



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 May 2025

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Do you really know the Good Shepherd?

Bishop Pat Lynch, the former auxiliary Bishop of our Diocese, told this story in one of his Confirmation Masses; "Two men were called upon, in a large classroom, to recite the Twenty-Third Psalm. One was a published orator trained in speech technique and drama who repeated the psalm in a powerful way. When he finished, the audience cheered and even asked for an encore that they might hear his wonderful voice again. Then the other man, who was much older, repeated the same words, 'The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want...' but when he finished, no sound came from the large congregation. Instead, people sat in a deep mood of devotion and prayer. Then the first man, the orator, stood up. 'I have a confession to make,' he said. 'The difference between what you have just heard from my old friend, and what you heard from me is this: I know the Psalm, my friend knows the Shepherd.'" Of the many images painted by John in his wonderful Gospel, probably the most descriptive is that of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. This description of Jesus asks us all today if "we really know the Shepherd?" This questions us, do we know that Jesus is the source of everything we need? He is the door to peace and salvation if we want a life free from anxiety and worries, our focus must be on Him. However, if we keep our faith on people and things, we will get our hearts broken. Jesus the Good Shepherd is the only one that never abandons us. Never! Everyone may leave us but Jesus stays till eternity. He will be with us through thick and thin. Also, for our comfort, Jesus the Good Shepherd knows everything about us: He knows our strengths, weaknesses, needs, every valley that we are in and every mountain that we face. He is also there with us and watches over us. Remember, He always watches over us with understanding, forgiveness and love.

Fr. Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 11 MAY 2025 — 18 MAY 2025

Sat 10 18.30: Maria Pinto - RIP, 3rd Month Ann (*A Jasper*)

Sun 11 09.00: Sandra Boland - RIP (*C Blair*)
11.00: Eamon Barry - Recovery (*Stevens Family*)
18.00: Margaret & Peter Crawford - RIP (*FM*)

Mon 12 09:30: Therese Walker - Recovery (*T Rutter*)

Tues 13 09.30: Private Intention
19.00: Pope Leo XIV

Wed 14 ST MATTHIAS, APOSTLE - FEAST
09.30: Jim Maynard - WB (*MC Taylor*)
19.00: Margaret Radford - RIP (*OLI Parish*)

Thurs 15 ST JOHN STONE - MEMORIAL
07.00: Holy Souls
09.30: Anthony Conmy - RIP (*S Mills*) & Martin Dray - BD

Fri 16 ST SIMON STOCK - MEMORIAL
07.00: Holy Souls
09:30: Tommy & Nancy Wilson - RIP (*L Jones*)

Sat 17 09:00: Francis & Sabina - TG

Sat 17 18.30: Anne Davis - Recovery (*P Clarke*)

Sun 18 09.00: Ethebreda Pinto - RIP
11.00: Pauline Woods - RIP (*M & BR Walsh*)
18.00: People of the Parish

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially John Bredl, Pauline Woods, Ann O'Brien, Margaret Radford 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

Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, 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:

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading

Acts 13:14, 43b-52

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down. Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, 'It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying, "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."' And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5. R3c

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth. Serve the LORD with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. **R** Know that he, the LORD, is God. He made us; we belong

to him. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R** Indeed, how good is the LORD, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. **R**

Second reading

Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 10:27-30

At that time: Jesus said, 'My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.'

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:

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon: The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

STATEMENT FROM ARCHBISHOP JOHN WILSON ON THE ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV, 266TH SUCCESSOR OF PETER -

With deep joy and thanksgiving, we welcome the election of Pope Leo XIV as the 266th Successor of Peter and 267th Pope of the Catholic Church. Let us rejoice and give glory to God for the gift of our new Holy Father. In Pope Leo XIV, we receive the Successor of Peter, called by the Holy Spirit to shepherd the Church universal. Just as the Risen Lord entrusted St Peter with the care of his flock, so now Pope Leo is charged with this sacred task: to love the Lord Jesus with all his heart, and to tend his sheep with humility, courage, and faith.

The Petrine ministry is one of service, rooted not in power, but in the person of Christ. The authority of the Holy Father is given by the Lord Jesus Himself, not to point to himself, but to lead us ever closer to the face of Christ. In a world marked by uncertainty and division, Pope Leo is called to be a sign of unity and a herald of hope - guiding us to the truth of the Gospel, and to the peace that only Christ can give. Now more than ever, we need to fix our gaze on the Lord Jesus. It is by placing him at the centre of our lives that we find the strength to meet life's challenges, and the peace our hearts long for. Pope Leo stands among us as a servant of that hope, reminding us that our salvation lies in Christ alone. I invite each one of you to look to our new Holy Father with the obedience of faith and affection. Let us listen to his voice as he leads us in fidelity to Christ and the mission of his Church. Like him, may we be renewed in our own commitment to love the Lord Jesus above all things, and to care for one another with the tenderness of the Gospel. Please join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV, asking the Lord to bless him abundantly. And let us thank God for this great gift to the Church and to the world. With every blessing, Yours devotedly in Christ

+ John (Please also see the text of the Holy Father's first Homily from his Mass with the Cardinals on Friday morning.) Copies available in the Narthex.

THE MONTH OF MAY IS A MONTH DEDICATED TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY. Please, remember to pray your rosary or a decade everyday.

THERE WILL BE A ROSARY PROCESSION WITH THE STATUES OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER after the 11am Mass, on Sunday, 18th of May.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - PRIESTS

TRAINING FUND: This collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the Priesthood and the Permanent Diaconate & ongoing formation of Priests.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED - On Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th May. It will reopen on Wednesday 14th.

