



## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

28th September 2025

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### Can Omission lead to Condemnation?

The parable of a rich man and Lazarus leads us to question; what did the rich man do to be condemned to hell? Also, what did Lazarus, the poor man, do to deserve heaven? This gospel excerpt reminds us of the ways through which we commit sin. Many times we only think of sin by thought, word and deed. We often forget that we can sin by omission. This is when we do not do what we were supposed to do. The confession at the beginning of Mass is clear, "*I confess to Almighty God ... 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...*" As a result, the sin of omission (what I have failed to do) is the same as the others and can lead us to condemnation. In this respect, the rich man omitted doing to the poor man what he was supposed to do. On the other hand, what did the poor man do to deserve admittance to heaven? The answer is hidden in the name. Lazarus is from the Hebrew name "Eleazar" which means "God is my help". So, he was a person who believed and put his trust in God. Thus, he was admitted to heaven because of that relationship he had with God. In the bible, many names were given as an identity of who the person is. For instance, Israel: strong-with-God (Gen 32:28), Moses: drawn out of the water (Ex 2:10), and so on. The rich man's sin of omission should always remind us to question as well, "What haven't I done?" When did I last confess the things I didn't do that were expected of me? How many times have I seen a "Lazarus" (a homeless, hungry, sick person, elderly and others) and only continued with my life without a bother?

**Fr. Bonaventure**

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 28TH SEPTEMBER — 05 OCTOBER 2025

Sat 27	18.30: Damian Maranzano - RIP, Birthday & Anni ( <i>Maranzano</i> )
Sun 28	09.00: Elvira Amato - RIP, 1st Ann ( <i>Andrew &amp; Nancy</i> ) 11.00: Molly Clifford & Family ( <i>M Clifford</i> ) 18.00: Thanksgiving to St. Anthony ( <i>Christoper &amp; Ghislaine</i> ) <b><u>SS - MICHAEL, GABRIEL &amp; RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS - FEAST</u></b>
Mon 29	09.30: Darryl Gomes - Birthday, Thanksgiving ( <i>E Gomes</i> ) <b><u>ST JEROME, PRIEST &amp; DR OF THE CHURCH - MEMORIAL</u></b>
Tues 30	09.30: Angelito Berongoy ( <i>C Austria</i> ) 19.00: Holy Souls <b><u>ST THÈRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN &amp; DR OF THE CHURCH - MEMORIAL</u></b>
Wed 01	09.30: Stella Tremenhoe - WB ( <i>Stevens</i> ) 19.00: James & Susan Walsh (RIP) ( <i>J. Dunseath</i> ) <b><u>THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS - MEMORIAL</u></b>
Thurs 02	07.00: Thanksgiving to St. Anthony ( <i>Nubia</i> ) 09.30: Rajani Reginald
Fri 03	07.00: Shelia Anderson - RIP ( <i>FM</i> ) 09.30: Michael Connolly - RIP ( <i>D Kidd</i> ) <b><u>ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI - MEMORIAL</u></b>
Sat 04	09.00: John Walsh (RIP).
Sat 04	18.30: Ann Groves, Rosemary Durken & all dec'd Franciscan Mems
Sun 05	09.00: Eileen & Liam Lynch - RIP 11.00: Holy Souls 18.00: People of the Parish

**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. 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, Ralph Smallwood, Elizabeth Jones, Nivetheni Robert, Gerry Hague, Mark Draper, Tim Ryan, 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

**Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42**

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**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 manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 6:1a, 4-7**

Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts: 'Woe to those who are at ease in Sion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria.

'Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.'

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 146(145): 7. 8-9a. 9b-10. R5a**

***My soul, give praise to the LORD.***

It is the LORD who does justice to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the LORD who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind, the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the LORD who loves the just, the LORD who protects the stranger. **R**

The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Sion, from age to age. **R**

## Second reading

**1 Timothy 6:11-16**

O man of God, pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honour and eternal dominion. **Amen.**

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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 16:19-31**

At that time: Jesus said to the Pharisees, 'There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not do so, and none may cross from there to us." And he said, "Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment." But Abraham said, "They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them." And he said, "No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." He said to him, "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead."'

