



# 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

16 February 2025

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□ **SCHOOL:** Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School □ **HEADTEACHER:** Mr Ben Martin



## Blessed are the sick, poor, homeless, dispossess and suffering!

Blessing is often associated by us with happiness or good fortune. However, in the Bible, it has another meaning in the Greek word “makarios”; its meaning is not found in material possessions or freedom from struggles, but in unity with God. When ‘blessing’ is used in the Bible, it means that someone has got God’s attention and that they are never alone, God is with them. “The Blessed in the Bible are those honoured, adored and valued by God.” Furthermore, ‘blessing’ suggests a people whom their value before God is priceless. Jesus in the sermon on the plain proclaims that the sick, poor, those suffering and the dispossessed are valued, and loved by God, because they are his priority, and He is in solidarity with them as one of them. At the beginning of his ministry, remember, the first thing Jesus says about his job in this world is to bring good news to the poor. He shaped his priorities around those who are going through tough times; the poor, the sick, the oppressed. This is a reversal of what the world tells us about blessings. You may not look blessed to the outside world, you may not feel blessed, but Jesus declares that you are blessed because He adores and values you. He will go with you and help you through whatever hard place you pass through in life. The “blessed” are not those with material abundance in them, but those with God in abundance in them. We often think that those without food, freedom, good health and faith are not blessed. However, if you have all these and do not have God, you are not Blessed. Throughout the Gospel, we find Jesus feeding the poor and the suffering, acting with love and compassion to the sick, and inviting his followers to do the same, and even weeping when Lazarus died. May we be like Jesus and support those facing challenges. May we not become complacent to pain and human suffering. Remember, the opposite of love is not hatred but indifference. **Fr. Michael**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 16 FEBRUARY 2025 — 23 FEBRUARY 2025

- Sat 15     **18.30:** Michael Connolly - RIP (*A Kidd*)
- Sun 16     **09.00:** Dec’d Mems of the Findley Family (*P Mitchell*)  
              **11.00:** Margaret & Thomas Kane - RIP (*K Jankowski*)  
              **18.00:** People of the Parish
- Mon 17    **09:30:** Rosa De Baras - RIP (*L Lewis*)
- Tues 18    **09.30:** Rosa De Baras - RIP (*C Yap*)  
              **19.00:** Mary Canavan - RIP (*M Canavan*)
- Wed 19    **09. 30:** Peggy Behan - RIP (*P Mitchell*)  
              **19.00:** Anastasia Ezenwamadu (RIP 5th ANN).
- Thurs 20   **07.00:** Holy Souls  
              **09:30:** Mary Cooke
- Fri 21     **07.00:** Holy Souls  
              **09:30:** John Edem - RIP (*Kity & Family*)
- Sat 22     **THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE - FEAST**  
              **09:00:** Holy Souls
- Sat 22     **18:30:** People of the Parish
- Sun 23     **09.00:** Dec’d Mems of Francescantonio D’Agostino & Family  
              **11.00:** Denis Deasy (*Cummins Family*)  
              **18.00:** Thomas Lydon –RIP (*T Lydon*)

**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially John Edem, Placido 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:**  
**MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
**YOUTH MASS:**  
**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:**  
**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:**  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:**  
**SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8AM**  
**MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9AM**  
**SATURDAY: - 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm**  
**LAST SUNDAY: - 6pm Mass**  
**TUESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses**  
**WEDNESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses**  
**FIRST SATURDAY - of the month, after morning Mass**  
**FIRST FRIDAY - of the month**

**Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth**

# TODAY'S READINGS

## Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**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:

O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

'Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.'

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. R Psalm 40(39):5a**

***Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the LORD.***

Blessed indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the path with sinners, nor abides in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the LORD, and who ponders his law day and night. **R**

**Cf. Ps 30: 3-4**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **R**

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they, like winnowed chaff, shall be driven away by the wind. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. **R**

## Second reading

**1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Luke 6:23ab**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.

## Gospel

**Luke 6:17, 20-26**

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.'

**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 heav-

en, 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 this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon** Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**Prayer after Communion**

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, so that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIVE NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WHO WERE INSTALLED ON THE 2ND OF FEBRUARY IN THE CATHEDRAL.**

**RITA NORONHA, ELAINE PO LING, MARTIN MISIEWICZ, MARIA SEBASTIAN AND DINAK PEIRIS. MAY GOD BLESS THEM IN THEIR MINISTRY OF LOVE.**

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND :** There will be a second collection this 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.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT**

**WEEKEND : Clergy Support Fund.** The clergy in our Archdiocese have given us so much. They have been there for us in our happiest moments and comforted us when we have lost loved ones. Supporting priests in their retirement is one way to show your appreciation for all they have done for our parishes. Parishioner's make supporting our clergy in retirement possible.

Find out how to donate to the Clergy Support Fund at [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/csf) or scan the QR code. You can also donate via telephone, Mon-Fri, office hours 020 7960 2504. Please continue to keep our Priests in your prayers. Thank you.



## HOPE IN ADORATION

As part of the Jubilee Year, Archbishop John is encouraging people to turn to the Lord Jesus in Eucharistic adoration and have their hopes “fulfilled by Christ”. The campaign, Hope in Adoration, will share testimonies from parish priests and laity throughout the year on how Eucharistic adoration has helped them build a closer relationship with the Lord Jesus. Resources will also be made available for free and there is a comprehensive list of times of Eucharistic adoration in parishes across the Archdiocese. Find out more about the campaign at [rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration](http://rcaos.org.uk/hopeinadoration)

## OBITUARIES

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

### 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](mailto:tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk)) by end of day 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £332.20

Non-Gift-aid: £784.52

Total: £1,116.72

Thank you for your generosity to your parish.

Please make **cheques** payable to: **RCAS Tolworth**

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## 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.

**Struggling to make ends meet on a clergy man's salary, the pastor was livid when he confronted his wife with the receipt for a £500 dress she had bought. "How could you do this?!" "I was outside the store looking at the dress in the window, and then I found myself trying it on," she explained. "It was like Satan was whispering in my ear, 'You look fabulous in that dress. Buy it!'" "Well," the pastor replied, "You know how I deal with that kind of temptation. I say, 'Get behind me, Satan!'" "I did," replied his wife, "but then he said, 'It looks fabulous from back here, too!'"**

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