



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

25 May 2025

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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

Heaven on Earth.

During an interview granted to one of the Nigerian billionaires, the journalist asked whether he could emphatically say that he was happy and at peace. He responded "Prior to this time, many had thought that I was a fulfilled man. However, being rich alone does not guarantee peace and happiness, unless it is used at the service of humanity." Further, he narrated an experience that explained his understanding of peace and happiness. He narrated how his bosom friend told him about 40 children from a particular poor village who were crippled and had no means of moving around freely. His friend pleaded with him if he could purchase 40 wheelchairs for these children. Immediately, he bought the wheelchairs and sent them to his friend. However, upon receiving the wheelchairs, his friend insisted that he joined in presenting the wheelchairs to the recipients. After the presentation, a little crippled girl, held his clothes so tightly and refused to let him go. When this little girl was asked why she did that, she responded by saying that she wanted to have the complete picture of the man's face so that when she arrived in heaven, she would be able to spot the man and tell God he was the one that made her smile while on earth. After narrating this experience, this rich man noted that his life changed and he felt a sense of satisfaction and peace. For him, riches, not used in the service of humanity were useless, and peace that is not about compassion, forgiveness and love, was incomplete. Jesus tells us in the Gospel, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." For Jesus to make a home in us, our life should be about service to others and putting a smile on the faces of those we meet. Heaven is not only a place in the sky where go to when we die, but also where God lives in us. Heaven is when others look at us and see the face of God. Heaven is when people feel at home with us and when we feel at home with God who is love.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 25 MAY 2025 — 01 JUNE 2025

Sat 24	18.30: David Horn - RIP (<i>Houston Family</i>)
Sun 25	09.00: Pat & Elspeth Casey - 24th Wedding Anni (<i>OLI Parish</i>) 11.00: Pat Caffrey - RIP (<i>D Mundow</i>) 18.00: Nikisha Joseph - RIP (<i>OLI Parish</i>)
Mon 26	<u>ST PHILIP NERI - MEMORIAL</u> 09.30: Private Intention <u>ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY - FEAST</u>
Tues 27	09.30: Richard Michelson - RIP (<i>S Mills</i>) 19.00: Somendra Tyagi - RIP (<i>OLI Parish</i>)
Wed 28	09.30: John Cullen - RIP (<i>Cullen Family</i>) 19.00: Sue Ko - BD (<i>L Ko</i>)
Thurs 29	<u>The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord - Holyday of Obligation</u> 07.00: Mr S Fatimnaraja - RIP 09.30: Sugumar Family - TG
Fri 30	07.00: Freda Cantwell (WB) (<i>J.Dunseath</i>) 09.30: Roman Szymanski - RIP, 8th Anni (<i>Szymanski Family</i>)
Sat 31	09.00: Tony Fazal - RIP , 12th Anni (<i>P Fazal</i>)
Sat 31	18.30: John Brennan - 3rd Anni
Sun 01	09.00: Lourdes Louis - RIP, 6th Anni (<i>Louis Family</i>) 11.00: Irene Boffa - RIP & Intentions of Kathy Goggin. Emidio De Olivivei (RIP Anni) (Oliveira family) 18.00: Winifride Fynn - RIP (<i>FM</i>)

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

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
LAST SUNDAY of the month

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, 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:

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. 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 15:1-2, 22-29

'It has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements.' In those days: Some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question. Then it seemed good to the Apostles and the elders, with the whole Church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brothers and sisters, with the following letter: 'The brothers, both the Apostles and the elders, to the brothers and sisters who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.' **Reader: The word of the Lord.**

All: Thanks be to God

Cf. Is 48: 20 Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 67(66):2-3. 5. 6, 8. R4

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God be gracious and bless us and let his face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation. **R**

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy, with uprightness you rule the peoples; you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him. **R**

Second reading

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 14:23-29

'The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.' At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

'These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, "I am going away, and I will come to you." If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe.'

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: May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Communion Antiphon **Jn 14: 15-16**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST CELEBRATION 2025: SUN 8 JUNE, 11.00

MASS Fr Michael & Fr Bonaventure warmly invite you to a special Pentecost Mass and parish day, 11.00 on Sunday 8 June 2025. The Mass will be celebrated in the different languages to represent our diverse Parish community. The Church will be decorated with flags and parishioners are asked to bring their own flags to the event. In addition, parishioners, including the Priests, are invited to dress in their cultural attire. Led by the scouts, the children will process into Church at the beginning of Mass, carrying flags. Following on from the Mass, there will be a Parish Day to which all parishioners, family & friends are invited. There will be a range of food and drink, balloons and, of course, a celebration cake. There will also be games for the children. More information to follow. Please save the date in your diaries!

WE NEED DONATIONS OF FOOD AND DRINKS for the celebration of the feast of Pentecost and our Parish day. We also need bottles for stalls and volunteers. You can speak with Elspeth or Winnie or any of the clergy.

