



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

05 October 2025

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PROPOSED PARISH VISION STATEMENT

*Our Parish overall Vision is to be a living Community, vibrant with the Love of God, open to everyone in and outside the parish, accompanying them practically, emotionally and spiritually. We need to keep in mind that we, too, need to grow and deepen our own faith to be better servants, reverent and joyful. A living Community, a body united in Christ and alive. "Living" implies **breathing, feeding and growing**.*

Breath: We breathe in the Holy Spirit Jesus breathed on his Apostles (John 20-22) and we breathe out to bring benefits to others.

Food: the Word – the Word of God and Jesus Himself, His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

Feeding on God's Word and on the Sacraments will make *us vibrant with His Love*. Love can't be kept for oneself: it needs to be shared profusely with everyone, without restrictions.

Growth: Each of us is called to **grow in Love and Faith**: as a person, as a Christian, and also as a Community. We walk with others. We are not teachers nor speakers, we are friends, pilgrims on the same journey, learning as we go. (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

We pray that we may better **serve** God and our neighbour. We desire to embrace everyone, every person, as each is cherished by God. We wish to support them with respect and humility. This is why we also wish people outside our Community to come and discover the source of our joy. May the Holy Spirit guide us to be prayerful witnesses of the Gospel. Sowers of Love, sowers of Joy! **MARIAELEN COOK**
(PARISH LEAD FOR EVANGELISATION).

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 5TH — 12TH OCTOBER 2025

Sat 04 18.30: Ann Groves, Rosemary Durken & all dec'd Franciscan Mems

Sun 05 09.00: Eileen & Liam Lynch - RIP, Isaac Macanda - Birthday

11.00: Holy Souls

18.00: People of the Parish

Mon 06 09.30: Joanne Hodgson - Birthday (*Jo*)

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY - MEMORIAL

Tues 07 09.30: Jim Maynard - RIP (*M Tett*)

19.00: Sean Eaton - RIP (*OLI*)

Wed 08 09.30: Marian Kennedy - RIP (*Joan & Family*)

19.00: Jim Maynard - RIP (*OLI*)

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST - FEAST

Thurs 09 07.00: Eric Powell (RIP) (*OLI*)

09.30: Patrick Louis - RIP (*L Louis*)

Fri 10 07.00: James & Hilda Powell - RIP (*FM*)

09.30: Gerard Louis - RIP (*L Louis*)

Sat 11 09.00: Sarah Gomes - Birthday (*E Gomes*)

Sat 11 18.30: Muriel Cowan - RIP, 1st Ann & Byrne Family (*J McGuinness*)

Sun 12 09.00: John & Kathleen Doyle (*Doyle Hall Family*)

11.00: Thanksgiving (*S Tremenheere*)

18.00: Alexius Yap - RIP (*C Yap*)

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially Sean Eaton & Jim Maynard 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, 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

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. 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

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. And the Lord answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end — it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. 'Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R**

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

Cf. Est 4: 17

as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of the Lord remains for ever and this word is the good news that was preached to you. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

At that time: The Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' And the Lord said, 'If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. 'Will any one of you who has a servant ploughing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, "Come at once and recline at table"? Will he not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterwards you will eat and drink"? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty." '

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 sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

Communion Antiphon

Lam 3: 25

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

Prayer after Communion

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING DRIVE starts this weekend and will continue on **the 11th/12th and 18th/19th of October, 2025**. Fr. Michael will preach in all the Masses this weekend and will use that to talk about planned giving. 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.

SOME OF THE OLI AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME & EXPENSES

Average Monthly Expenses Total:	£10,651.03
Minus Diocesan Expenses:	£6,905.88
Minus Average Monthly Income:	£8,068.20

Average Monthly Deficit: £2,582.83

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE COMMISSIONED AS EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST ON SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2025 in the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George: Augustine Suresh, Juan Miguel Enage, Nimmy Anthony, Manny Enage, Amy Wei He, Rita Noronha, Robin Lukose, Jennifer Enage, Lucy Gitari, Michaela Rodrigues, Nimmy Thomas, Joachim Gitari, Monica Harding, Guido De Palma, Stella Tremeneheere & Steffica Peter arutha. Please, pray for them.

THE PARISH VISION HAS BEEN DEVELOPED FOR US BY THE EVANGELISATION TEAM of the parish led by Marielen Cook, it is published as our reflection for this week. Please, send your feedback and input to Fr. Michael in his email. It will be adopted as our vision and will be published in our website after this consultation period.

OLI QR CODE FOR GIVING:

Our Lady Immaculate now has a new QR code to make it even easier for anyone wishing to donate. Simply scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or QR app to go directly to our secure giving page. We hope this helps more people share in supporting the parish, especially for those who prefer digital giving. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.



