



# PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD - C

13 April 2025



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**Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth**

## Which Passion Character Are You?

What character in the Passion Story closely resembles your life at present? Is it the woman with the alabaster jar of perfumed oil that anointed Jesus and gave her best without counting the cost, or the disciples who abandoned Jesus for their personal safety? Is it Pilate, 'the people pleaser' that refuses to be a 'God pleaser,' who condemns Jesus out of fear and convenience, or the Centurion who firmly stood before the cross, grew his faith and proclaimed without fear that Jesus is the Son of God? Is it Christ's accusers who refused to take Christ's "Yes" for an answer? Many times, Jesus Christ tells us exactly who he is — the Messiah, and yet we refuse to believe. We feel embarrassed that it is too crazy to believe in Jesus. The passion notes several women at the cross who risked much to be with Jesus. What am I willing to risk for God and for love? Furthermore, on our character resemblance, is it the onlookers who viewed the cross from a long distance, keeping close enough for comfort, but not too close in order not to be affected by the messiness of the cross or others? Is it Veronica, who wipes the face of our Lord and willingly reduced the hurt and violence in the world? Many times, we lack courage in going out of our way to help those who are suffering and in need. Is it John, who stands by Mary at the foot of the Cross? Do we stand in solidarity with those suffering and understand their pain? Perhaps it is Our Blessed Mother though innocent, she consistently followed her son to the end without anger or hatred and offered everything to God in prayer? Is it Jesus Christ, who willingly hung on the cross out of love for us or the Father, who dropped huge tears at the death of his only Son? In the film, *The Passion of the Christ* by Mel Gibson, huge drops of tears fell from heaven at the death of Jesus, signifying the tears of God the Father. Tears are the silent language of grief and it is the broken heart full of love that emits tears. The Father weeps for his only Son and what His eternal love for humanity has caused him.

**Fr. Michael**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 13 APRIL 2025 — 20 APRIL 2025

<b>Sat 12</b>	<b>18.30:</b> Lourdes de Souza - WB ( <i>Houston Family</i> )
<b>Sun 13</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Tim Ryan - WB & Recovery ( <i>D Kidd</i> ) <b>11.00:</b> Stella Treminheere - Thanksgiving to God our Father <b>18.00:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Mon 14</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Ivan Flanagan - RIP
<b>Tues 15</b>	<b>09.30:</b> Michael Connolly - RIP ( <i>C Stevens</i> ) <b>19.00:</b> Holy Souls
<b>Wed 16</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Private Intention ( <i>D Kidd</i> ) <b>19.00:</b> Fr Redding - RIP ( <i>FM</i> )
<b>Thurs 17</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Office of Readings & Lauds <b>16.00:</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>17.00:</b> Maundy Thursday- <i>Clara Lee - BD (L Ko)</i> <b>20.00:</b> Maundy Thursday- Maureen Jackson (WB) ( <i>J.Dunseath</i> )
<b>Fri 18</b>	<b>09.00:</b> Office of Readings & Lauds <b>09.30:</b> Sacrament of Reconciliation <b>11.00:</b> Service of the Passion with Children <b>15.00:</b> Commemoration of the Passion <b>19.00:</b> Way of the Cross
<b>Sat 19</b>	<b>20.00:</b> Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - <i>Rita Aguiar RIP (ND'Aguir)</i>
<b>Sun 20</b>	<b>09.00:</b> People of the Parish <b>11.00:</b> Jim Maynard - WB & Recovery ( <i>Elaine &amp; Family</i> ) <b>18.00:</b> Holy Souls( <i>J.Dunseath</i> )

**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**  
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**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**

# NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COPIES OF ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON'S PASTORAL LETTER:** On the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill. Apologies - This letter should have been read at all Masses last weekend. Copies together with postcards to send to your MP are available for collection from the Narthex. The charity *Right to Life UK* has a simple online facility which allows people to contact their Member of Parliament, taking only a few moments to submit a message asking an MP to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law. It can be accessed here: <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote>.

**FOR THOSE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WHO MISSED THE RENEWAL DAY LAST SATURDAY:** - Please attend a session in the church with Fr Michael on Tuesday 15th April at 6pm. Thank you. **FOLLOWING THE RENEWAL DAY:** An Entering & Exiting the Sanctuary Guide has been produced & should be followed. It is available to view and print from our website [www.oliionline.co.uk](http://www.oliionline.co.uk)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS** - The feet of Church cleaners will be washed in our Maundy Thursday Mass. They do an invaluable and amazing volunteering job for Christ and remind us everyday to wash other people's feet through love and service.

**RCIA/RCIC DATES** - Tuesday 15th April, 11am & Saturday 19th, 11am, 1st Part of Baptism Ceremony.

**THE WEEKLY COLLECTION TOTALS** For last week and this weekend will be published in next week's newsletter.

## INFORMATION & REMINDERS

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

**SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - FLOWERS FOR EASTER:** There will be a second collection this 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.

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (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 from the Parish Office.

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE:** With visiting priests 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.

**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

### HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME 2025

1. **MONDAY (14 April)**  
7PM - Penitential Service with Individual Confessions
2. **MAUNDY THURSDAY (17th April)**  
9.00AM: Office of Readings & Lauds  
4.00PM: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
5.00PM: Mass of the Last Supper  
8.00PM: Mass of the Last Supper followed by watching at the Chapel of Repose, closing with Night Prayer before Midnight.
3. **GOOD FRIDAY (18th April)**  
9.00AM: Office of Readings & Lauds  
9.30-10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation  
11.00AM: Stations of the Cross Service For Children  
3.00PM: Commemoration of the Passion & Adoration of the Cross  
7.00PM Way of the Cross
4. **HOLY SATURDAY - EASTER VIGIL (19th April)**  
8.00PM Easter Vigil in the Holy Night & Sacraments of Initiation
5. **EASTER SUNDAY (20th April)**  
Masses at 9AM; 11AM; and 6PM

### 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!

A woman had bought lots of shoes over time and she decided it was time to kick the habit. She really took it seriously, even changing her driving route to avoid her favourite shoe shop. One evening, however, she arrived home carrying a shoe box. Her husband grinned at her, but it didn't faze her at all. "These are very special shoes," she explained. "I accidentally drove by the shoe shop and there in the window were the most perfect shoes I've ever seen! I felt this was no accident, so I thought I'd let fate decide. If I would get a parking spot directly in front of the shop, the shoes were meant for me. And sure enough, the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

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