



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

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Time teaches us the value of life

Three things are exceptional about the dishonest steward in our Gospel reading. First, he is aware of his identity. Second, he recognises the temporality of what has been given to him. Third, he knows how to use temporality to secure eternity. The steward's awareness of his identity comes from the fact that he recognises that he is a steward, and everything belongs to God, his master. He also recognises that when everything is taken away from him, he is nothing but an unproductive labourer and a beggar. Life is God's gift, an unlimited opportunity to bring the good in you, and the goodness of God, to others. It should never be taken for granted. Everything you have can be taken away from you at any moment. Further, this steward recognises that his career is fleeting, and things are temporal. The only thing that we have is time, and this does not last, hence, the steward acts urgently. He sees every second of his existence as a gift that is more valuable than wealth. So, he uses every second well. Remember, time is always limited, because time is always a gift and does not belong to us. We chase other things over time and when we get them, we normally find that we do not have enough time. We take time for granted. Do not waste time in grudges, worries and frivolities. A person who wastes time does not know the value of life. Finally, temporality is used to secure eternity. We cannot waste our life getting depressed that time is temporal or that nothing is ours. We must create goodness out of our temporality. Jesus wants us to make friends by using temporal things to serve God and others. Time and life are not to be possessed but to be invested in. There is an old saying about money, "You can't take it with you", but you can send it on ahead.

Fr. Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 21 SEPTEMBER 2025 — 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

Sat 20	18.30: Howley, Maguire, Kearins Families (<i>M Howley</i>)
Sun 21	09.00: Darryl Gomes (Birthday thanksgiving) & Frank Amato - RIP, 25th Ann (<i>Andrew & Nancy</i>) 11.00: Vivian Iweka (thanksgiving, goodness and mercies). Catharine Yap (Thanksgiving on 57th Wedding Anni) (<i>OLI</i>) 18.00: Fredrick & Dolly Sirmon - RIP (<i>FM</i>)
Mon 22	09.30: Fabian Nagendran—RIP (<i>S Joseph</i>) <u>ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO) - MEMORIAL</u>
Tues 23	09.30: John Bredl - RIP (<i>T Bredl</i>) 19.00: Holy Souls <u>OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM - FEAST</u>
Wed 24	09.30: Dec'd Mems of Angelica De Stasio & Family (<i>F D'Agostino</i>) 19.00: Holy Souls
Thurs 25	07.00: Freda Cantwell (WB) (<i>J. Dunseath</i>) 09.30: Simon Docherty & Family - Ints (<i>M Tett</i>)
Fri 26	07.00: Terry Dunseath (WB) (<i>J. Dunseath</i>) 09.30: Tim Ryan - Ints (<i>M Tett</i>) <u>ST VINCENT DE PAUL - MEMORIAL</u>
Sat 27	09.00: May Phillips - RIP (<i>FM</i>)
Sat 27	18.30: Damian Maranzano RIP Birthday Anni (<i>Maranzano</i>)
Sun 28	09.00: Elvira Amato - RIP, 1st Ann (<i>Andrew & Nancy</i>) 11.00: Molly Clifford & Family (<i>M Clifford</i>) 18.00: Thanksgiving to St. Anthony (<i>Christopher & Ghislaine</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 & 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

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, saying, 'When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, that we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and sell the chaff of the wheat?' The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: 'Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 113(112):1-2. 4-6. 7-8. R̃ cf. 1a, 7b
Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blest
both now and for evermore! **R**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who dwells on high,
who lowers himself to look down
upon heaven and earth? **R**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the ash heap he raises the poor,

to set them in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **R**

Second reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and an Apostle — I am telling the truth, I am not lying — a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrelling.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

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Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 16:1-13

At that time: Jesus said to the disciples, 'There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. And he called him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager." And the manager said to himself, "What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses." So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, "How much do you owe my master?" He said, "A hundred measures of oil." He said to him, "Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty." Then he said to another, "And how much do you owe?" He said, "A hundred measures of wheat." He said to him, "Take your bill and write eighty." The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.' And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. 'One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful with the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.'

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

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS & WELL DONE TO THE OLI FINANCE TEAM, especially Lance, Steffica, Cyndi, Denise & Allison for their dedication and hard work. It is great news that the 2025 Financial Audit was very successful and conducted smoothly. Well done to everyone involved!

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING DRIVE will be over three weekends: **4th/5th, 11th/12th and 18th/19th of October, 2025**. Planned Giving is a way of giving regularly to help fund the work of our Parish. It aims to help you give generously within your means, and makes it easier for the Parish to fund God's work. It also helps the Parish to budget for the years ahead, giving solid financial foundations for the ministry and mission of our Parish, enabling us to plan for the future with confidence. Planned Giving also enables us to claim Gift Aid.

SIGNING OF SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS: Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th from 2pm-4pm and Tuesday 30th September 4pm-6.30pm in the Presbytery. Please, try and come within this time. Kindly use the following link to make an appointment <https://koalendar.com/e/meet-with-tolworth-rcaos> Thank you.

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE Catholic Agency for the Support of Evangelisation. This collection is used to support evangelisation work in the country.

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND is for the **Parish Development Fund**. Thanks so much for your kindness and generosity.

OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY'S PROCESSION on the 5th of October after the 11am Mass to celebrate October as the month of the Rosary. Please, inform your friends and

families.

OLI YOUTH MINISTRY WELCOMES BACK ALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK! We look forward to reconnecting at our next session on Sunday, 21st September, 12.30–1.45pm in the Parish Hall. We can't wait to see everyone from Year 7 up to age 21 – whether you've joined us before or are coming along for the first time, you are most welcome!

