



# 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

26 JANUARY 2025



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□ **CURATE:** Fr Bonaventure Ssebyanzi CSSp, bonaventuressebyanzi@rcaos.org.uk □ **SECRETARY:** Mrs Denise Kidd  
□ **SCHOOL:** Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School □ **HEADTEACHER:** Mr Ben Martin

## GOD'S WORD FOR EVANGELISATION

The written Word of God (the scriptures) is central in the evangelisation ministry. The first reading presents Ezra, solemnly reading to the Israelites, the Law of Moses, through which they rededicated themselves to God. In the gospel, Jesus started his ministry in the temple by reading from the scroll of Isaiah 61:1-2. Accordingly, in our catholic worship, the mass always starts with the readings followed by the liturgy of the eucharist. Finally, the Rites of Sacraments and Blessings all have a Word of God as a constitutive part. All these demonstrate the centrality of the scriptures in evangelisation.

While taking the reading, Jesus inaugurated a ministry to the marginalised that included the poor, the blind, the captives, and the oppressed (Lk 4:16-20). In this way, Jesus is showing a concern to all the different parts that form his body of believers. St. Paul, in the second reading, draws an analogy of the importance of each of the body parts that form a functional body (I Cor 12:12-30). Thus, Jesus is proclaiming a healing of each of the imperfect parts so as to finally have a functional whole body - the Church.

As Christians, we share in this ministry of being led and empowered by scripture to reach out to all God's people. How often do I read or listen to God's Word? How much and how often am I involved in activities meant for the marginalised; the poor, the elderly, the sick, those in prison, the widows and orphans, the travelers, the refugees, etc? How much of my resources have I contributed for the liberation and healing of these 'captives'? Let us all share in proclaiming boldly a year of God's favour through our words and deeds.  
Fr Bonaventure

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 26 JANUARY 2025 — 02 FEBRUARY 2025

Sat 25	18.30: Violet & Laurence Seager, Gwen & Kenneth Batty ( <i>B &amp; 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> )
Mon 27	09.30: Ivan Flanagan - RIP
Tues 28	<b><u>ST THOMAS AQUINAS - MEMORIAL</u></b> 09.30: Michael Alterari & Family - RIP ( <i>Family</i> ) 19.00: Dorothy Hawes - RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
Wed 29	09.30: Canon Anthony Charlton - 50th Ann of Ordination ( <i>Szymanski Fam</i> ) 19.00: John Edem - RIP ( <i>C Yap</i> )
Thurs 30	07.00: Holy Souls 09.30: Bernadette Mitchell - RIP ( <i>Hoey Family</i> )
Fri 31	<b><u>ST JOHN BOSCO - MEMORIAL</u></b> 07.00: Holy Souls 09.30: Rosa de Barras - RIP ( <i>OLI Tues Prayer Grp</i> )
Sat 01	09.00: Barras Family ( <i>OLI Tues Prayer Grp</i> )
Sat 01	18.30: Peter Tull - Ints ( <i>M Tett</i> )
Sun 02	09.00: Dec'd Mems of Rosaria Papa & Family ( <i>F D'Agostino</i> ) 11.00: John & Jacinta Pinto - Thanksgiving 40th Wedding Ann 18.00: People of the Parish

**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially Janice Ryan, John Edem 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, Frances Cox, George Trutwein, Mary Ryan, Rita Reginald, Sarah Mills, Thomas O'Connor, Ian Beard, Anita Smith, Tony Cook, Kathleen McGuinness, Nan Healy, Samar Staussi, Joan Frost, Colin Stevens, Jimmy Simon, Shirlene A, Hazel D'Aguiar, Allan Cook, Claire Pender, Wendy Cook, Kathleen O'Connell, Tim Ryan, Ralph Smallwood, Elizabeth Jones, Nivetheni Robert, Gerry Hague, Mark Draper, Adam Martin, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Mavis Fisher, Andy Moolman, Qiaochen Shi, Ida Rebello, Jisha Nelson, Vinitha Sherin, Ravenna Ahmed & Lionel Holland

<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>

Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

# TODAY'S READINGS

## Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy 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**

**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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in 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 **Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law.

