



03 NOVEMBER 2024

# THIRTY-FIRST 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**

## When was the first time that you fell in love?

Do you remember what happened the first time that you fell in love? I asked this question recently to a few friends and asked them to describe to me what falling in love is like? Some said that they could not stop thinking about that person. Some said that they talked about them constantly and would find ways to bring them up in conversations that had nothing to do with them. Some said that they rearranged their schedule completely in order to spend time with the person that they love and would find many ways to show them how much they care about them. One person told me that when they were in their presence, time ceases, and they can spend 10 hours, and it will seem like 10 seconds. In relation to these experiences, God's love for us is far stronger and wonderful than these. He loves us and gives Himself every day in order for us to live. He waits for us every second to return to Him. Sadly, we don't love God enough and most times we reject him. However, we don't love Him with enough passion as we love people or things. I think that there are several reasons for our inability to love God as much as we should. First, we lack true knowledge of him. We have little or no knowledge of Him and his goodness because we have not developed a personal relationship with him. For to know, is to love. Secondly, because God is all loving, we take His love for granted. He loves us unconditionally and this wanes our love, instead of strengthening it. We feel like He is always there, so there is no hurry to know and love Him more. Loving Him is not one of our highest priorities because we believe that we have all of eternity. However, what we overlook is that we are the ones that lose when we reject God's love. The more we love God, the more He enriches us, the more that we find our problems are easier to manage and the more He gives us strength that we often lack. In addition, when we love and are close to Him, we find treasures in life that only a life lived with God can bring. **Fr. Michael**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 03 NOVEMBER 2024 — 10 NOVEMBER 2024

*(MEMORIALS: 4TH ST CHARLES BORROMEIO, FEASTS: 7TH THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST GEORGE)*

<b>Sat 02</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Murukeshu Soosaithas (RIP)	
<b>Sun 03</b>	<b>09.00:</b> People of the Parish	
	<b>11.00:</b> Alexius Yap - RIP ( <i>S Aitken</i> )	<b>18.00:</b> Alexius Yap - RIP ( <i>Yap</i> )
<b>Mon 04</b>	<b>09:30:</b> Rajani Reginald	
<b>Tues 05</b>	<b>09.30:</b> John Walsh (RIP)	<b>19.00:</b> Holy Souls
<b>Wed 06</b>	<b>09:30:</b> James Walsh (RIP).	<b>19.00:</b> Hayden, Curn, Joel, Henry & Mudlyn Hannays RIP
<b>Thurs 07</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Nancy Grant (RIP).	<b>09:30:</b> Fiona McGill (RIP).
<b>Fri 08</b>	<b>07.00:</b> Deceased Parishioners	<b>09:30:</b> Felicia & Celestine Iweka (RIP)
<b>Sat 09</b>	<b>09:00:</b> Philip Dray - RIP, 30th Ann	
<b>Sat 09</b>	<b>18:30:</b> David Horn - RIP ( <i>Houston Family</i> )	
<b>Sun 10</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Ray Lewry - RIP ( <i>M Tett</i> )	<b>11.00:</b> Dr Monuir George Kabbin - RIP
	<b>18.00:</b> Anastasia, Cletus, Sabina & Chinedu Ezenwammadu	

<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 David Horn, Ray Lewry 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.

# TODAY'S READINGS

## Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;  
be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help,  
O Lord, my strong salvation!

**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 and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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

### Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51**

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

## Cf. Ps 37: 22-23

The Lord is worthy of all praise,  
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me,  
He has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. **R**

## Second reading

### Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

### cf. Jn6:63,68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

## Gospel

### Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

**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:**

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Communion Antiphon** Cf. Ps 15: 11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

#### **Prayer after Communion**

May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **De Profundis (For our beloved dead).**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:

for this we revere you

My soul is waiting for the Lord.

I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord  
more than watchman for daybreak.

Let the watchman count on daybreak  
and Israel on the Lord

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
and fullness of redemption,

Israel indeed he will redeem

from all its iniquity.

Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord.

And let your perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen

## **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS** who helped to see that the induction of Fr. Michael was a success. May God bless you abundantly.

## **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE WELCOME THE PROVINCIAL OF THE SPIRITANS** Fr. Ugoo Ikwuka, who is on Pastoral visit to our Parish this weekend. He will say all the Masses, visit the sick and our other parish projects.

**THE DE PROFUNDIS** will be said or chanted in all our Masses during the month of November to pray for our dead. The copy is in the newsletter.

**THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SERVICE OF SONGS** in commemoration for our beloved dead and dead parishioners on **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30pm**. The names in our November lists will be called and a family member or friend will come and light a votive candle in their memory, while we pray for them.

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** The Archbishop's Appeal has been launched to invest faith, hope, love and charity into the missionary work of the Archdiocese.

**OLI LENTEN PROJECT 2024** - The Parish has been very generous again in supporting the Lenten Project which made a total of £14,335. Previous year was £11,533 so this is an amazing £2,800 more than last year. Thank you so much to our parishioners. The funds have been transferred to the 5 nominated charities; Cusmano Orphanage Centre in Uganda, Aidrikings Foundation in Cameroon, St Theresa's Hospital in Nigeria, Divya Chhaya Society in India and Miani Children's Home in Sri Lanka. This means that each of the 5 charities will receive £2,900.

**OLI LENTEN PROJECT 2025** – The AGM adopted the following 4 charities:

**Divya Chhaya Society, India** – it runs a hospital that provides free/subsidised palliative care in rural Gujarat, supporting underserved patients with essential medical and emotional care.

**Obinofia Community Primary School, Nigeria** – established by a Spiritan priest Fr. Bernard Herry, this school serves over 400 students but in poor conditions. It needs renovation.

**Vathiry Sacred Heart College, Karaveddy, Sri Lanka** – Sacred Heart College serves 388 impoverished children, providing essential resources, meals, and support for their education and well-being.

**Mapeera Bakateyamba Home in Uganda**, run by the Good Samaritan Sisters currently operates an elderly care program supporting over 75 individuals, including those with disabilities, through physical, emotional, and social care. Further details will be provided at the start of the Lent season about the activities of the charities and the planned fundraising events.

**CHRISTMAS DINNER:** OLI wishes to commence the Christmas Celebrations by inviting parishioners to an Afternoon Christmas Tea Party at the Parish Hall on **7<sup>th</sup> December, at 2pm**. If you know of anyone who may be on their own this Christmas or neighbours and friends, who would like to come and celebrate with us, please invite them all. Everyone is welcome. Keep the date in your diary and watch out for more details in the newsletter. If you would like to help in any way, please contact Helen Emmett on 07402327177.

# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

**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 every Sunday in November at 5pm. Come and let us pray for deceased loved ones.

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:** Holy Souls' envelopes are now available in the Narthex; please collect an envelope and fill in the names of your loved ones. The collection box for envelopes will be available from next weekend. **NB: Please use the regular Mass intention envelopes if you want to request a Mass for a particular person.**

## RED MISSIO BOXES

Please bring the contents of your Red *Missio* Boxes to the church during the month of November, so that the money can be counted and sent to *Missio*, where it is very much needed. Any queries, please contact Mary C Taylor Tel: 07985 659266 Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

## 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

**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.

## 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/

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the priest said: 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £311.06

Non-Gift-aid: £910.65

Total: £1,221.71

### 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.*

Evenings. The Open Mornings/Evening are happening on Tuesday 5th 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:

**RAY LEWRY:** Please pray for Ray Lewry who passed away on 28th October aged 99 yrs.

**Funeral:** TBA

**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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