.67)

*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.*

on 18<sup>th</sup> October – 9-10am, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – @ 6-7pm and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November @ 9-10am. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing all the amazing aspects of OLI School.

## OBITUARIES:

**ELVIRA AMATO:** Please pray for Elvira Amato who passed away on 28<sup>th</sup> Sept aged 101yrs.

**Funeral:** OLI, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 12.00pm

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