



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

10 August 2025

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The Man Who Changed His Life After Reading His Obituary

The creation of the Nobel Prizes by Alfred Nobel began with an extraordinary event — his accidental reading of his own obituary. Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, had amassed great wealth from his discovery. However, when one of his brothers died, a French newspaper mistakenly believed it was Alfred and published his obituary under the headline: “*The Merchant of Death is Dead.*” The article condemned him, calling him an “*angel of death*” and “*the wealthiest vagabond in Europe,*” who had become rich by killing and mutilating the innocent. Nobel was devastated to realise that this was how the world would remember him. This prompted a profound re-evaluation of his life’s purpose. Determined to change his legacy, he used his fortune to establish the Nobel Prizes — awards to encourage peace, development, and cooperation.

Reflecting on our own obituary can help us prepare for death by inspiring us to live purposefully. It reminds us of the true meaning of life and to be ready to answer God’s call of love and service. No eulogy ever celebrates the number of cars, houses, or designer clothes we own. Instead, people speak of how we loved, served, inspired, and cared for others.

It is not the richest or most powerful who are mourned the most, but the most loving and kind. Our readiness to meet God depends on how much we have loved, how generously we have served, and how willing we have been to share our lives. Time is not measured by the ticking of the clock, but by how much of it we devote to others. It is our most precious gift, and our supply is not limitless. Let us not waste it chasing shadows and frivolities. Instead, use it to know, love, and serve God and others. This is the surest way to be ready for Christ — and to have a truly good obituary.

Fr Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 10 AUGUST 2025 — 17 AUGUST 2025

Sat 09 18.30: Joseph Logue - RIP (*Houston Family*)

Sun 10 09.00: Thanksgiving (*Rosamma & Simon*)

11.00: Lucy & Issac - Thanksgiving

18.00: Sarah McGedy - RIP (*FM*)

ST CLAIRE, VIRGIN - MEMORIAL

Mon 11 09.30: Private Intention

Tues 12 09.30: Josephine & Fabian - RIP (*C Nagendran*)

19.00: Mr D Fernandes - RIP (*J Fernandes*)

Wed 13 09.30: Thomas Russell - RIP (*L & B Louis*)

19.00: Holy Souls

ST MAXIMILIAN MARY KOLBE, PRIEST & MARTYR - MEMORIAL

Thurs 14 07.00: Rita Wadely - RIP (*C Andrew*)

09.30: Errol Bismark - RIP (*L & B Louis*)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION

Fri 15 07.00: Holy Souls

09.30: Rama Mayaka - RIP (*Mrs Peiris*)

ST BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS - FEAST

Sat 16 09.00: Mary Kabasumbi - RIP (*M Musinguzi*)

Sat 16 18.30: Patrick Friel - Healing & Wellbeing (*J Friel*)

Sun 17 09.00: Patrick Grogan - RIP (*P Grogan*)

11.00: Renee Barry - RIP 2nd Anni (*C Stevens*)

18.00: James Thomas Mills - RIP (*S Mills*)

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially Pauline Ferrera. & Errol Bismark. and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially May their souls rest in peace. Amen

THE SICK: Martin Dray, 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 73: 20, 19, 22, 23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. 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

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night of our liberation was made known beforehand to our fathers, so that they might rejoice in sure knowledge of the oaths in which they trusted. The deliverance of the righteous and the destruction of their enemies were expected by your people. For by the same means by which you punished our enemies you called us to yourself and glorified us. For in secret the holy children of good people offered sacrifices and with one accord agreed to the divine law, that the saints would share alike the same things, both blessings and dangers; and already they were singing the praises of the fathers.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33(32):1,12. 18-19. 20, 22. R12b

Blessed the people the LORD has chosen as his heritage.

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just; for praise is fitting from the upright.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he has chosen as his heritage. **R**

Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.

He is our help and our shield.

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O LORD. **R**

Second reading

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Brothers and Sisters: Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the people of old received their commendation.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42a, 44

Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia.

