



19 JANUARY 2025

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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

CHANGING OUR WATER TO WINE

After the baptism of the Lord, which marked the end of Christmas, we are now in Ordinary Time. According to St John, the changing of water into wine at the wedding at Cana is Jesus' first sign.

The first reading and the Gospel use marriage as a description of the relationship between God and his people. Jesus used the wedding at Cana as a sign of a new covenant he had come to celebrate. He gave them wine which in scripture represents love and happiness. By this time, the people were sad and disappointed because of the relations between Israel and their God. Thus the wine, through the intervention of Jesus' mother, is symbolically changing this situation to a joyful one.

Jesus' transformation of water also implied changing of sinners into Jesus' brothers & sisters, the change of Zaccheus' greed to generosity and love (Lk 19:8-10), the condemnation of one of the thieves at Calvary to hope of salvation (Lk 23:41-43), and finally the change of death to life through resurrection on Easter (Lk 24:1-12).

Jesus is calling us to change hatred to love, doubt to faith, selfishness to generosity, sadness to joy, lies to truth and death to life. May Our Lady Immaculate continue interceding for us to her son as we participate in this constructive change.

Fr Bonaventure

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 19 JANUARY 2025 — 26 JANUARY 2025

(FEASTS: 25TH THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL MEMORIALS: 21TH ST AGNES & 24TH ST FRANCIS DE SALES)

Sat 18	18.30: John Richard Morello - RIP (<i>P Morello</i>)	
Sun 19	09.00: People of the Parish	11.00: Alexius Yap - RIP, 11th Ann (<i>C Yap</i>)
	18.00: Florence & Ethel Eales - RIP (<i>FM</i>)	
Mon 20	09.30: Andrea Baker Lace - RIP (<i>M-J Gray</i>)	
Tues 21	09.30: Monica Tett - Ints	19.00: Dec'd Mems of Fraser Fam (<i>FM</i>)
Wed 22	09.30: Andrew Blance - RIP (<i>OLI Parish</i>)	19.00: Thomas Chivers & Fam - RIP (<i>FM</i>)
Thurs 23	07.00: Rosemary Gribble - RIP (<i>FM</i>)	09.30: Vincent Licence - WB (<i>Maranzano Family</i>)
Fri 24	07.00: George & Pat Buggie - RIP (<i>FM</i>)	09.30: Madelene Gray & Donovan Fam - RIP
Sat 25	09.00: Maranzano Family - Ints (<i>M Tett</i>)	
Sat 25	18.30: Violet & Laurence Seager, Gwen & Kenneth Batty (<i>B & S Batty</i>)	
Sun 26	09.00: Angelica D'Agostino (<i>F D'Agostino</i>)	
	11.00: People of the Parish	
	18.00: Thomas Lydon & Elizabeth Johnson - RIP (<i>T Lydon</i>)	

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 Janice Ryan 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, Gerry Hague, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Ian Beard, Qiaochen Shi, Ida Rebello, Ravenna Ahmed, Vinitha Sherin, Jisha Nelson, Ralph Smallwood, Adam Martin, Mark Draper, Tim Ryan, Lionel Holland, Nan Healy, Allan Cook, Colin Stevens and Joan Frost.

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you,
shall sing to your name, O Most High!

Ps 65: 4

Proclaim his salvation day by day. Tell among the nations his glory, and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

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**

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and power; ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name. **R**

Worship the LORD in holy splendour. O tremble before him, all the earth. Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

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.**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and Sisters: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Opening Prayer:

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. 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**

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia. God called us through the gospel, so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 2:1-11

At that time: There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding seventy or one hundred litres. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.' So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.'

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

First reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 96(95):1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 9-10ac. R3

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the LORD; sing to the LORD, all the earth. O sing to the LORD; bless his name. **R**

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, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22: 5

You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Prayer after Communion

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord **Amen.**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFEGUARDING ALERT

Please ensure that **ALL** children are accompanied to the toilet at all times during Mass. Notices have been placed on the door but, it seems, are not being adhered to. There have been a couple of incidents where non-Mass goers have gained access to the toilet next to the RDJ room. The exit door cannot be locked during Mass for Fire and Safety reasons. Your children's safety is your responsibility. No untoward incident has occurred but the potential risk remains.

