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29 June 2025



Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

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Our celebration today is surprising because St. Peter and St. Paul are two great saints, pillars of the Church, and should have separate days that celebrate them, rather than a joint day. Most of the Apostles, many of saints, have their own feast days, but not these two most famous saints of the early Church. This joint celebration is difficult to understand because both were different characters, and represent different directions in the Church. Peter was the first Pope, and Paul was the evangeliser of the Gentiles. Regarding personalities, Peter was impetuous and a leader, while Paul was an intellectual and a great missionary. However, both loved Christ and the Church and willingly accepted to be martyred. Peter was crucified upside down and Paul was beheaded. Nevertheless, this celebration reminds us of the unity of love that is at the Centre of the Church. We are all unique; however, we are united in love. This unity is the test and the beauty of our faith. The greater our differences are, the greater our beauty and perfection is. This unity signals our willingness to welcome everyone and work with everyone. Differences do not need to be erased and feared but accepted and celebrated. In the end, we all belong to the same family. We can achieve a lot when we are united, but divided, we will achieve little or nothing. Martin Luther King Jnr warns us that we must live together as brothers and sisters, or we perish together as fools. **Fr. Michael**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 29 JUNE 2025 — 06 JULY 2025

Sat 28	18.30: People of the Parish
Sun 29	09.00: Margaret Lynch - RIP (<i>P Mitchell</i>)
	11.00: Prisco Buenafe - RIP (<i>J Espiritu</i>)
	18.00: Teresa Caroll - RIP (<i>K Bascombe</i>)
Mon 30	09.30: Private Intention
Tues 01	09.30: Michael Connolly - RIP (<i>D Kidd</i>)
	19.00: Lesley James - RIP (<i>Maranzano</i>)
Wed 02	09.30: Rajani Reginald
	19.00: Cletus & Anastasia Ezenwamadu (RIP).
	<u>ST THOMAS, APOSTLE - FEAST</u>
Thurs 03	07.00: Sabina & Valentine Ezenwamadu (RIP).
	09.30: Lily Darcy - RIP (<i>Ann & Debbie</i>)
Fri 04	07.00: Walter Chester - RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	09.30: Dennis Peiris - RIP (<i>M Peiris</i>)
Sat 05	09.00: Colin Gray & Baby Son -RIP (<i>M-J Gray</i>)
Sat 05	18.30: Clive & David Thomas - RIP (<i>A Price</i>)
Sun 06	09.00: James McGrath - RIP (<i>P Grogan</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, Liam Cawley & Deacon Al Callan

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

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

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:

O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. 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 12:1-11

In those days: Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his hands. And the angel said to him, 'Dress yourself and put on your sandals.' And he did so. And he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. When Peter came to himself, he said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the

Jewish people were expecting.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9. R5
From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

Glorify the Lord with me;
together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **R**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This lowly one called; the Lord heard,
and rescued him from all his distress. **R**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who fear him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Blessed the man who seeks refuge in him. **R**

Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia. You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter replied, 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.'

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

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon Cf. Mt 16: 16, 18

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this Sacrament, so to live in the Church, that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made steadfast in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SPIRITAN FATHERS wish to thank you all for your great celebration of the feast of Pentecost and for the money that was raised during the mission appeal. You have truly shown that you all are great missionary disciples of Jesus. May God bless you abundantly.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - PETER'S PENCE: We apologise for mistakenly putting the second collection as PDF for this week but it should be for Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence is, in essence, a gesture of communion — an expression of solidarity with the Pope in his work of proclaiming the Gospel, promoting peace, and extending Christian charity to those most in need.

THE PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND (PDF) COLLECTION will be next week.. We are saving the money for the decoration of our Church in the future and we will start giving an update on the amount raised so far very soon and the esti-

mate of the decoration. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

VISITATION OF THE PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA TO FAMILIES HAS STARTED. The statue will be visiting the home of Vasanth (28th June). May our Lady intercede for them and their families. 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.

WANT TO BE A LAY SPIRITAN? WHO ARE SPIRITANS?