Gospel Luke 12:35-40

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for ser-

vice, and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Communion Antiphon Ps 147: 12, 14

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Prayer after Communion

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFEGUARDING

This is a reminder for all those in the parish who require a DBS certificate: Please check the date on your current certificate. If it was issued more than three years ago, you **must** arrange a DBS renewal before the end of this month. The Diocese will **not permit you** to continue in your current role if your DBS is out of date. Thank you. For any queries or assistance, please contact: Monica Tett – tolworthsg1@rcaos.org.uk

INTRODUCING A NEW KINGSTON DEANERY YOUNG

ADULT GROUP Starting in September for adults aged 18-35. Further details to follow. For any queries please contact Lena-Marie Kidd
newmaldencatechist3@rcaos.org.uk

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

KIND REQUEST DURING AUGUST

During August, when many parishioners are away and the Parish Office is closed, we kindly ask that enquiries be limited to urgent matters only. Thank you very much for your understanding and co-operation.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR JAM JAR DONATIONS

Jennifer would like to extend her heartfelt thanks to everyone who has donated clean, empty jam jars for the charity jam-making project. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! She kindly asks that you continue collecting clean jars, as more will be needed. You can drop them off at the back of the church or hand them in at the Presbytery. Thank you once again for your support.

Archdiocesan Day for Catechists

On behalf of the Archbishop, you are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Day for Catechists. This day is for all the catechists of the diocese, including those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and the RCIA process. Where: Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, SE1 6HR When: Saturday 20 September 2025, Start: 10am finishing with Mass at 4pm
<https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/latest/day-for-catechists-2025>

VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN THE MINISTRY OF PARISH BEREAVEMENT LISTENING ARE INVITED TO REGISTER THEIR INTEREST WITH ANY OF THE PARISH CLERGY.

There will be a training day in Aylesford priory on September 27, from 9am to 5pm. This will help provide the necessary skills to those who wish to reach out to others, such as 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. Trained volunteers 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

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

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>

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 for further information.

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!

Charles, a new retiree-greeter at the local supermarket, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. However he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp-minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies. One day the boss called him into the office for a talk. "Charles, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a great job when you finally get here, but you being late so often is quite bothersome." "Yes sir, I know, and I am working on it." "Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear." "Yes sir, I understand your concern and I'll try harder." Seeming puzzled, the manager went on to comment, "It's odd though about your timing. I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say to you there if you showed up in the morning so late and so often?" The old man looked down at the floor, then smiled. He chuckled quietly, then said with a grin, "They usually saluted and said: "Good morning General, can I get your coffee sir?"

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £ 346.80 Non-Gift-aid: £647.38
Total: £994.18
£595.00

2nd Collection

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JULY 2025

A. Cash / cheques – £3,988.44

1. Gift-Aided – £1,600.13

2. Non-G/A – £2,388.31

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,668

1. Gift-Aided – £2,458

2. Non-G/A – £210

C. Contactless Machine – £1,340

Total = £7,996.44 (Last month: £8,871.24)

Thank you for supporting your Parish.

Cheques: Please make 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: Gift Aid: If you are a Gift Aid donor, please include your **Gift Aid number** in your online payment reference. If you are not registered for Gift Aid, kindly use "NGA" in the reference. **Need Help?** Contact **Lance Louis** at tolworthgacl@rcaos.org.uk or call **07851 070036.**

OBITUARIES

PAULINE FERRERA: Please kindly pray for Pauline Ferrera who passed away at Surbitonian Gardens Care Home on 14th July. **FUNERAL:** OLI - Tues, 19th July at 13.00 Kindly keep Pauline's family and friends in your prayers. Thank you

ERROL BISMARCK: We are saddened to share that Errol Bismark, the father of our Treasurer, Allison Davis, passed away on 29th July in Zimbabwe. Please keep Jeanette, Allison, William, and the whole family in your prayers during this difficult time. Thank you.

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