YOUNG ADULT'S CONCERT IS BEING ORGANIZED BY THE SPIRITANS RELIGIOUS ORDER YOUTH MINISTRY ON SATURDAY, 25th of October @ St. Mellitus, Tollington Park, London. It will begin the series of preparation for the next World Youth Day. If people are interested in travelling with us, please.

Email: tolwothyouth@rcaos.org.uk or the parish office.

RCIA PROGRAM: ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH? and want to know more? Are you an adult, baptised Catholic but not yet confirmed? If you, or someone you know, would say 'Yes' to one of these questions, we invite you to complete one of the forms at the entrance to the church and hand it in at the parish office. The parish is putting together a small group that will meet informally every week from early October that may help answer your questions about the Church and, if you wish, enable you to take further steps.

FOODBANK ANNOUNCEMENT: Donations will be collected on the first Sunday of the month from **2nd November 2025**. There will be a Foodbank rep available at each Mass to collect your donations and offer advice and information as required. 9am. George Hoskins, 11am. Helen Emmett, 6pm. Emma McDonald, and Saturday 6.30pm Leon Confait: Thank you for your continued support.

SVP FUNDRAISER taking place at St Joseph's Pastoral Hall, 1 Montem Road New Malden KT33QW. Quiz Night Saturday 27th Sept 7 to 10p.m. Tickets £10 adults and juniors 14 to 21 £7 to be bought in advance. Teams welcome. Refreshments available. Please contact St Josephs on 0208 942 2602 for further information

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

on tickets. Only 100 tickets available so please book early.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT 2025 starts this weekend of 20/21 September to the weekend of 11/12 October. Counting will be done immediately after Holy Communion.

CATENIAN MASS: SUNDAY, 28TH OF SEPTEMBER at the 11am Mass. The Catenians will speak to us in the Mass about their work.

NEW CANDIDATES FOR THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING with Fr. Bonaventure will be on Friday, 3rd of October in the old chapel This meeting is mandatory for all new Eucharistic Ministers to be.

DEBBIE BOARD AND HELEN EMMETT ARE SETTING UP OUR PARISH BEREAVEMENT TEAM. Thanks so much to them. Grief is universal and so also is love. If you have any input to make to the team, please, send an email to Fr. Michael.

WARM WELCOME GROUP will undergo a restructuring to become the umbrella for the parish outreach to the community, justice and peace. If you have suggestions of what they can be doing in the future, please, speak to Lance, Helen or any of the Parish clergy.

NEW EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WILL BE COMMISSIONED ON SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2025 in the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George - Southwark. Please, speak to Fr. Michael and fill in the form at the back of the Church if you are among those being prepared.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

LENTEN PROJECT 2026 – CHARITY NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations for the **2026 Parish Lenten Project** are now open. We invite you to submit a nomination. Charities must be small, providing direct help—not through intermediary agencies or government bodies. They should be Christian-based, with confidence that donations will be directly and transparently used for charitable purposes. Priority will be given to small charities with low overheads that offer strong value for money. Where possible, a connection to someone in the OLI parish or school is encouraged.

Submit Your Nomination by **29th September**

Please use the QR code to access the electronic version of the Nomination form available on the Parish website. Alternatively, Nomination forms are available in the Narthex. Completed forms should be returned to the Parish Office or placed in the dedicated box at the back of the church.

Important Dates

6th September – Nominations opened

29th September – Deadline for re-turning nomination forms

4th October – Shortlist of eligible charities published

12th October – Parish Lenten Project AGM and Charity Voting



Let's continue to build on the legacy of the Lenten Project by coming together once more in generosity, unity and faith.

FURTHER TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PASSING OF JOHN URQUHART ON 20TH AUGUST, his wife Aileen would welcome contact from former friends. Please contact the Parish Office for contact details

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £381.96

Non-Gift-aid: £755.00
Total: **£1,136.96**

2nd Collection: **£424.47**

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR AUGUST 2025

A. Cash / cheques – £4,747.91

1. Gift-Aided – £1,830.22

2. Non-G/A – £2,917.69

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,088.00

1. Gift-Aided – £1,898.00

2. Non-G/A - £190.00

C. Contactless Machine – £219.50

Total = £7,055.41 (Last month: £7,996.44)

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**.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

A PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND AND HEART: Holy God, I come to You burdened with worries, fears, doubts and troubles. Calm and quiet me with peace of mind. Empty me of the anxiety that disturbs me, of the concerns that weary my spirit, and weight heavy on my heart. Loosen my grip on the disappointments and grievances I hold on to so tightly. Release me from the pain of past hurts, of present anger and tension, of future fears. Sometimes it's too much for me Lord, too many demands and problems, too much sadness, suffering, and stress. Give me new strength, hope, and confidence. Prepare me to meet the constant struggles of daily life with a deeper faith and trust in You. Let your love set me free, for peace, for joy, for grace, for life, for others, forever. Amen.

The story is told of a young man who had just started his new job in the produce department of a grocery store, when a woman came up to him asking to buy a half head of lettuce. As politely as he could, the young man said, "In this store, we don't sell half heads of lettuce, we sell whole heads of lettuce." The lady was remarkably persistent—obnoxiously so. And so in the end, he did what any young produce department grocery store lad would do, and said, "Well, let me go talk to the manager." The young man shuffles off to find the manager in the back of the store, not realizing that the woman is following him some distance behind. He gets to the manager, and says in frustration, "I've got this crazy old woman out there who wants to buy a half head of lettuce. Seeing the look of consternation on his manager's face, the lad realises all of a sudden that the woman is standing right behind him. He turns and quick as a whip and says, "And this nice lady wants to buy the other half."

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