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF SOUTHWARK ON "CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT"

Will be read all Masses this weekend. There is a Booklet, of the same name to accompany the letter placed at the ends of the pews. Please take a copy of booklet home with you. A hard copy of the Archbishop's letter is placed inside for your information. Thank you.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2025 The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal **THIS WEEKEND.** SPUC exists

to radically transform culture, so that abortion is not only abolished, but becomes truly unthinkable. To accomplish this mission, the Society is positioning initiatives in politics, education, legislation, and culture. Through these efforts we will restore a respect for the sanctity of human life to our society. This year's appeal postcards (available for collection in the Narthex) call on the Government to adhere to the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child. Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defend unborn babies and their mothers.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'Hope does not disappoint'

Romans 5:5

Pope Francis has designated 2025 as the Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'.



"Jubilee" is the name given to a particular year. A time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. In the Catholic Church, the concept of Jubilee or 'Holy Year' was used to declare special years for forgiveness and reconciliation. The Jubilee of Hope began in December 2024 with Pope Francis opening the "holy door" in St. Peter's Basilica, offering the world's 1.3 billion Catholics the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence and a year of special graces. The Jubilee of Hope will end on the feast of the Epiphany in 2026. Pope Francis asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025.

One of the churches in our Deanery, St Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill, is one of the designated Pilgrim-age Churches for the Jubilee Year 2025. The Pilgrim's Guidelines Booklet, available on our website (*under the News / Events section*). A copy is also available from the parish office for those who do not have a computer) will serve as a guide for pilgrims visiting St Ann's and help them experience a meaningful spiritual journey. In the coming months, there will be many activities at St Ann's to keep all pilgrims focussed on prayer - special Masses, Adoration, Rosary Walks and Special Talks - see future newsletters for more details. Contact details for St Ann's are as follows: 020 8546 8732 | kingstonhill@rcaos.org.uk www.stannskingstonhill.org.uk | Archdiocese of Southwark St Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill, Surrey, KT2 7LX.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Our First Holy Communion candidates will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on Saturday, 25th January at 10.30am. May we continue to keep them, their catechists and families in our prayers.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES 2025 Dates/venues for the official Southwark diocesan marriage preparation course taking place during 2025 are as follows: February 15, Wallington; April 26, Amigo Hall; June 7, Amigo Hall; July 5, Wallington; October 18, Purley; November 22, online. The face-to-face courses - 9am - 5pm. The online course, for which homework is set two weeks before, begins at 9.15am - lunchtime. The Certificate of Completion issued to each couple at the end of the course is recognised worldwide. There is a charge for participating in the course of £120 per couple. Early booking is advisable. Please contact: Philip & Mary, Marriage & Family Life, South-West Pastoral Coordinators - T: 020 86512477 or E: mflsw@rcaos.org.uk

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

This is a one-day marriage-enrichment course aimed at couples with average-to-good marriages who would like to try and make them better. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. These BABM days start at 9.30am and finish by 4.30pm. Dates and venues for 2025 are: March 15, East Sheen; April 12, West Croydon; June 28, Kingston-upon-Thames; and September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark. More details – T: 07983 524 727 or E: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

FOOD BANK DONATIONS

“More people than ever are being driven to food banks and the sharp increase in people needing help is outstripping food donations.”

These are the recent words of the Trussell Trust. Your donations are vital to ensure food banks in our community can continue to help everyone referred to them. Thank you.

The RE class at school was preparing for the sacrament of reconciliation. The teacher finally asked, “And what must we do before our sins can be forgiven?”

“That’s easy,” said a little boy from the back of the class. “First, we have to sin.”

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £326.36

Non-Gift-aid: £782.39

Total: **£1,108.75**

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR DECEMBER 2024

(EXCLUDING CHRISTMAS OFFERING)

Cash / cheques – £5,428.44

1. Gift-Aided – £1,650.22

2. Non-G/A – £3,778.22

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,704.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,519.00

2. Non-G/A – £185.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,341.73

Total = **£9,474.17** (Last month: £8,467.09)

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.

IMPORTANT: Please include your Gift Aid number in your online instruction to your bank. Non-Gift Aid donors, please include the letters NGA in the instruction to the bank. Any queries? Please contact Lance Louis: toworthgacl@rcaos.org.uk or 07851 070036.

OBITUARIES:

JANICE RYAN: Kindly pray for Janice Ryan & family who sadly passed away on Boxing Day. Janice was the wife of Tim and mother to Josh.

Funeral: Thursday, 30th January, 2.20pm at Kingston Crematorium, Bonner Hill Rd

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