And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet

wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 19(18):8. 9. 10. 15. R̄ John 6:63c

*Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.*

The law of the LORD is perfect; it revives the soul. The decrees of the LORD are steadfast; they give wisdom to the simple. **R**

The precepts of the LORD are right; they gladden the heart. The command of the LORD is clear; it gives light to the eyes. **R**

The fear of the LORD is pure, abiding for ever. The judgements of the LORD are true; they are, all of them, just. ...**R**

May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer! **R**

## Second reading

**1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27**

Brothers and Sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Luke 4:18**

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives. Alleluia.

## Gospel

**Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21**

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are

oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

**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 our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Communion Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 33: 6**

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

### Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND -: PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND SECOND COLLECTION: - OLI PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (PDF)** This second collection 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.

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (SUN, 2ND FEB)

Sunday, 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas. There will be four Masses in the parish, Sat 6.30pm, Sun 9.00am, 11.00am & 6pm. The 9am Mass will start with the

blessing of candles in the Old Chapel and procession to the Church. All are welcome!

### BLESSING OF THROATS (3RD FEBRUARY)

The optional memorial of St Blaise is traditionally marked with the blessing of throats. This will be done at the end of the Mass.

### CRIB ON DISPLAY TILL 2ND FEBRUARY

Our parish Crib Offering this year will go to support the Catholic Children's Society (CCS), which enables them to provide vital support for disadvantaged children and families. CCS are determined to be there for families in their time of need. All donations go directly towards supporting local families who are facing real hardship and have nowhere else to run to. You can donate at the Crib or via the CCS website: [www.cathchild.org.uk/crib](http://www.cathchild.org.uk/crib)

## LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

A number of exciting events are already being planned for this year's Lenten Project. These are listed on the Parish website and will be highlighted in the Parish Newsletter in due course.

One of the first events is to be the **Lenten Project Sponsored Walk** Led by Fr Michael, on **Saturday 8 March 2025**, there is going to be a challenging 43 km (27 mile) sponsored walk. The plan is to walk from Tower Bridge along the South side of the Thames (through Battersea, Putney, Mortlake, Richmond and Kingston) and then heading towards the finish at OLI Church. It will be a fascinating – and challenging – walk! Please contact Elspeth ([elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com](mailto:elspeth.casey@virginmedia.com)) if you are interested in taking part in the sponsored walk event. We will give you information on how to sponsor us in due course.

## INFORMATION & REMINDERS

### JUBILEE YEAR 2025

*'Hope does not disappoint'*

Romans 5:5

One of our churches in our Deanery, St Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill, KT2 7LX, is one of the designated

Pilgrimage Churches for the Jubilee Year 2025. St Ann's Church has been inaugurated as our Deanery Pilgrimage Church. The Pilgrim's Guidelines Booklet, is now available online - click Jubilee Year 2025 to see it on our website, where you will also find details of the many activities at St Ann's. The booklet will serve as a guide for pilgrims visiting St Ann's and help them experience a meaningful spiritual journey.

If anyone doesn't have access to the internet and needs a hard copy, please let Denise know. See future newsletters for more details. Contact details for St Ann's are as follows: 020 8546 8732 | [kingstonhill@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:kingstonhill@rcaos.org.uk), [www.stannskingstonhill.org.uk](http://www.stannskingstonhill.org.uk) | St Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill, Surrey, KT2 7LX.





# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

## 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.

## **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](mailto: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.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### **LAST WEEKEND**

**Gift-aid:** £286.98

**Non-Gift-aid:** £1,120.01    **Total:** **£1,406.99**

**2nd Collection:** £143.87

*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.**

**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: [toworthgae1@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:toworthgae1@rcaos.org.uk) or 07851 070036.

## OBITUARIES

**JOHN EDEM:** Fr Joseph’s father sadly passed away suddenly on Friday 17th January. Please pray for John Edem, Fr Joseph & Family.

**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

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because, even though it was a very large mammal, its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, “When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah”. The teacher: asked, “What if Jonah went to hell?” The little girl replied, “Then you ask him”.

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