



EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - C

20 April 2025



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Never Stay Dead!

Life must be a rebellion of death and structures of despair. Death is ugly, repulsive and destroys relationships. A few years ago, a friend of mine, who spoke to his brother on the phone every week, had been unable to get hold of him.” Eventually he got someone to go his flat to check on him. When they looked through the window, the light and television were on but my friend’s brother was stone dead. When I called to console him, he said to me “Death is ugly.” In between his tears, he muttered “I miss him so much. What will life be without him for me?” Reminiscing his loss and my own losses, I can see how death breaks up families and relationships. However, I remembered that as a Christian, death has no final say over us. Easter is the absolute refusal of God to allow sin and death have the final word over us. It affirms that God has the final word over us and that when we die, we die into new life in Christ. For Christ assures us and has proved it through His resurrection that nobody that believes in Him will ever die, for He is the life and the resurrection. Jesus rose from the dead, we must never give in to death. We must refuse to stay dead because we are people of new life and forgiveness. We must always say “not today” to death in all our encounters with it. When we face challenges that make us sad and depressed, we must refuse to stay dead. When darkness seeks to determine our life and condemn us, we must refuse to stay dead and follow the light. When people have hurt us so much and it has become difficult to forgive, we must refuse to stay dead and forgive. When life is intolerable, never give up! Remember; God reigns, resurrection happens, and Jesus is with us always. Stay alive to joy, peace and new life. Never allow yourself to be silenced by adversity. In the words of the poet, Dylan Thomas: “Do not go gentle into that good night, Old age should burn and rave at close of day; Rage, rage against the dying of the light.”

Fr. Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 20 APRIL 2025 — 27 APRIL 2025

- Sat 19** **20.00:** Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - *Rita Aguiar RIP (N D'Aguir)*
- Sun 20** **09.00:** People of the Parish
 11.00: Jim Maynard - WB & Recovery (*Elaine & Family*)
 18.00: Holy Souls
- Mon 21** **09.30:** Ann Matin - Ints & RIP, Will Martin
- Tues 22** **09.30:** John Philip Louis - RIP (*C Yap*)
 19.00: Dan & Rosa McGeown (*Powell*)
- Wed 23** **09. 30:** Dec'd Mems of the Furlong Family
 19.00: Irene Powell - RIP (*Powell*)
- Thurs 24** **07.00:** Patrick Denis Parker - RIP (*FM*)
 09.30: Mary & P Hosey - Ints
- Fri 25** **07.00:** Therese Walker - WB (*M Tett*)
 09.30: Lavelle Family - Ints
- Sat 26** **09.00:** Pat Buchanan - WB (*M Tett*)
- 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*)

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died 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:
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

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

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:

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. 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 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: 'Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 126(125):1-2b. 2c-3. 4-5. 6. R3

***What great deeds the LORD worked for us!
Indeed, we were glad.***

When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion, we thought we were dreaming. Then was our mouth filled with laughter; on our tongues, songs of joy. **R**

Then they said among the nations, 'What great deeds the LORD worked for them!' What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad. **R**

Bring back our exiles, O LORD, as streams in the Negeb. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, bearing seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back with a song, bearing

their sheaves.

Second reading

Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and Sisters: I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Joel 2:12-13

Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God. Even now, says the

Lord, return to me with all your heart, for I am gracious and merciful. Glory to you, O Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel

John 8:1-11

At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

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: Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Communion Antiphon Has no one condemned you, woman? No one, Lord. Neither shall I condemn you. From now on, sin no more.

Prayer after Communion: We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS



Father Michael and Father Bonaventure assure all parishioners of their prayers for a blessed and joyous Easter-tide.

May the risen Christ be with you, keep you safe and bring His Light to you all. Amen

IN GRATITUDE

Many thanks to all who have worked hard to make our celebration of the Paschal and Easter festivities in the parish solemn, prayerful and uplifting: Welcomers, readers, organists and singers, children's liturgy and RCIA catechists, MCs, servers, florists, church cleaners, collectors, and a host of others. May God bless you for the gen-

erosity of your time and gifts in his service.

A big thank you from the Clergy to all our Parishioners for their gifts, donations, service, prayers and support to the Clergy during this period and always. May the good Lord reward you all abundantly.

A big thank you to our lovely choir and the glorious singing during the Easter triduum. May God bless them abundantly.

A big thank you to our RCIA catechists for preparing our candidates for baptism & confirmation, may God bless you abundantly for the amazing work that you do.

DIVINE MERCY

Annual Divine Mercy Novena has already started. It is a powerful novena and copies are at the back of the Church.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - ST

GEORGES CATHEDRAL: There will be a second collection next weekend for flowers for the decoration of our Church at Easter.

