



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT - C

06 April 2025



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Jesus' Profound Compassion and Forgiveness

The Scribes and Pharisees set a snare for Jesus by bringing to him a woman caught in the act of committing adultery. They claimed that Mosaic Law required the execution of such a woman by stoning (Lev 20:10). Jesus didn't condone the woman's behavior: he told her to sin no more. The accusers all had stones ready to kill her. Unfortunately, the punishment was not balanced. This was a sin that is committed by two people but everybody looked at the woman as the only one who deserved stoning. Where was the partner? The quotation used is clear that the stoning was for both (Lev 20:10-16 and Deut 22:22-24). Could this woman have committed adultery alone? This goes with the common saying that "the thief is the one who has been caught." It presupposes that there are so many thieves out there but they move freely since nobody has caught them yet. Thus, in this respect, it was not only the woman who had sinned. We question the exact motivation of the accusers: they became annoyed because of her lack of cooperation and now they were excited to condemn her!

Then Jesus turned the tables on her accusers, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her" (Jn 8:7). By suggesting that they look at their own sins, they all went away one by one beginning with the eldest.

Has the mentality of throwing stones to our "sinful" neighbors changed in our time? How much time have we spent counting the sins of our neighbors without a concern of our own?

The Lenten season is for all of us, individually, to genuinely reflect on our life and deeds for an authentic accountability before God.

Fr. Bonaventure

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 06 APRIL 2025 — 13 APRIL 2025

Sat 05	18.30: Hannah Mulcahy –RIP, 54th Ann (<i>B Mulcahy</i>)
Sun 06	09.00: John Philip Louis –RIP (<i>K M Ho</i>) 11.00: Favour Granted by St Jude (<i>K J</i>) 18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 07	09:30: Michael Connolly - RIP (<i>K Fox</i>) 11.00: Funeral - Maureen Beard
Tues 08	09.30: Fr. Redding & Dec'd Family RIP (<i>FM</i>) 19.00: Aideen Phillips & Dec'd Family RIP (<i>FM</i>)
Wed 09	09.30: Maureen Beard - RIP (<i>S Howe</i>) 19.00: Holy Souls
Thurs 10	07.00: Eileen Leach (<i>Elaine</i>) 09:30: Michael Connolly - RIP (<i>M C Taylor</i>)
Fri 11	07.00: Holy Souls 09:30: Denise Kidd - Ints & WB (<i>M C Taylor</i>)
Sat 12	09:00: Holy Souls
Sat 12	18:30: Lourdes de Souza - WB (<i>Houston Family</i>)
Sun 13	09.00: Tim Ryan - WB & Recovery (<i>D Kidd</i>) 11.00: Stella Treminheere - Thanksgiving to God our Father 18.00: People of the Parish

REMEMBRANCE: Please

remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially Maureen Beard 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

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:
MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
YOUTH MASS:
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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

Cf. Ps 42: 1-2

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**

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. **R**

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.

Gospel

SCRUTINIES

John 11:1-45

At that time: A certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. It was Mary, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent to him, saying, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it he said, 'This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.'

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.' After saying these things, he said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.' Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus has died, and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Bethany

was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. And he said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, by this time there will be a smell, for he has been dead four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out.' The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in 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: 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

MORNING MASS ON 16TH APRIL WILL BE AT 9AM FOLLOWED BY MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - FLOWERS FOR EASTER: There will be a second collection next weekend for flowers for the decoration of our Church at Easter.

EASTER DONATIONS FOR PRISONERS: We are collecting money donations for the prisoners at Wandsworth prison. To enable the staff to buy Easter eggs plus holy cards for them. If you would like to contribute please put your donations, clearly labelled in the Sunday Collection or through the presbytery door. Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Thank you.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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.

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.

PLANNED GIVING DRIVE—NEXT WEEKEND IS POSTPONED UNTIL JUNE.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GRP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS)

Many thanks to all parents and children for your support of the Children's Liturgy Group this Term. We are now on our Easter break and look forward to warmly welcoming you all back on Sunday 27 April 2025.

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.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: will be on Monday - 14th April at 7pm. Confession is every Saturday immediately after the 9.00am Mass and 5.30pm - 6.00pm before the Saturday evening Mass.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Lenten Project so far. Here are some recent highlights:

Sponsored Walk (8 March) We've now raised an amazing £3,800 through JustGiving! The donations page is still live, so please continue to share and support.



Parish Quiz (15 March) £340 raised. A fantastic evening of fun and community spirit – thank you to the organisers, George and Heather.

Tabletop Sale (22–23 March) A successful weekend! Thank you to all who donated, sold, and shopped—and to Elspeth for leading the charge.

Rosé's Fundraising Campaign (Launched - 23 March)



Thank you to Rosé for launching her creative campaign, promoting the Lenten Project so beautifully—and raising so much money through the JustGiving page.

OLI School Enterprise Event (27–28 March) £263 in cash raised, with all proceeds going towards the OLI Lenten Project. Huge thanks to the Headteacher, Yr 5 pupils, and Helen and Emmanuele for leading this brilliant Parish–School collaboration.



South Indian Cultural Night – Sat 26 April Join us for an evening of South Indian food and entertainment, organised by the Syro Malabar Community in the Parish Hall, 7:30–10:30pm, £15 adults / £10 children (10+). 3-course dinner included. To book: Sojan 07868 246643 / Rosamma 07961 444865 All proceeds go to the Lenten Project. Thank you for your continued support!

More Exciting Events – Save the Dates!

- ✦ 10th May – Sri Lankan Night
- ✦ 17th May – Jumble Sale
- ✦ 7th June – African-Caribbean Night
- ✦ 19th October – AGM

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £411.92

Non-Gift-aid: £1,113.14

Total: £1,525.06

2nd Colletion: £188.50

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.**

HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME 2025

1. PALM SUNDAY (13th April)

Saturday (12/04), 6.30pm; 9am, 11am, 6pm Blessings of Palms and procession to the Church from the Hall at 9am and 11am Masses 7PM – Penitential Service with Individual Confessions

3. MAUNDY THURSDAY (17th April)

9.00AM: Office of Readings & Lauds

4.00PM: Sacrament of Reconciliation

5.00PM: Mass of the Last Supper

2. MONDAY (14 April)

8.00PM: Mass of the Last Supper followed by watching at the Chapel of Repose, closing with Night Prayer before Midnight.

4. GOOD FRIDAY (18th April)

9.00AM: Office of Readings & Lauds

9.30–10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation

11.00AM: Service of the Passion with Children

3.00PM: Commemoration of the Passion & Adoration of the Cross

7.00PM Way of the Cross

5. HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL (19th April)

9.00AM: Office of Readings & Lauds

8.00PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night & Sacraments of Initiation

6. EASTER SUNDAY (20th April)

Masses at 9AM; 11AM; and 6PM

Four nuns were attending a rugby match. Four men were sitting directly behind them. Because their dress was partially blocking the view, the men decided to harass the nuns hoping that they'd get annoyed enough to move to another area. In a very loud voice, the first guy said, "I think I'm going to move to Texas, there are only 100 nuns living there." Then the second guy screamed, "I want to go to Missouri, there are only 75 nuns living there." The third guy shouted, "I want to go to Alabama, there are only 50 nuns living there." The fourth guy yelled, "I want to go to Alaska, there are only 25 nuns living there." The mother superior turned around, looked at the men, and in a very sweet and calm voice said, "Why don't you go to hell, there aren't any nuns there!"

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