The Congregation of the Holy Spirit (The Spiritans) is a Roman Catholic Order of Priests, Brothers and Lay Associates. It was founded in 1703 by a young French seminarian – Claude Poullart des Places who gave up the legal profession to become a priest. He founded a community of young men who felt called to priestly and religious life dedicated to the Holy Spirit. In the 18th century another French man – Francis Libermann – who had started a Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary merged it to that of the Spiritans. These two Orders that were dedicated to the evangelization and liberation of the poor then became The Congregation of the Holy Spirit under the protection of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

WHO ARE LAY SPIRITAN ASSOCIATES?

Together with the Priests and Brothers, lay Christians can join the Spiritan Congregation as Lay Spiritan Associates. They participate in the evangelization ministry by sharing in the spirituality and participating in the mission activities of the congregation.

Every interested Parishioner is enrolled by filling in this form and returning it to any Spiritan priest. The interested parishioner will then undergo a period of training and at the end make a first commitment of membership.

Are you interested to become a Lay Spiritan Associate? Kindly pick a form at the back of the Church and we will contact you.

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

OLI YOUTH MINISTRY: SUNDAY 29TH JUNE, 12.30–1.45 PM -

We are excited to invite all young people to our next Youth Ministry Event in the Old Chapel. There will be games, snacks and, possibly some singing as well so that young people can experience their faith in good company.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Luke Reed and Mabinty Suma, who got married in our Church on Thursday, 26th of June. May God bless their union with his favours, peace and love.

FR. MICHAEL IS AWAY on a short break. In his absence, Fr. Bonaventure is responsible for the Parish. Direct all parish related issues to Denise in the Parish office.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE will be going into abeyance for the foreseeable future. If you wish to continue to donate to SVP, please go to svp.org.uk and click donate. The cash donation box at the back of the church will no longer be used for SVP & will instead be reallocated for Warm Welcome donations. If you need support from SVP, please contact Helen Emmett on 07402327177 or alternatively, please check out the SVP website on svp.org.uk for advice.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

THE SOCIAL MEDIA HAS BEEN CALLED THE NEW CONTINENT FOR EVANGELISATION:

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.



PARISH VOLUNTEERING INFORMATION:

CASH/COIN COUNTING: We are looking for more volunteers to collect and count the cash collections after the Sunday Masses. This is an important role to ensure the smooth running of the parish. If you feel you could spare a little time to help, please contact Mariellen Cook at helen.music17@gmail.com or Denise at the Parish office.

ARE YOU GOOD AT DIY: We are looking for volunteers to make up a working team to complete odd jobs around Parish. If you are interested please contact Denise at the Parish office.

FOODBANK: We are looking for volunteers to collect food donations and transport the donations to the distribution point at Villiers Road, Kingston or Tolworth Recreation Centre. You will need to be a car driver. Please contact Helen Emmett on 07402327177 for more information, if you would like to help with this important initiative.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £233.83 Non-Gift-aid: £762.15
Total: £995.98

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR MAY 2025

Cash / cheques – £6,307.08

1. Gift-Aided – £1,743.30

2. Non-G/A – £4,563.78

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £1,853.00

1. Gift-Aided – £1623.00

2. Non-G/A - £230.00

C. Contactless Machine – £126.50

Total = £8,286.58 (Last month: £9,339.01)

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: tol-

LENTEN PROJECT 2025 EVENTS

Dates for Your Diary

6th September – Lenten Project Charity Nominations Open

19th October – Lenten Project Annual General Meeting

A business consultant died and when he got to heaven, he was met by St Peter at the Pearly Gates. “Where am I?” asked the consultant, “You have died and reached the gates to heaven”, said St Peter - “now we have to decide whether to admit you” “There must be some mistake” said the consultant - “I’m much too young to die - I’m only 42” “Oh” said St Peter, let me check your file... “Aha” said St Peter, “I can see the problem clearly now. According to the number of hours you’ve charged your clients, you’re actually 95.

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