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER OFFERING FOR THE CLERGY - By custom, for the support of parochial priests in the diocese. It is your gift to Fathers Michael & Bonaventure. Envelopes are available on the desk in the Narthex or on the cash machines under Easter Offering.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES FOR EASTER - The Parish Office will be closed for Easter holiday from Tuesday, 22nd April and will reopen on Monday 28th April at 10.00am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GRP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)
Back on Sunday 27 April.

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.

Simple Easter Meal Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we gather around this table with grateful hearts for the food before us and the family beside us. Thank you for providing this nourishment and for the love that binds us together. May this meal be a reminder of your abundant blessings and a time of joy and love. Help us set aside any differences and come together in love and understanding. May our time together be filled with hope, joy, and peace. Gracious God, we thank You for the food before us and the fellowship we share. May this meal nourish our bodies and our souls. We thank You for the hands that prepared this meal with love and care. Bless the hands that worked to provide us with nourishment, and may their efforts be rewarded with your abundant grace. We thank you for the gift of family and the bonds that unite us. Bless our time together as we share this meal, and may our love for one another grow stronger with each passing day. Heavenly Father, as we gather around this table, feed our souls with Your word and Your presence. We lift up every member of our family to You and ask for Your blessings upon each one. May Your love surround us, Your peace sustain us, and Your joy fill our hearts. May our time together be filled with love, laughter, and joy, and may we always remember the precious gift of family. Also, we ask for Your forgiveness for any hurts or offenses that may have occurred within our family. Help us to forgive one another as You have forgiven us. Gracious God, we lift up those who are hungry or in need to You and ask for Your provision and care. May Your love surround them, Your grace sustain them, and Your mercy guide them. May the spirit of resurrection and rebirth continue to reverberate in our hearts and homes. Let us carry the benefits of this sacred season with us and convey love, joy, and compassion to everyone we meet. Amen


INFORMATION & REMINDERS

LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

South Indian Cultural Night – Sat, 26 April

Venue: OLI Parish Hall, KT6 7DG

Experience the vibrant flavours, rhythms, and hospitality of **South India** at this exciting cultural evening, organised by the **Syro Malabar Catholic Community**. Open to everyone, this is a perfect chance to enjoy a **3-course dinner**, live entertainment, and connect with others in our parish and beyond. Come celebrate our community's diversity and make new friends!

 Tickets: £15 adults | £10 children (10+)

 Pay or book easily using the QR code



 For more info: Sojan – 07868 246643 | Rosamma – 07961 444865 All proceeds support the **OLI Lenten Project**. Come for the food, stay for the friendships!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

6TH APRIL

Gift-aid: £275.20

Non-Gift-aid: £722.34

Total: **£997.54**

2nd PDF Collection:

£272.84

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £325.00

Non-Gift-aid: £1,022.16

Total: **£1,347.16**

2nd Easter Flower Collection:

£260.70

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.***

Easter Prayer About Forgiveness

Heavenly Father, on this blessed Easter day, as we celebrate the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we are reminded of the ultimate sacrifice made for us, offering forgiveness for our sins and the promise of new life. In the light of Your boundless mercy, we come to You with hearts seeking forgiveness, not only for ourselves but also the strength to forgive others. Teach us, Lord, to let go of grudges, to heal wounds of the past, and to replace bitterness with love. Just as the stone was rolled away to reveal the

miracle of the resurrection, help us roll away the barriers in our hearts, making room for compassion, understanding, and reconciliation. As we bask in the joy of Easter, let us remember the path of forgiveness You have shown us. Guide us to forgive freely, love generously, and live kindly, following the example of Christ. May this season of renewal deepen our understanding of Your grace and inspire us to extend forgiveness to those around us, just as You have forgiven us. In the spirit of Easter, let us renew our commitment to living in peace with one another, cherishing the gift of forgiveness that brings us closer to You and to each other. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Why does the Easter Bunny want to win a gold medal? Because he heard it's 24 carrot. **How many Easter eggs can you put in an empty basket?** Only one—after that it's not empty anymore! **What do you call a sleepy Easter egg?** Eggs-austed **How can you tell which rabbits are oldest in a group?** Just look for the gray hares. **Where does Christmas come before Easter?** The dictionary! **What happened to the Easter Bunny when he misbehaved at school?** He was eggspelled! **What proof is there that carrots are good for the eyes?** You don't see rabbits wearing eyeglasses. **What should you do to prepare for all the Easter treats?** Eggs-ercise! **What's an Easter egg's least favorite day?** Fry-day. **Why are people always tired in April?** Because they've just finished a March.

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MARY	SEPULCHRE	EARTHQUAKE
ANGEL	STONE	ROBE
SNOW	JESUS	RISEN
AWE	JOY	GREETINGS

