



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

24 August 2025

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You must be narrow-minded.

When someone calls us narrow-minded", it is considered an insult. For this invokes images of rigidity and inability to listen to others. However, in the Gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus tells us to be people of the narrow road when someone in the crowd asked him "**Lord, are only a few going to be saved?**" Noticeably, Jesus does not directly answer his question but tells him to enter through the narrow gate. What does this narrow gate mean for us? Narrowminded means to be biased and not to consider other people's idea or opinion. However, narrowminded is not a flaw in the Bible but the way of the life of a faithful Christian that leads to abundance in God. Correctly, Jesus wants us to be narrowminded in terms of our salvation by focusing on God and nothing else. We must be biased for God over everything and trust him in every situation. This means that in our life that it is only God that matters and our role model. He is the source of our life and love. Also, he is the total object of our love and adoration. We should not focus on other people because everyone is on a journey towards God or compare ourselves to others. Comparison can make us feel that we are better, thereby turning us proud and condescending to others. Also, it can make us feel worse than others, thereby making us depressed, discouraged and distrustfully of God's grace. We should not focus on ourselves, because we can be weighed down by our weaknesses or overestimate ourselves, forgetting therefore that our salvation is about the power of God. When we focus on God and keep him first, everything else will be taken care of. Remember, when we focus on giants, we stumble but when we focus on God, Giants tumble. **Fr. Michael.**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 24 AUGUST 2025 — 31 AUGUST 2025

Sat 23 18.30: Kathleen, Lisa, Bridget & Families - Ints (*L-M Kidd*)

Sun 24 09.00: John & Margaret Mitchell - RIP

11.00: People of the Parish

18.00: Edith Eales - RIP (*FM*)

Mon 25 09.30: Private Intention

Tues 26 09.30: Deceased members of the Ezenwamadu family

19.00: Holy Souls

St MONICA - MEMORIAL

Wed 27 09.30: Terri Margaret Titcombe RIP (*H Titcombe*)

19.00: Seujan (exam Success)

St AUGUSTINE, BISHOP & DR OF THE CHURCH - MEMORIAL

Thurs 28 07.00: Doris Swash - RIP (*FM*). Seujan (exam Success)

09.30: Bibi & Lance's Families - Thanksgiving

THE PASSION OF St JOHN THE BAPTIST - MEMORIAL

Fri 29 07.00: Journey mercy to all travellers.

09.30: Wellbeing of Chinedu Ezepue and family

Ss MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD - MEMORIAL

Sat 30 09.00: Marjorie Brown - RIP (*FM*)

Sat 30 18.30:

Sun 31 09.00: Christopher Salandha - RIP (*L Salandha*)

11.00:

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially Errol Bismark. and those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially May their souls rest in peace. Amen
THE SICK: Vanessa Andrew, 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 Rebelo, 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

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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 cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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

Isaiah 66:18-21

Thus says the LORD: 'For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem,' says the LORD, 'just as the Israelites bring

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites,' says the LORD.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Ps 117(116):1. 2. R Mark 16:15

Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

O praise the Lord, all you nations; acclaim him, all you peoples! **R**

For his mercy has prevailed over us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever. **R**

Second reading Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Brothers and Sisters: Have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? 'My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.' It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord. No one comes to the Father except through me. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Luke 13:22-30

At that time: Jesus went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying towards Jerusalem. And someone said to him, 'Lord, will those who are saved be few?' And he said to them, 'Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, "Lord, open to us", then he will answer you, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will begin to say, "We ate and drank in your presence,

and you taught in our streets.” But he will say, “I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!” In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.’

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

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big welcome to all our parishioners returning back from their holiday and we wish you a very inspiring rest of the year.

Congratulations to all our young people that got their GCSE result this week and may God bless you in the next point of your life journey.

The Parish office reopens on the 5th of September. Parish clergy will be available for any inquiry and request.

Baker’s Bible Atlas and Holman book of Biblical charts are available at the back of the church. Both books give you an easy tool to visualize and reconstruct the Bible. Take a copy at the back of the Church. It is free. Thanks so much to William Davis for donating them to us.

Obituary: John Urquhart, one of our parishioners recently passed away. He and his wife Aileen were heavily involved in parish life for many years. Aileen is the author of the FHC book “I believe” which was used for many years in the parish with great success.

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

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Rota for Readers and Eucharistic Minister is available in the sacristy and website. Please, check and be updated.

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

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 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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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 tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk or call **07851 070036**.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

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!

Prayer for Travelers: In the name of God I go on this journey. May God the Father be with me, God the Son protect me, and God the Holy Spirit be by my side. Amen. Lord, be our guide and our protector on the journey we are about to take. Watch over us. Protect us from accidents. Keep us free from harm to body and soul. Lord, support us with Your grace when we are tired. Help us be patient in any trouble which may come our way. Keep us always mindful of Your presence and love. Amen.

En route to church to make his first confession, my nervous seven-year old grandson asked me what he could expect. "Confession is where you tell all the bad things you've done to the priest," I told him. He looked relieved. "Good. I haven't done anything bad to the priest."

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