



## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

27 July 2025

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### When prayer is strongest, mercy and love are nearest.

A priest was walking down the street when he heard a young man swearing and using God's name in vain. Approaching the man, he touched the man on the arm and said, "Can you pray as well as you can swear?" The young man laughed and, with a superior air, declared that he never indulged in anything so useless as praying. Holding up a coin of considerable worth, the priest said, "I will give you this coin if you promise me never to pray." Irreverently, the young man grabbed the coin, thrust it in his pocket and went off laughing. As the day wore on, however, he began to feel uneasy. Never to pray? Never? Perhaps he had made a bad bargain, for he might want to call upon God someday if he should come to an urgent need. The more he thought of it, the more he became convinced that he had given up something very precious. He arrived home that evening and told his wife of the transaction and she was horrified. "It is true we don't pray?" she said, "but someday we may want to." We take prayer for granted but we cannot do without prayer. The person who prays to God can stand up to anything in the world. However, prayer is not about extracting favours from God. It is about knowing God and entering into a relationship with him. In Abraham's prayer, you can see a form of fondness and familiarity that is seen only in true friends who are comfortable with each other. They are like two lovers. We cannot pray well if we do not experience God as love, for in prayer, God's mercy receives and accepts us as we are, hence, when prayer is strongest, mercy and love are nearest. Also, in prayer, God reveals to us how precious we are to him and the many wonderful qualities that we have. He helps us to understand how precious we are and valued by God. Furthermore, in prayer, God helps us to know that everyone is connected. What affects others affects us too. Abraham did not pray for himself or take delight in the punishment coming for others because he realised that those in Sodom and Gomorra are still his brothers and sisters. Remember, the measure of our love for others is determined by our prayers for them. **Fr. Michael**

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 27 JULY 2025 — 03 AUGUST 2025

Sat 26	18.30: Alan Wright - RIP (Nancy)
Sun 27	09.00: People of the Parish 11.00: Lourdes D'Souza - Recovery (C Stevens) 18.00: Holy Souls
Mon 28	09.30: Paul & George Hoskins - Intentions (D Kidd) <u>SS MARY, MARTHA &amp; LAZARUS - MEMORIAL</u>
Tues 29	09.30: Private Intention 19.00: Victor - RIP (Madona).
Wed 30	09.30: Thanksgiving (A R O'Driscoll) 19.00: Private Intention (D Almeida) <u>ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA - MEMORIAL</u>
Thurs 31	07.00: Private Intention (D Almeida) 09.30: Michael Connolly - RIP (D Kidd) <u>ST ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP &amp; DR OF THE CHURCH - MEMORIAL</u>
Fri 01	07.00: Freda Cantwell (J.Dunseath) 09.30: James & Susan Walsh - RIP (J.Dunseath)
Sat 02	09.00: Rajani Reginald
Sat 02	18.30: Chris McGuinness (Nancy)
Sun 03	09.00: People of the Parish 11.00: Alexis Yap - RIP (C Yap) 18.00: Holy Souls

**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially Pauline Ferrera 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 & Sue Jones

**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

Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**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, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. 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

Genesis 18:20-32

In those days: The LORD said, 'Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there and went towards Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.

Then Abraham drew near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the LORD said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered and said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him and said, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh let

not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

**Reader: The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: 138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 6-7b. 7c-8. R3a**

***On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.***

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
I bow down towards your holy Temple. **R**

I give thanks to your name  
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.  
On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
You give me life though I walk amid affliction;  
you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes. **R**

With your right hand you save me;  
the LORD will accomplish this for me.  
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;  
discard not the work of your hands. **R**

## Second reading

Colossians 2:12-14

Brothers and Sisters: You have been buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by cancelling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

**Reader: The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

Romans 8:15bc

Alleluia, alleluia. You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba! Father!'  
Alleluia.

## Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' And he said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.'

And he said to them, 'Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey and I have nothing to set before him"; and he will answer from within, "Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything"? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to

you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask 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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings which we bring from the abundance of your gifts, that through the powerful working of your grace these most sacred mysteries may sanctify our present way of life and lead us to eternal gladness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Communion Antiphon

**Ps 102: 2**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

### Prayer after Communion

We have consumed, O Lord, this divine Sacrament, the perpetual memorial of the Passion of your Son; grant, we pray, that this gift, which he himself gave us with love beyond all telling, may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GRANDPARENTS' DAY IS THIS WEEKEND** it is an opportunity to celebrate our grandparents and the elderly. This is a chance to show your love, appreciation and gratitude for these important members of your family and the wider community. May God bless and keep in his love all our grandparents and the elderly.

**OUR LITTLE ROSE HAS RAISED THE SUM OF £954 THROUGH HER PAINTINGS FOR THE PARISH LENTEN PROJECT.** She is an amazing inspiration to other children and young people. May God bless her abundantly. A date would be announced in the future for the exhibition and auctioning of some of her paintings.

**VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN THE MINISTRY OF PARISH BE-**

**REAVEMENT LISTENING ARE INVITED TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST WITH ANY OF THE PARISH CLERGY.**

There will be a training in Aylesford priory on September 27, from 9am to 5pm. This training will help provide the skills to those who wish to reach out to others: practice in listening skills, rules for running a group for the bereaved or reaching out to the individual and an explanation of the stages of grief that they may encounter. The trained volunteer will be expected to help us develop our Parish bereavement support group.

**VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE THAT CAN ATTEND ECUMENICAL AND INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE** meetings are needed. They will be expected to form the parish team on inter-religious and ecumenical dialogue. Speak to any of the clergy if you are interested.

## PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE FOR SUMMER** and have only an emergency service for the whole month of August until 8th September. Please, if you have any issue that needs to be attended to before September, please, use the month of July to do it.

**MASS INTENTIONS & OFFERINGS ENVELOPES** are available at the back of the Church. You can also request a Mass intention by email or telephone. If you wish to make a Mass offering online, please use the following parish account details: Account Name: RCAS Our Lady Immaculate Church, Account Number: 06467032, Sort Code: 60-21-05 Thank you for your generosity and support.

**JOURNEY MERCY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS** who are travelling for their summer holiday, may God bless and protect you. May all those who are staying in our beautiful Tolworth and its environs also have a peaceful and restful holiday.

### WALK THE AUGUSTINE CAMINO FOR MARY'S MEALS

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Join us for the whole pilgrimage or walk with us for a day. During this Jubilee Year we would be delighted if you joined us as Pilgrims of Hope on some or all of the Augustine Camino, starting at Rochester Cathedral, finishing at the Shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. The pilgrimage will take us to four of the designated Jubilee churches and shrines in Southwark Archdiocese: *The Friars, Aylesford, St Jude's Shrine, Faversham, St Thomas of Canterbury, Canterbury & St Augustine's Shrine, Ramsgate* To book your place on the pilgrimage, or to ask any questions about it, please contact Roy Peachey, the Mary's Meals Supporter Engagement Officer for Kent, Surrey, Sussex and South London, on [roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk](mailto:roy.peachey@marysmeals.org.uk) or 07593 447297.

### CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The CCRS is a knowledge-based, internationally recognised qualification that provides participants with an understanding of the teachings of the Catholic faith. It enhances the understanding that education within the Church is a life-long process which leads to greater intimacy with Jesus Christ. This course presents the basic foundational teachings of the Catholic Church in a manner that is captivating, inspiring, and applicable. The CCRS is designed and intended to support the Archbishop's vision of missionary parishes and schools by cultivating an evangelistic spirit. Participants will be equipped to make an informed and practical contributions to their chosen field of ministry within the Church. Please visit [aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/ccrs) for further information.



# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

**A SINCERE THANK YOU** to Tessa Rutter for donating a substantial amount of cleaning materials for Church use and purchasing a printer for the Parish Office. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.

**THE SVP COLLECTION BOX IS NOW THE WARM WELCOME BOX.** The warm Welcome is charitable event that is run every Wednesday by Parish volunteers. It aims to provide a safe and comfortable space for everyone that would like to socialise or talk to someone. It has really helped a lot of people especially those that are experiencing loneliness and isolation. Two of the greatest health and social needs affecting people in our area is isolation and loneliness. You can help to support this project by volunteering, bringing required foodstuff on Wednesday or putting your donations into their box at the back of the Church.

**A LIFECHANGING OPPORTUNITY! DO YOU DESIRE TO KNOW JESUS MORE INTIMATELY?** The Archbishop's Certificate (ArchCert) is a two-year online course for all in Southwark and beyond who wish to understand their faith in a more profound way and be able to share it with both confidence and joy. The course will commence on 18 October 2025 and the cost will be £400 per year. The full cost of the course, payable over 2 years is £800. In addition, registration must be completed in advance and there is a non-refundable registration fee of £50. Further details can be found here: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/archcert>

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

*"More people than ever are being driven to food banks and the sharp increase in people needing help is outstripping food donations."* These are the recent words of the Trussell Trust. Your donations are vital to ensure food banks in our community can continue to help everyone referred to them. Thank you.

### Important Notice:

Please **do not donate fresh or perishable food items.**

We deliver to the food bank **once a month**, and unfortunately, by the time fresh food arrives, it has often spoiled & must be discarded. Let's work together to make every donation count!

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### LAST WEEKEND

**Gift-aid:** £368.20      **Non-Gift-aid:** £659.84  
**Total:** £1,028.04

### TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JUNE 2025

A. Cash / cheques – £5,543.24

1. Gift-Aided – £1,779.71

2. Non-G/A – £3,763.53

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,689.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,499.00

2. Non-G/A - £190.00

C. Contactless Machine – £639.00

**Total = £8,871.24** (Last month: £8,286.58)

**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](http://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](mailto:tolworthgacl@rcaos.org.uk) or 07851 070036.

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## OBITUARIES

**PAULINE FERRERA:** Please kindly pray for Pauline Ferrera who passed away at Surbitonian Gardens Care Home on 14th July. Kindly keep Pauline's family and friends in your prayers. Thank you

A cop pulls a car over for going 20 mph on the highway. The driver is a little old lady, and there are two old ladies in the back seat. The cop asks, "Why were you driving just 20 miles per hour?" The old lady responds, "I was just going the posted speed limit!" and points to a sign up ahead. The cop smiles and says, "That's not the speed limit sign, that's the sign for this highway — Route 20!" One of the old ladies in the back gasps out, "We tried to tell you, Eugenia!" The cop takes another look at the old women in the back and sees that they are wide-eyed and dishevelled. One of them is tightly gripping the door handle. "What's the matter?" the cop asks. She responds, "We just came off of Interstate 190."

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