



17 NOVEMBER 2024

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – B

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**Spiritans**

## If we live without prayer, we die without hope


As a child, the first two prayers that my Mum taught me were the prayer before meals and my bedtime prayer. The bedtime prayer is this: "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take." Reflecting on this prayer now, it sounds scary but profound at the same time. It acknowledges the uncertainty of life that death brings, but also the certainty of our connection to God. It acknowledges that we must be ready and appreciate life, but acknowledges that God is always with us, both in this life and in the next. Prayer can help us to be ready because in prayer, we truly understand the meaning of life and death. This helps us to be alert and not give in to complacency. When we live as if we will never die, we live empty, purposeless lives, and postpone things we must do. Moreover, prayer helps us to be alert at to the God that is with us. We become clear minded and ready, knowing that death is not an annihilation, but the becoming of one with God. This helps us not to be fearful, angry and stressed about death. It helps us to know how to handle death in order to live a hopeful life. Prayer helps us to love deeply, and forgive easily, for the uncertainty of death can make us cynical, selfish and uncaring. Prayer reminds us of how much we are loved by God and encourages us to draw from the font of that love. Though we feel deep pain at the death of loved ones, but love reminds us that there is no loss in love for love never dies. Prayer also helps us to understand that our life is a gift from God and that everything that happens to us is from God, to make us better, and not bitter. This helps us to stop moaning, but live our life in service to God and others. Finally, prayer reminds us that even in our darkest hour, the Lord never abandons us. His loving gaze is always upon us. He watches over us night and day. If we stay with God in prayer, no matter how dark life turns, we have nothing to fear. He is always with us until the end of the world. Remember, if we live without prayer, we die without

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 17 NOVEMBER 2024 — 24 NOVEMBER 2024

*(MEMORIALS: 21ST THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, 22ND ST CECILIA)*

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| <b>Sat 16</b>   | <b>18.30:</b> Michael Vaughey - RIP ( <i>B Mulcahy</i> )                  |  |
| <b>Sun 17</b>   | <b>09.00:</b> Ray Lewry - RIP ( <i>OLI Parish</i> )                       |  |
|                 | <b>11.00:</b> Veronica D'Cruz - RIP ( <i>Rodrigues Family</i> )           |  |
|                 | <b>18.00:</b> Philip McGettingan - RIP ( <i>W McGettingan &amp; Fam</i> ) |  |
| <b>Mon 18</b>   | <b>09.30:</b> Neil McClusky - Colm - WB ( <i>L Jones</i> )                |  |
| <b>Tues 19</b>  | <b>09.30:</b> Obina Daniel Eke  | <b>19.00:</b> Martin Kirley - RIP 2nd Ann ( <i>Kirley Family</i> ) |
| <b>Wed 20</b>   | <b>09.30:</b> Thanksgiving ( <i>M Sebastian</i> )                         | <b>19.00:</b> T/G Swetlana Sequeira 21st Birthday                  |
| <b>Thurs 21</b> | <b>07.00:</b> Holy Souls  | <b>09.30:</b> Jack Hoey - RIP ( <i>Hoey Family</i> )               |
| <b>Fri 22</b>   | <b>07.00:</b> Sojan & Roseline 25th Wed Ann                               | <b>09.30:</b> Maranzano & License families - WB                    |
| <b>Sat 23</b>   | <b>09.00:</b> Deceased Members of the Knights of St Columba, Council 487  |  |
| <b>Sat 23</b>   | <b>18.30:</b> James & Hannah Mulcahy & Margaret Mcgrath RIP               |  |
| <b>Sun 24</b>   | <b>09.00:</b> Elsie & Patrick Fowler & Hilda Budd - RIP ( <i>R Howe</i> ) |  |
|                 | <b>11.00:</b> Muriel Cowan - RIP ( <i>Nancy</i> )                         | <b>18.00:</b> People of the Parish                                 |

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| <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 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, 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, Lionel Holland, Gerry Taylor, Angela Bailey, Allan Cook, Colin Stevens and Joan Frost.

**Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth**

# TODAY'S READINGS

## Entrance Antiphon

Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**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:

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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

Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 15(16):5,8-11

**Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.**

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;

even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R)**

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R)**

## Second reading

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt24:42 44

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

## Gospel

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

**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 incar-

nate 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, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Communion Antiphon** **Ps 72: 28**  
To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**Prayer after Communion**  
We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**De Profundis (For our deceased loved ones)**

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

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** Catholic Youth Services - This collection taken on National Youth Sunday is to support Youth Work in the Diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service (SCYS).

**PLEASE - OPPOSE ASSISTED DYING BILL: -**  
Archbishop John urges us to oppose assisted suicide.

According to him: "we are called care for those who are suffering, not to bring about their death". The bill has been published this week. Use the link below to write to your MP and voice your opposition to assisted suicide. Archbishop John reminds 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/>

**If you wish to sign, there is a petition in the Narthex.** After completion the petition will be sent to Ed Davey

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH CLEANING:** Our Church cleaning group is in urgent need of more volunteers to help keep our church clean and welcoming for everyone. This is a wonderful opportunity to contribute to the life of our parish and serve in a practical, meaningful way. We are especially looking for anyone who can spare some time, even occasionally. Cleaning sessions can be flexible, with weekend options available to suit your schedule. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Mrs Denise Kidd, the Parish Secretary, on [tolworth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworth@rcaos.org.uk). Let's come together as a community to care for our church!

**FR BONIFACE WILL CELEBRATE THE 11AM MASS ON 24TH NOVEMBER -** Please join him for his Send Forth, tea/coffee and biscuits after Mass in the Parish Hall

**OLI YOUTH MINISTRY:** The OLI Youth Group are going bowling! The group will be going on Sunday 24th November, 3 - 5.30 pm. There are a limited number of spaces, so if you or your person is interested or have any questions, please send an email to [tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk). You will need to fill out a consent form, which will be emailed to you."

**CHRISTMAS PRISONER'S GIFT BAGS -** We are collecting gift bags to be distributed on Christmas eve to the prisoners in Wandsworth Prison. If you wish to donate a gift bag please speak with Denise for specifications and give to the Parish Office by 20th December. For example: A Paper Gift bag" (around 13 x 18 cms), which will contain: a handful (5 pieces) of Chocolate from "Celebrations", 2 x Sachets of Coffee/Chocolate, a Holy Card (12 cms x 7 cms) and an A4 size - 2025 Catholic Calendar, which will be given along with the bag. Thank for your generosity.

## INFORMATION & REMINDERS

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND SECOND COLLECTION:** A monthly second collection for the OLI Parish Development Fund (PDF) will begin in December. It is to assist the parish to save and pay for major projects and minor repairs. The maintenance and development of the parish is costing a lot of money and we are struggling financially to keep up. Thank you, as always for your generosity.

# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME:** The Next Children's Session: 23rd November, 10.30-11.30am

**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:** Holy Souls' envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you would like to make an offering towards ongoing Masses for the Holy Souls, kindly indicate sum enclosed on the envelope. Thank you. **NB: Please use the regular Mass intention envelopes if you want to request a Mass for a particular person.**

**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

**RED MISSIO BOXES**

Please bring the contents of your Red *Missio* Boxes to the church during the month of November. Any queries, please contact Mary C Taylor Tel: 07985 659266 Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

**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/Evenings. The

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**LAST WEEKEND**

**Gift-aid:** 351.32

**Non-Gift-aid:** £881.28

**Total:** £1,232.60

**TOTAL COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 2024**

Cash / cheques – £4,724.88

1. Gift-Aided – £1,302.83

2. Non-G/A – £3,422.05

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,560.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,360.00

2. Non-G/A – £200.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,099.30

**Total = £8,384.18** (Last month: £9,635.93)

*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.*

Open Morning is on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November @ 9-10am.

**OBITUARIES:**

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

**Funeral:** OLI, Friday 29th November at 11.30am

A little boy walked down the beach, and as he did, he spied a woman sitting under a beach umbrella on the sand. He walked up to her and asked, "Are you a Catholic?" She said, "Yes." "Do you read your Bible every day and go to Mass every weekend?" She nodded her head, "Yes." "Do you pray often?" the boy asked next, and again she answered, "Yes." With that he asked his final question, "Will you hold my five -pound note while I go swimming?"

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