**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

Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Communion Antiphon

**Cf. Ps 118: 49-50**

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

### Prayer after Communion

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

## NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OLI QR CODE:

We are pleased to announce OLI now has a QR code to make donating to Parish funds easier. <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-immaculate-tolworth>



### 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.

**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.

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

**CATENIAN MASS IS THIS WEEKEND, SUNDAY**, at the 11am Mass. They will speak to us in the Mass about their work.

### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2026

If you have a son / daughter in year 9 or above, they have made their First Holy Communion and you attend Mass regularly in OLI, they can be considered for Confirmation next year. The application is on the website. Closing date for applications is **2nd November**. Please note this application is not available in the narthex, so you will only be able to download it from the parish website (other sacramental forms may be in the narthex, but please do not get confused with these).

### SAFEGUARDING

A volunteer is needed to assist the Safeguarding Representative in completing the Identity Verification part of the Role. This would require the person or persons to check the documentation Volunteers provide as part of their DBS Application and counter-sign the Form. This is all done online on the applicants phone.

This is a Diocesan Appointment and as such the volunteer would need an Enhanced DBS check themselves. The Diocese would provide training in how to inspect the documents. The description for the full role of Parish Safeguarding Representative can be seen on the Church website under Safeguarding. If several people apply and are accepted then other parts of the role can be shared. Please contact Fr Michael, Fr Bonaventure Monica Tett (Safeguarding Rep) or Denise in the office leaving your details..... Many thanks

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:** We urgently need a large number of altar servers, to help with all our Sunday Masses. We need at least 20 new servers if at all possible to help cover all the masses. Age is no barrier both young people and adults equally welcome. The only requirement is that you have made your First Holy Communion. Adults will need to complete a DBS check before being added to the Rota. We need servers for all the weekend Masses. The Training Course for new servers begins on Sunday **12 October** at 12.30 in the Sacristy and will last for about 45 minutes. The course will run for up to 7 weeks. The course enables those wishing to serve at Mass to get a basic understanding of the Mass itself and to get familiar with all the actions and skills required. All would be servers must complete the course before being admitted to the serving team. So if you are interested in becoming an altar server please come along on Sunday 12 October at 12.30pm Please help if you can in this very important and vital ministry in our parish. If you have any questions don't hesitate to see our Parish Master of Ceremonies Jacques Lambert or contact the Parish Office. Any former server who wishes to rejoin the group will be equally welcome just turn up for the first session on 12 October at 12.30pm.

## PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

**YOUNG ADULT'S CONCERT IS BEING ORGANISED 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](mailto: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 support.

**NEW CANDIDATES FOR THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING** with Fr. Bonaventure will be on Friday, 3rd of October at 7pm in the Old Chapel This meeting is mandatory for all new Eucharistic Ministers to be.

**COMMISSIONING OF THE NEW EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS WILL BE ON SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> 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 returning 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: £303.50

Non-Gift-aid: £410.51

Total: £714.01

2nd Collection: £425.54

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**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](http://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](mailto:tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk) or call **07851 070036**.

*Thank you for supporting your Parish.*

**A PRAYER FOR YOUR CHILDREN:** Lord, I lift up my children to you and ask that you bless them with love, protection and guidance. Watch over them and keep them safe from harm, both physical and spiritual. Help them to grow in faith and seek you in all things. Make them a light shining in darkness, shining your love and grace to those around them. Surround them with godly influence and positive relationships. Please, give me the grace and the strength to be the parent that you have called me to be for them. Help me to love them unconditionally and guide them in the right way. I pray that my children will know and experience your love in a deep and meaningful way, and that they will walk in your ways all the days of their lives. In Jesus name, **Amen**

**A 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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