HOME VISITATION OF THE STATUE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER to the homes of our Parishioners will begin on Saturday, 17th of May. If you are interested in having our Blessed Mother as your guest for a week, please put your name in the diary on the altar rail to the right hand side of the altar.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2025. Sunday 18th May is Safeguarding Sunday and Archbishop John has issued a pastoral letter (to be read at all Masses next weekend.). In his letter, Archbishop John said "Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. Each of us — clergy, volunteers, parents, parish-

ioners — is called to remain vigilant, informed, and committed to the well-being of every member of our community". You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday, including accessing the full pastoral letter, at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday25 or via the QR code.



THE ARCHDIOCESE'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS will be at The Friars, Aylesford on Saturday 7 June 2025. This will be a festival of prayer and activities for all parishioners and families. If you would like to attend, there will be a coach leaving from St Joseph's Parish, New Malden - £20 per seat. There is a sign-up list in the Nartex or send your details together with payment to Denise.

HOLY WATER is now available at the back of the Church for you to take home to use. It is not suitable for drinking.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE - This one-day marriage-enrichment course is aimed at couples who would like to improve their relationships. There is no charge and no group sharing. Couples have the opportunity individually to explore their relationship and levels of communication, which is the key to relationship. Dates and venues: April 12, West Croydon; June 28, Kingston-upon-Thames; and September 13, Amigo Hall, Southwark, all from 9.30am to 4.30pm. Call 07983 524 727 or Email: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk for more.

KINGSTON DEANERY BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE - June 28th 2025 held at Surbiton parish in St Raphael's Church hall.

Save the date: Saturday June 28th 2025 9.30am - 4.30pm Building a Better Marriage

This day, held at St Raphael Church hall, Portsmouth Rd, Kingston Upon Thames, **KT1 2NA** starting at 9.30am until 4.30pm, is a day in which married couples can **privately** explore their relationship more deeply and gain valuable insights into the communication and the call of the Church to the married. There is no charge for this course. **Booking is essential** - please contact Carole on mflkent@rcaos.org.uk or phone 07983 524 727 Refreshments will be provided but **please bring a packed lunch.**

PENTECOST Novena 2025: - The traditional Novena to the Holy Spirit typically begins on the Friday after Ascension Thursday and lasts for nine days until the Vigil of Pentecost, which is the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday. In 2025, this would mean the novena would start on May 30th and end on June 7th. It is oldest novena of the Catholic Church, copies of the Novena are available for collection in the Narthex.

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST 2025: Pentecost is the feast of the Holy Spirit and it will be on Sunday, 8th June at the 11am Mass. It marks the beginning of the Church and celebrates the many communities of OLI. The Mass will be celebrated in the different languages that are in our Parish, both readings and hymns. Every Parishioner, including the Priests, are invited to dress in their cultural attire. There will be a Parish day of refreshment and it is free. Elspeth Casey and Winnie Groves have been appointed as our Lead persons for this event

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. Come and join us in honouring Our Lady through prayer, reflection, and thanksgiving. Spread the word to family, friends, and neighbours. Please check at Narthex for the program details.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

WRONG DATES - 2ND COLLECTION GIFT AID ENVELOPES:

It has come to our attention that the dates printed on the GA Envelopes for the second collections are wrong. Please ignore the dates printed on the envelopes and go by the collection names instead.

VOLUNTEER, FIRE MARSHALLS - Are needed for all Masses.

All welcome, please consider volunteering for this important role. The more volunteers the better. A training session of an hour and a half will take place on **Mon 2nd June at 7.00pm**. If you are interested contact Denise in the Parish Office. Thank you

PRAYER FOR THE POPE

Leader: Let us pray for our Holy Father Leo XIV

Response: The Lord preserve him and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not up to the will of his enemies.

Leader: Lord Jesus, shelter our Holy Father the Pope under the protection of Your Sacred Heart. Be his light, his strength and his consolation.

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to Your shepherd, the Pope, a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love.

By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to the apostle Peter and vicar of Christ, build Your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

OBITUARIES

JOHN BREDL: Please kindly pray for John Bredl who passed away suddenly on 23rd April.

FUNERAL: Friday, 23rd May at 11.00am, OLI Kindly keep Theresa and family in your prayers.

MARGARET RADFORD: Please kindly pray for the soul of Margaret Radford who passed away on 5th May aged 94yrs.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £318.87

Non-Gift-aid: £890.80

Total: **£1,208.95**

2nd Collection: £498.01

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

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: tolworthgacl@rcaos.org.uk or 07851 070036.

LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

Thank You – Sri Lankan Cultural Night

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Sri Lankan Night last evening. It was a wonderful celebration of culture, community, and generosity. From the vibrant performances to the delicious food, the evening was filled with warmth, joy, and parish spirit—and it raised valuable funds for the OLI Lenten Project. Thank you to Joe and Antionette and to all who helped make it such a memorable night!

Jumble Sale – Saturday 17 May | 12 noon – 2pm

The Lenten Project Jumble Sale is back next Saturday from 12 noon! There'll be plenty bargains, so please come along. It's always a fun, friendly afternoon—and every purchase supports a good cause. Also, now's the time for a spring clear-out—please drop off any good-quality, resellable items at the presbytery this week. Thank you for getting behind it!

Other Dates for your diary!

✚ 7th June – African-Caribbean Cultural Night

✚ 19th October – Lenten Project Annual General Meeting

Our fourth grader celebrated his birthday on crutches, so he couldn't carry the cupcakes into school without help. I asked our sixth-grader, Noah, to help his brother carry them in. "I could," he said, "but I'd prefer not to." Spotting a teaching moment, my husband asked Noah, "What would Jesus do?" Noah answered, "Jesus would heal him so he could carry his own cupcakes."

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