<https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-immaculate-tolworth>

THE SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND IS FOR CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY. Thanks for your kindness.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: EXTRA EXERCISE CLASS FOR

PARISHIONERS: The **Warm Welcome Outreach** is planning to add an extra weekly exercise session for our parish community. We are seeking a **fitness professional** (or someone with experience teaching exercise) to lead it. If you would be willing to help, please speak with **Fr. Michael, Lance, or Helen Emmett**. Thank you for considering sharing your skills and supporting parishioner health & fellowship!

OUR BLESSED MOTHER MARY'S PROCESSION will take place this weekend after the 11am Mass to celebrate October as the month of the Rosary. Please, inform your friends and families.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED We urgently need a large number of altar servers, to help with all our Sunday 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 starts this 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. Please help if you can in this very important and vital ministry in our parish. Any former server who wishes to rejoin the group will be equally welcomed.

ERIC POWELL, A FORMER PARISHIONER WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY LEFT A LEGACY OF £5000 TO OLI. May God reward him eternally for this kindness and bless his family. Please, remember him and his family in your prayers always.

OBITUARIES:

SEAN EATON: Kindly pray for Sean Eaton who passed away on 22nd August, Age 55yrs. **Funeral:** Friday, 10th October, 11.40am at Kingston Crematorium, Bonner Hill Rd

JIM MAYNARD: Please pray for Jim Maynard (father of former Parish Secretary, Elaine Intranova) who passed away earlier this week. **Funeral:** TBA

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@reaos.org.uk or the parish office.

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).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FORMS are available at the back of the Church. The First parent's meeting will be on Monday, 6th of October, 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. This is mandatory for every parents. Deadline for the submission of registration forms is on the 19th of October.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

LENTEN PROJECT 2026 – CHARITY NOMINATIONS

We are delighted to share that 15 charities have been nominated for the 2026 Parish Lenten Project. Full details are on the Lenten Project Notice board in the Narthex and on the Parish website.

1. **Miani Children's Home (Sri Lanka)** – Food, clothing and education for orphaned children (100+ children).
2. **Empowering Vulnerable Children (Uganda)** – Build toilets and install rainwater tanks for new nursery (150 children).
3. **Suburban Vicariate Mental Health Initiative (Trinidad & Tobago)** – Provide mental health resources (1,000+ people).
4. **Uganda Children's Trust (Uganda)** – Support 9 orphaned children into independent living and apprenticeships.
5. **East Africa Children's Project (Kenya)** – Provide solar lighting at Baba Gurston Primary School (250 children).
6. **Holy Ghost Hospital, Mgbidi (Nigeria)** – Purchase a CT scan machine for children's healthcare (100+ patients).
7. **St. Xavier's Seva Foundation (India)** – Food, shelter and care for destitute patients (100+).
8. **Sunrise Children's Village (India)** – Care, schooling and support for 46 vulnerable children.
9. **Cottolengo Filipino Inc. (Philippines)** – Residential care, therapy and education for 35 children with disabilities.
10. **Dominican Sisters of the Annunciata (Philippines)** – Education, healthcare and relief in poor communities (serving 100+ annually).
11. **Hapag Asa – Sanrok ni Sta Rosa (Philippines)** – Feeding and early education for undernourished children (150+).
12. **Padyarescue Incorporated (Philippines)** – "Go Bike Project" providing bicycles for health and education (50+ young people).
13. **Rehoboth (Philippines)** – Sustainable farming, feeding, medical care, school supplies and wellbeing support (100+ children).
14. **Stella Maris Catholic School (Nigeria)** – Provide school bags and weekly lunches for children from poor families (370 children).
15. **De Paul Care Home Elanthoor (India)** – Care and treatment for abandoned elderly men (24 residents).

Important Dates

Sun 12th October (7PM, Old Chapel) – AGM and Charity Voting

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £306.85

Non-Gift-aid: £753.70

Total: £1,060.55

2nd Collection: £327.53

OLI QR CODE FOR GIVING:

Kindly scan the QR code to make a donation to Parish funds. <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-immaculate-tolworth>



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 for supporting your Parish.

PRAYER FOR INCREASED FAITH: Heavenly Father, I come to You today with a heart that struggles to fully trust You. There are moments when doubt creeps in, and the weight of the world makes it hard to believe. Please, strengthen my faith. Help me to surrender my fears, my plans, and my worries into Your loving care. Open my eyes to see Your truth more clearly and help me to understand Your will for my life. Teach me to have deeper trust in Your wisdom and Your perfect timing, even when I don't understand the full picture. Fill my heart with Your peace, and give me a faith strong enough to overcome obstacles and to believe in Your promises. Thank You for being my constant help and refuge. I place my life, my hopes, and my faith in Your hands. Amen.

Three boys on the playground were bragging about their dads. One said. "My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a song and they pay him £50." "Oh, yeah. My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a poem and they pay him £100." "That's nothing," said the third kid. My dad scribbles a few words, calls it a sermon and it takes six people to collect all the money in the room!"

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