



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND OBEY IT."

Our Gospel reading reminds us that God still calls us to follow him every moment and that He will never stop calling you. It is interesting to see those that Jesus chose as his first disciples. He called fishermen; people without education or position, who were frustrated and who we would consider as failures. This reminds us that God can call anybody and when he calls, He qualifies. He can call us when we think that we are not ready or the circumstances are not favourable. The timing is his and not ours. We do not choose when to be called, but God's time chooses us. Nothing about our call happens by chance and we should never say no to God's call. In our own human thinking, certainly, Peter has a genuine reason not to answer Jesus' call to cast his net in the deep sea because he already tried that and he didn't catch any fish and he was also tired of trying again. However, answering the call of God requires faith, trust and courage. We cannot be swayed by our past experiences, inadequacies and the circumstances around us. Empty Nets is our fate when we fish without his call and full net is the result when we obey his call. When we respond to Christ's call, He changes us and then He changes our personal agenda into God's agenda. If we take Christ's call seriously, we will always accomplish the impossible. When Peter responded to Jesus and went out into the deep, he caught a miraculous amount of fish. We will never regret leaving the place where we are comfortable or our agenda to respond to Christ's invitation. Our life grows when we let go of the personal and follow God. Don't be afraid to follow Jesus. We will never regret walking with Him. We will only regret that we waited so long to do it. Life becomes full and joyous when Jesus is on the boat with us. When Jesus is there, nobody can write us off. Life changes from disappointment, and futility to purposeful, joyous and energized when Jesus is present. For us to be successful in God's kingdom, Jesus must be in our boat. Remember; "BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND OBEY IT."

Fr. Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 09 FEBRUARY 2025 — 16 FEBRUARY 2025

Sat 08	18.30: Holy Souls
Sun 09	09.00: People of the Parish 11.00: Edith D'Souza - WB (<i>Lourdes</i>) 18.00: Sid Linstead - RIP (<i>FM</i>)
Mon 10	<u>ST SCHOLASTICA - MEMORIAL</u> 09:30: Joseph & Rose Surry - RIP (<i>FM</i>)
Tues 11	09.30: James Tumilty - RIP (<i>FM</i>) 19.00: Annie Sharman - RIP (<i>FM</i>)
Wed 12	09.30: Brian Clune - RIP (<i>P Mitchell</i>) 19.00: Mr Carro - RIP (<i>OLI Parish</i>)
Thurs 13	07.00: Holy Souls 09:30: Michael Connolly - RIP (<i>M Tett</i>)
Fri 14	<u>SS CYRIL, MONK & METHIDIUS, BISHOP - FEAST</u> 07.00: Holy Souls 09:30: Angelita Casignado - RIP (<i>J Wong</i>)
Sat 15	09:00: Mary Tong - RIP (<i>J Wong</i>)
Sat 15	18:30: Michael Connolly - RIP (<i>A Kidd</i>)
Sun 16	09.00: Dec'd Mems of the Findley Family (<i>P Mitchell</i>) 11.00: Margaret & Thomas Kane - RIP (<i>K Jankowski</i>) 18.00: People of the Parish

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially John Edem, Mr Carro, Michael Connolly 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, Adam Martin, Lionel Holland, Colin Stevens and Joan Frost.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 94: 6-7

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us for he is the Lord our God.

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:

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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 6:1-2a, 3-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.’

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 4-5, 7c-8. **R1c**

In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart; you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I praise you. I bow down towards your holy Temple. **R**

I give thanks to your name for your merciful love and your faithfulness. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

All earth’s kings shall thank you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth. They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, ‘How great is the glory of the LORD!’ **R**

With your right hand you save me; the LORD will accomplish this for me. O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands. **R**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unworthy to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the Church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:19

Alleluia, alleluia. Follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of men. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.’ And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they

began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.' For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.' And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

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: O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 106: 8-9

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

Prayer after Communion

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME BACK FR MICHAEL: Fr. Michael is back from his mission holiday and he thanks all of you for your prayers and support during this period.

FR AUGUSTINE NWSU: Farewell to Fr. Augustine Nwsu that supplied for the Parish during Fr. Michael's absence. He has returned to Nigeria.

PALM BRANCHES FROM LAST PALM SUNDAY: By Catholic custom, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are derived from the blessed palm branches from the previ-

ous Palm Sunday. We would like to receive these by Sunday 11 February. Kindly drop them in the designated basket in the narthex. Many thanks.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND : There will be a second collection next weekend for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our parishes, schools and wider society. Thank you for your generosity.

OBITUARIES

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

MR CARRO: George Carro's father sadly passed away on Sunday 2nd February. Please pray for Mr Carro, George and family.

MICHAEL CONNOLLY: Denise Kidd's father sadly passed away on Sunday 2nd February in Kingston Hospital. Kindly pray for Michael and family.

LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

For over 50 years, the Parish Lenten Project (PLP) has united our community in charitable giving. Last year, we raised £14,335, supporting five vital causes.

This year, we're backing Divya Chhaya Society (India), Obinofia Community Primary School (Nigeria), Vathiry Sacred Heart College (Sri Lanka), and Mapeera, Bakateyamba Home (Uganda). Don't forget to pick up your Lenten Box (22/23 Feb & 3/5 March) to support those in need through almsgiving.

A number of exciting events are already being planned for this year's Lenten Project. These are listed on the Parish website and the dates for you 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) 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.

Further Dates for Your Diary

- ✦ 15th March – Parish Quiz Night
- ✦ 22nd/23rd March – Tabletop Sale
- ✦ 27th/28th March – School Fundraising Events
- ✦ 26th April – South Indian Night
- ✦ 10th May – Sri Lankan Night
- ✦ 17th May – Jumble Sale
- ✦ 7th June – Afro-Caribbean Night
- ✦ 19th October – AGM

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

FLAME 2025

The OLI Youth Ministry is going to Flame 2025! If you or a young person you know are interested in coming to Flame 2025, please register your interest by sending an email to the OLI youth ministry inbox (tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk) by end of day 15th February. This will be a ticketed event and each ticket will cost £31.

You can find the OLI Youth Ministry email on the poster at the back of the church on the youth notice board, newsletter or on the parish website.

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £340.00

Non-Gift-aid: £1,075.24

Total: £1,415.24

2nd Collection: £856.70

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: toworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk or 07851 070036.

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, www.stannskingstonhill.org.uk,

By the time Bobby arrived, the football game had already started. "Why are you so late?" asked his friend. "I couldn't decide between going to church and going to the football game. So I tossed a coin," said Bobby. "But that shouldn't have taken too long." said the friend. "Well, I had to toss it 35 times."

A little girl, dresses in her "Sunday best" was late and running to her Sunday school class. As she ran, she prayed, "Dear God, please don't let me be late. Dear God, please don't let me be late." Then she fell. She got up, dusted herself off and saw that her dress was now dirty and had a little tear. She started running again, still praying, "Dear God, please don't let me be late." But this time she added, "But please don't push me, either!"

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