



# SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) - C

27 April 2025



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**Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth**

## Pope Francis Obituary

The saying “how we live is how we die” aptly describes the death of Pope Francis, a key detail of which reflects the love, hope and faith that he inspired. He inspired the world with his concern for the poor and the forgotten through his life and message. In his final will, he asked to be buried in a simple coffin and in an underground tomb, without ornamentation and with only “Franciscus” written on it. He advocated a Church of mercy and an inclusive Church that will be a refuge for all. His catchphrase was always “todos, todos, todos” meaning “everyone, everyone, everyone”. The poor, rejected, prisoners and marginalised were welcomed as his guests more than the powerful. This made many of his critics denounce him as a heretic and accuse him of being too liberal. However, he continued to exhort leaders, clergy and every Christian to be people of mercy rather than excluding others. He continued to encourage dialogue and a listening Church. He was the first Pope to name himself after St. Francis of Assisi, the 13th century saint renowned for his love for the poor, and for turning his back on status and privilege. Other Popes normally visited significant places and cathedrals after their election but Pope Francis’ first trip as Pope was to the Italian island of Lampedusa, a camp where migrants who have crossed the Mediterranean Sea were imprisoned and he declared himself as one of them, helping to highlight the basic issues of poverty, war and justice that are at the centre of this issue. There, he denounced “the globalisation of indifference and called for the reawakening of conscience from world leaders.” He clearly notes that he wants a “poor church that is for the poor” and in his first major encyclical, “The Joy of the Gospel,” he urges that “Money must serve, not rule!” Pope Francis will be remembered as an outsider that walked and worked together with others rather than telling them what to do. He was a simple servant leader and hence he has chosen that the only inscription that will be on his tomb will be “Franciscus.” He has removed from his life, worldly power and status, and returning to the Father’s house as a humble servant.

**Fr. Michael**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 27 APRIL 2025 — 04 MAY 2025

- Sat 26** 18.30: Veronica & Marian Heaton - RIP
- Sun 27** 09.00: Feliciana Miranba 70th BDay - Thanksgiving  
11.00: Ottavio D’Agostino (*F D’Agostino*)  
18.00: Rosa De Cristofaro - RIP, 1st Ann (*A De Cristofaro*)
- Mon 28** ST GEORGE - FEAST  
09:30: Pope Francis - RIP
- Tues 29** ST CATHERINE OF SIENA - FEAST  
09.30: Miss Bridgette & Dec’d Family & Friends (*FM*)  
19.00: Mary Linstead - RIP (*FM*)
- Wed 30** 09.30: Flanagan Family  
19.00: Pat Buchanan - WB & Recovery (*OLI Parish*)
- Thurs 01** 07.00: Francis Lee - Birthday (*L Ko*)  
09.30: John Bredl - RIP (*OLI Parish*)
- Fri 02** ST ATHANASIUS - MEMORIAL  
07.00: Delwyn Noronha - Birthday  
09:30: Alice Smith - Intentions
- Sat 03** SS - PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES - FEAST  
09:00: Keith Lewis - RIP (*L Lewis*)
- Sat 03** 18.30: Rajani Reginald
- Sun 04** 09.00: Valerian Miranba - RIP  
11.00: Tom McGuinness & Dina Byrne - RIP (*J McGuinness*)  
18.00: People of the Parish

**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially John Bredl (One of our Volunteer Parish Cash Counters) 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, 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, Peter & Phil Tull, Julie Bria, June Munk & Jim Maynard

**EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:**  
**MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):**  
**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
**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  
**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

1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

**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:

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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

Acts 5:12-16

Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Ps Ps 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. R1**

***Give praise to the Lord for he is good,  
his mercy endures for ever.***

Let the house of Israel say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'  
Let the house of Aaron say,  
'His mercy endures for ever.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say,

'His mercy endures for ever.' **R**

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad. **R**

We beseech you, O Lord, grant salvation;  
we beseech you, O Lord, grant success.

Blest is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
the Lord is God, and has given us light. **R**

## Second reading Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, 'Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.' Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, 'Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.'

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## Sequence

**Victimae Paschali Laudes** Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

## Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

## Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them

again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

#### **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, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people and of those you have brought to new birth, that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 20: 27**

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONDOLENCE BOOK FOR POPE FRANCIS WILL BE IN THE CHURCH FOR THE NOVENDIALI, THE NINE DAYS MOURNING PERIOD FROM 26TH OF APRIL TO THE 4TH OF MAY,** in memory of the Pope Francis in order for us to express our feelings for him and pray for him. All the weekend Masses of 3rd/4th of May will be the celebration of his life.