SENDFORTH CELEBRATION FOR FR. IGNATIUS WILL BE ON SUNDAY 15TH OF JUNE AT THE 11AM MASS. It will be our celebration of his beautiful work in the parish and an opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to him. There will be a get together in the Parish hall after the Mass and all are invited. There is a bring & share sign up list in the Narthex please bring food and drink to share on that day. Thank you.

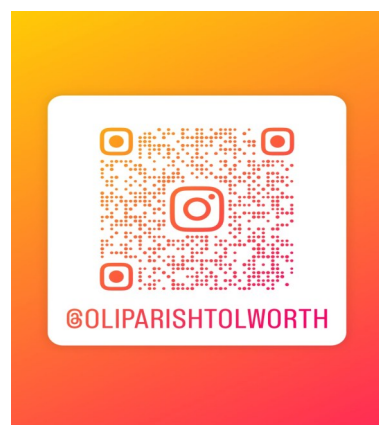
THE HOLY SPIRIT NOVENA starts on Friday, 30th May until Saturday 7th June at 6-7pm, (or before the evening Masses) every evening in the church. There will be re-

flections on the Holy Spirit and Novena Prayers. Novena intention papers are at the back of the Church. There is also a novena tree that we can write the names of the people that we will be praying for. The Social media has been called the new continent for evangelisation.

INSTAGRAM AND TIKTOK.

The Good news and our prayers can reach more people and make more impact through the social media.

The Parish is now on **Instagram and tiktok.** Our user name for both accounts is **oliparishtolworth**. We welcome contents that you may want to post such as group activities and reflections. Please, look for us, follow us and invite your friends and family to follow us.



THE TEA & COFFEE GROUP after the 9am Mass every Sunday has very kindly donated £300 to the Parish Development Fund and £300 towards our Parish Pentecost Celebration. Thank you all and thank you for the work you do. May God bless you.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA is kindly donating £1,000 to the Parish Development Fund. Thank you all so very much. May God bless you and the work you do.

PARISH ACCOUNTS MANAGER WANTED

Sacred Heart, Wimbledon requires a new Accounts Manager. The salary is £18.00 per hour for 19 hours per week. The Accounts Manager works closely with the parish Finance Committee and the Gift Aid co-ordinators, and is supported by members of the Finance Committee. Knowledge of the diocesan accounting systems would be an advantage. Please contact Thelma in the Parish Office for an application form, Job Description and Person Specification. Closing date Friday 6th June, interviews on Friday 13th June. wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk

DIOCESAN CELEBRATION AT AYLESFORD 7TH JUNE

On the 28th May 1965 Pope St Paul VI created the Metropolitan See of Southwark which raised The Diocese of Southwark to statutes of a Metropolitan Archdiocese. To mark the 60th Anniversary of this and the Holy Year, there will be a major diocesan celebration at Aylesford on Saturday 7th June. As well as St Joseph's, New Malden, a coach is being organised from St Raphael's in Surbiton that will also make a stop at St. Catherines in Chessington. The cost is £26 per person. If you would like to book a seat please call Michael in the Parish Office at St. Raph-

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 left hand side of the altar.

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

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

SAVE THE DATES

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**.

Day for Life

Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life. This year it will be celebrated on 15th June, Trinity Sunday. Ahead of the Day for Life, we invite the faithful in all three conferences to join in prayer through the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between the 23rd and the 31st of May. Prayers for each day can be found on the Day for Life page of the [Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales' website](#).

LENTEN PROJECT BOXES:

will be collected at the exit doors after Mass.

OBITUARIES

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

FUNERAL: Thursday, 29th May at 12.00pm, OLI
 Kindly keep Wendy and family in your prayers.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £271.60

Non-Gift-aid: £939.84

Total: £1,211.44

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: tolworthac1@rcaos.org.uk or 07851 070036.

LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

African-Caribbean Cultural Night – Saturday 7th June – 7:30PM

Join us for the last event of this year's Lenten Project. It always is an uplifting evening of culture, connection, and celebration.

Tickets will be on sale at the end of each Mass in the Narthex, or you can reserve your place online using the QR code.



Tickets for the African-Caribbean Night are available / on sale in the Narthex. Payment by card is also available.

Dates for your diary!

✂ 7th June – African-Caribbean Cultural Night

✂ 6th September – Lenten Project Charities
Nominations Begin

✂ 19th October – Lenten Project Annual General Meeting

There was a preacher who fell in the ocean but he couldn't swim. When a boat came by, the captain yelled, "Do you need help, sir?" The preacher calmly said "No, God will save me." A little later, another boat came by and a fisherman asked, "Hey, do you need help?" The preacher replied again, "No God will save me." Eventually the preacher drowned & went to heaven. The preacher asked God, "Why didn't you save me?" God replied, "Fool, I sent you two boats!"

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