



20 OCTOBER 2024

TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

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Spiritans

A Great Leader is a Great Servant.

The great leader leads by influencing others for good. According to John Quincy Adams, “If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.” God wants our service to have impact on the people around us. Servant leadership builds strong marriages, families, teams, relationships, communities, and churches when embodied and embraced. In the Gospel, the disciples of Jesus distract themselves with dreams of power and glory while Jesus focuses on dying on the Cross in order to save the world. The willingness of Jesus to suffer for others ought to be true of every leader. Servant leadership is the willingness to suffer and to endure challenges that come with leading others. It is the willingness to give your all until there is nothing to give, as Christ did. A servant leader sacrificially seeks the highest joy of those he serves and will forgo his rights rather than obscure love and service. A servant leader is not preoccupied with personal visibility and recognition. We see this in the negative example of James and John. They were seeking their own status and exaltation. The values of servant leadership are opposed to the worldly lust for power and status, which, as Pope Francis frequently reminds us, can also be found within the Church at every level. As Christians, we are called to be countercultural witnesses to the lust for power and domination. We are challenged to resist the insidious attractions of power, fame and prestige and imitate the kind of servant leadership of Jesus, who gave up his life for our salvation. It is only through service that we become great in God’s eyes. Such service is not drudgery or slavery, but liberating and joyful. In the words of the Bengali poet, Rabindranath Tagore: *‘I slept and dreamt that life was nothing but joy. I woke up and realised that life was only service. I served and I understood that service was joy’.*

Fr. Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 20 OCTOBER 2024 — 27 OCTOBER 2024

Sat 19	18.30: Fr Michael - Birthday and Ints (<i>D Kidd</i>)	
Sun 20	09.00: Bernadette Mitchell - RIP (<i>P Mitchell</i>)	
	11.00: Fr Michael - Birthday	
	18.00: People of the Parish	
Mon 21	09.30: Maria Sebastian - TG	
Tues 22	09.30: Thanksgiving (<i>P Fazal</i>)	19.00: Alice Tumilty RIP (<i>FM</i>)
Wed 23	09.30: Dec'd Mems of the Furlong Family	19.00: Christian Moore & Family - WB
Thurs 24	07.00: Holy Souls	09.30: FHC Children
Fri 25	07.00: Holy Souls	
	09.30: Cydi Savior	
Sat 26	09.00: Private Intention	
Sat 26	18.30: Peter & Joseph Campbell - RIP (<i>M Campbell</i>)	
Sun 27	09.00: Robert McInnery - RIP (<i>P Mitchell</i>)	11.00: Frances Powell - RIP (<i>FM</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 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, Colin Stevens and Joan Frost.



Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

32(33):4-5,18-20,22

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **R**

Second reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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:

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION RECEPTION. Everyone is required to consume the Holy Eucharist in front of the Priest or Minister immediately after they have received it before moving away. **Do not** take it to your seat to consume. Thank you.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING: The next meeting will be Monday 28th October, Old Chapel at 7.30pm.

CEMETERY VISITS: THE DETAILS FOR THE BLESSING OF GRAVES ARE: On Sunday 3rd November 2024 at 2pm, Surbiton Cemetery, & at 3pm, Kingston Cemetery.

SUNG VESPERS OF DIVINE OFFICE OF THE DEAD will be held in every Sunday in November at 5pm. The Office for the Dead is a prayer cycle of the Liturgy of the Hours in the Roman Catholic Church, said for the repose of the souls of deceased individuals. Come and let us pray for dead loved ones.

MASS STEWARDS / WELCOMERS: We need additional people to assist at Mass, and especially at the 11am Mass. This simply involves arriving 30 minutes before Mass, handing out hymn books and Mass sheets, sometimes taking the retiring collection, and tidying the hymn books after Mass. If you feel you can help by

joining our rota, please email the Parish Office with your name and contact details. Thank you.

A HUGE THANK YOU: To the anonymous donor who donated £400 to the church. May God bless you.

RUBBISH AROUND THE CHURCH COMPOUND: We have noticed an increasing amount of rubbish around the church. Please take any rubbish home with you to dispose of and help keep our Church grounds tidy. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND REPOSITORY NEWS: The repository is open every Sunday after the 9am Mass to sell Christmas cards, 2025 calendars and other gift items. Please consider supporting your parish by stocking from the repository. Also, Denise has offered to sell Christmas cards, £5.00 per box from the Parish Office from 10am to 2pm, Monday-Friday.

INFO & REMINDERS

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.

2ND COLLECTION THIS 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.

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.

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 10th November

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

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

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/>

Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her handbag for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle. The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, “Do you always carry your TV remote to church?” “No,” she replied, “but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.”

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £324.00

Non-Gift-aid: £814.54

Total: £1,138.54

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), or by online banking:

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

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 on Tuesday 5th November – @ 6-7pm and Friday 22nd 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 28th Sept aged 101yrs.

Funeral: OLI, Thursday 14th November at 12.00pm

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