



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

23 February 2025

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Overcome Evil With Good

A father unexpectedly returned home and found his daughter misbehaving with a stranger. He kept quiet the whole evening and throughout the night. The daughter spent the whole night crying, and the following day, the mother demanded the father assign her a punishment for the offence. The message in today's readings also surprises us the same way. King David was very successful in wars and thus became popular. Consequently, Saul became jealous of him and sought to kill him. However, at Zif, David found Saul asleep with his spear next to him. David chose to forgive Saul and did not kill him! In the same respect, Jesus calls upon his disciples to imitate God's kindness instead of taking revenge and causing violence. He is clear that evil cannot overcome evil, but good can. He upholds the golden rule, "Do to others what you would like them to do unto you" (Lk 6:31). Jesus demands of his followers to break the endless circle of violence in our societies (by forgiveness). He demonstrated overcoming evil with good in his life. For example, Jesus did not revenge when he was slapped (Jn 18:22-23) and while hanging on the Cross, he prayed for those killing him (Lk 23:34). The same was true of St. Stephen to those stoning him to death (Acts 7:60).

Many of the endless wars happening in the world have causal roots in revenge and non-forgiveness. It is unfortunate that citizens are lost and national development is curtailed. But we need to note that national wars start with individuals at grassroot levels. Let us ask ourselves: For the times I have been abused, what has been my reaction? At home, how do we handle our differences as married partners? As children, how do we sort out our dissatisfactions and complaints? David and Jesus have not only challenged us greatly but have taught us a memorable lesson! Let us emulate them both at home and in public.

Fr. Bonaventure

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 23 FEBRUARY 2025 — 02 MARCH 2025

Sat 22	18.30: June Munk (<i>J Guy</i>)
Sun 23	09.00: Dec'd Mems of Francescantonio D'Agostino & Family 11.00: Denis Deasy (<i>Cummins Family</i>) 18.00: Thomas Lydon -RIP (<i>T Lydon</i>)
Mon 24	09.30: Eamon Barry - Recovery (<i>C Stevens</i>)
Tues 25	09.30: Eusebis Manuel Placebes - RIP 19.00: Holy Souls
Wed 26	09.30: Thanksgiving (<i>M Sebastian</i>) 19.00: John James Morello - RIP (<i>P Morello</i>)
Thurs 27	07.00: Vincent Burrows - RIP (<i>FM</i>) 09.30: Private Intention (<i>M Sebastian</i>)
Fri 28	07.00: Holy Souls 09.30: Timothy Aseervathan (<i>L Louis</i>)
Sat 01	<u>ST DAVID, BISHOP - FEAST</u> 09.00: Thanksgiving (<i>Heertthana Peter Arulthas</i>)
Sat 01	18.30: Holy Souls
Sun 02	09.00: Jacob Vethanayagam & Mr & Mrs E Maryanaygam - RIP 11.00: Holy Souls 18.00: People of the Parish

REMEMBRANCE: Please

remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially Vincent License, 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, 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

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

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:

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, always pondering spiritual things, we may carry out in both word and deed that which is 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 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them. Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the LORD's anointed.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Ps 12: 6

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 8, 10. 12-13. R8a

The LORD is compassionate and gracious.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits. **R**

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R** The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

As far as the east is from the west, so far from us does he remove our transgressions. As a father has compassion on his children, the LORD's compassion is on those who fear him. **R**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Brothers and Sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia.

A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.'

'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

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:

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Ps 9: 2-3

I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these mysteries. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND LIST IS BEING UPDATED AND VISITATION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND HAS STARTED, if you know any parishioner that is sick or housebound, please do let the clergy or parish office know so that we can visit them.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETS ON MONDAY 24TH, 7.15PM at the Old chapel. This is our first meeting of the year and it is a very crucial meeting.

"CALLED TO BEAR FRUIT" GROUPS are being formed. You can inform the parish office or parish clergy if you want to form your own group.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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 or scan the QR code. You can also donate via telephone, Mon-Fri, 020 7960 2504.

LENTEN PROGRAMME 2025

Ash Wednesday: 5th March, Masses at 7am, 9.30am & 7pm *(OLI School joining the 9.30am Mass)*

Stations of the Cross: Friday after 9.30am Mass *(English)* and 5 – 6pm *(Syro Malabar Community)*

Lenten Reconciliation Service: 14th April at 7pm

OBITUARIES

VINCENT LICENSE: Please kindly remember in your prayers, Rosemary Maranzano's brother who sadly passed on 18th February. May he rest in peace. Amen.