**VOLUNTEERS TO BE MASS MANAGERS ARE NEEDED IN ALL OUR WEEKEND MASSES.** The work of a Mass Manager will be to coordinate every activity during the Mass to ensure the smooth running of that particular Mass. Please, if you are interested, there are forms at the back of the Church or speak to Fr. Michael

**WE ARE BLESSED TO WELCOME THE NATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AND THE RELICS OF THE FATIMA VISIONARIES ST JACINTA AND ST FRANCISCO TO OUR PARISH ON SAT 24TH AND SUN 25TH OF MAY 2025.** This special visitation is a beautiful opportunity to unite in prayer, seek Our Lady's intercession, and grow in devotion to her Immaculate Heart. Come and join us in honouring Our Lady through prayer, reflection, and thanksgiving. Let us gather as a faith community and open our hearts to the message of Fatima—prayer, penance, and peace. Spread the word to family, friends, and neighbours. Please check at Narthex for the program details.

**FR. MICHAEL AND FR. BONAVENTURE THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your kindness, gifts, prayers and the Easter offering. Your love and kindness are extraordinary. May God bless you abundantly.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO THE SYRO-MALABAR COMMUNITY** of our parish for organising this weekend, a wonderful evening of community get together and fundraising for the poor. May God continue to reward and bless you all.

**VOLUNTEER, FIRE MARSHALLS -** Are needed for all Masses. Ideally at least one or two people from each **Parish Group.** Please consider volunteering for this important role. A training session of an hour and a half will take place on **Mon 2nd June at 7.00pm.** Please send your name and contact details to the Parish Office. Thank you.

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - ST GEORGES CATHEDRAL:** St George's Cathedral, Southwark, is the mother church of our Diocese. This collection helps meet the cost of its upkeep.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - 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.

# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

## LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

**Sri Lankan Cultural Night – Saturday 10 May | 7:30–10:30 PM**

**OLI Parish Hall, KT6 7DG**

Join us for a joyful celebration of **Sri Lankan culture**, featuring authentic cuisine, traditional performances, and warm community spirit—all in support of the **OLI Lenten Project**.

This is a wonderful opportunity to experience Sri Lanka's vibrant food, music, and dance—and to connect with friends old and new across our parish.

🎫 **Tickets:** £15 adults | £10 children (ages 7–12) | *Children under 7 – Free*

📱 **Book online here**

📞 **For more info:** Contact Joe & Antionette at +44 7956 891504

All are welcome - come for the flavours, stay for the fellowship!

### Lenten Project Box Return – 10 & 11 May

We'll be collecting **Lenten Project Boxes** at all Masses on **Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th May**.

Please remember to **bring your box along to Mass**—hopefully filled with a generous gift in support of our 2025 appeal!



**ATTENTION: ALL GIFT AID MEMBERS:** For those who have not done so already the Gift Aid envelopes for the coming tax year are available for collection in the RDJ Room after each Mass this weekend. Gift Aid donors who give by standing order or online should also come to collect their special packs of envelopes for Easter, Christmas and other special collections.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### LAST WEEKEND - EASTER 2025

#### MAUNDY THURSDAY (LENTEN PROJECT)

**Gift-aid:** £21.00    **Non-Gift-aid:** £481.13  
**Total:**    **£502.13**

#### GOOD FRIDAY (HOLY PLACES)

**Gift-aid:** £50.00    **Non-Gift-aid:** £1,043.96  
**Total:**    **£1,093.96**

#### EASTER OFFERING

**Gift-aid:** £1,035.56    **Non-Gift-aid:** £2,936.13  
**Total:**    **£3,971.69**

*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. Any queries? Please contact Lance Louis: [tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk) or 07851 070036.

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Kingston Foodbank at present is particularly short of tinned meat, tinned potatoes, tinned tomatoes, longlife milk, pasta sauce, fruit squash, rice, pot noodles, jam, ketchup and mayonnaise, household cleaning items, sanitary towels, toilet paper, crisps and treats, razors, shaving cream, shower gel and toothbrushes. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

**Moses was walking down the street when he bumped into George W. Bush. "Hello," Bush said. "Nice weather we're having, huh?" Moses took one look at the President, turned, and ran in the other direction. The next day Moses was walking down the same street and there was Bush. Again he tried to initiate a conversation. Again Moses turned and ran away. Bush was tired of this bizarre treatment, so the next time Moses ran away from him, Bush followed. When he caught up, he asked Moses what was wrong. Moses said, "The last time I talked to a bush I spent 40 years in the desert."**

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