MICHAEL CONNOLLY: Denise Kidd's father sadly passed away on Sunday 2nd February.

FUNERAL: Monday, 17th March, 12pm at St Joseph's Church, 1 Montem Rd, New Malden, KT3 3QW

LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

Join the Fun & Support a Great Cause! 🌿

👣 Sponsored Walk – Saturday, 8 March

Up for a challenge? Walk 43 km (27 miles) from Tower Bridge to OLI Church along the scenic Thames route, passing through Battersea, Putney, Richmond, and Kingston. Meet at London Waterloo at 6:30 AM. Expected return: 4 PM to a small reception in the Parish Hall. It's a test of endurance and a fantastic way to support our cause! Interested? Email Elspeth at el-speth.casey@virginmedia.com. Sponsorship details to follow.

🎮 Quiz & Bingo Night – Saturday, 15 March

A night of fun, laughter, and friendly competition! **Parish Hall – Doors open at 7:15 PM, quiz starts promptly at 7:45 PM.** Teams of up to six people, £7 per adult. Book your table by emailing heathermathew@hotmail.com or calling George at 07949 334349 – or just turn up on the night! To make it easier for everyone, you are welcome to bring your own drinks and nibbles.

🛒 Tabletop Sale – Saturday, 22 & Sunday, 23 March

Grab a bargain! Held after the 6:30 PM Mass on Saturday and after the 9 AM & 11 AM Masses on Sunday. Browse kitchenware, books, DVDs, plants, toys, and more!

🎒 **OLI School Fundraising – Thursday, 27 & Friday, 28 March:** During the School Year 5 service week, an after-school sale is planned on Thursday, 27 & Friday, 28 March, where you can pick up leftover toys at bargain prices! Helen & Emanuele will also be selling popcorn and gift items. More details to follow!

☆ More Exciting Events – Save the Dates! ☆

- ✂ 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

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

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. St Ann's Catholic Church, Kingston Hill, Surrey, KT2 7LX.

CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG ADULTS – 18-30 AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED ADVOCATES NETWORK

As part of ACN's Jubilee of Hope celebrations, young adults are invited to a free conference on Sat, 22nd March – 9.30am-6pm at St Mary Moorfields. London. EC2M 7LS The theme Faith, Hope and Charity, will be explored with Bishop Wilfred Anagbe and Father Remigius Ihyula of the Diocese of Makurdi, Nigeria. Bishop Wilfred has said that it is his duty to inspire his people with hope and we must overcome evil with good.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £299.70

Non-Gift-aid: £772.53

Total: £1,072.23

2nd Colletion: £129.06

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 2025

Cash / cheques – £4,825.87

1. Gift-Aided – £1,173.49

2. Non-G/A – £3,652.38

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,410

1. Gift-Aided – £2,205

2. Non-G/A – £205

C. Contactless Machine – £1,227.88

Total = £8,463.75 (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.**

The Jubilee is a call for Catholics to be 'tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind'. In honour of Our Lady of Fatima, during the conference we will launch our Five First Saturdays devotion, beginning in April and finishing in August, to coincide with the Jubilee of Youth. Other speakers include Fr Stephen OJpapah (who was captured by Boko Haram), Ribqa Nevash (recipient of the 'Courage to be Christian' award for her outspokenness about violence against Christian women and girls in Pakistan) and Isabel Vaughan-Spruce who was arrested twice by West Midlands Police for silently praying in a censored "buffer zone". Details for booking are on this link: [Aid to the Church in Need | Young Adults Network Conference](#)

Mike walked into a post office just before Valentine's day. He couldn't help noticing a middle-aged balding man standing in a corner sticking "Love" stamps on bright pink envelopes with hearts all over them. Then the man got out a bottle of Channel perfume from his pocket and started spraying scent over the envelopes. By now, Mike's curiosity had got the better of him, and so he asked the man why he was sending all the cards. The man replied, "I'm sending out 500 Valentine cards signed, 'Guess who?'" "But why?" asked Mike. "I'm a divorce lawyer," the man replied.

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