



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

12 October 2025

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Thanksgiving For Our Healings

In today's gospel, Jesus praises the only Samaritan leper, out of the ten, who came back to give thanks for his healing. At that time, Samaritans were a minority that were highly humiliated by the Jews. Accordingly, nothing good (deserving of a praise) was ever expected from them. Leprosy was a very challenging sickness; one of the four most horrible situations at the time, that is poverty, blindness and barrenness. A leper was never allowed to interact with other people due to the contagious sickness, and would have to walk along ringing a bell while shouting "*Unclean*". Every leper who was healed had to go to a priest who would introduce him/her to the community as clean. Surprisingly, after the great miracle of healing the ten lepers, only the Samaritan came back to give thanks. Maybe the other nine didn't return due to ingratitude or they went looking for a priest instead of Jesus who had healed them? There are instances in our lives today when we also seem ungrateful to God. It can be seen in our failure to worship the Lord consistently on Sunday, or in our lack of commitment in our prayer life. The sacrificial celebration in our church is called "Eucharist", a Greek term meaning "*Thanksgiving*". If we reflect and count the blessings received from one Sunday to the next it would necessitate turning to God for thanks. There are currently other forms of 'leprosy' that can lead to humiliations. However, the good news is that God has provided us some avenues of getting healed. Do we then acknowledge Him and turn to him in Thanksgiving? God values and sees the goodness in those who are different from us, like strangers, the homeless, the poor, so. Perhaps we also need to re-examine the way we treat others?

Fr. Bonaventure CSSp

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 12TH — 19TH OCTOBER 2025

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*). Rita & Agnelo 22nd Wedd Ann
Thanksgiving

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

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY - MEMORIAL

Mon 13 09.30: Mary Dulis (wellbeing) (*Kathlin, J.*)

Tues 14 09.30: Cletus & Anastasia Ezenwammadu (RIP)

19.00: Sabina & Chinedu Ezenwammadu (RIP)

Wed 15 09.30: Dec'd Mems of the Furlong Family (*C Furlong*)

19.00: Holy Souls

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, PRIEST - FEAST

Thurs 16 07.00: Holy Souls

09.30: Private Intention

Fri 17 07.00: Holy Souls

09.30: OLI Catechists

Sat 18 09.00: Holy Souls

Sat 18 18.30: Fr Michael - Birthday & Thanksgiving (*D Kidd*)

Sun 19 09.00: Matthew Beard (*Sparrow Family*)

11.00: White Family (*S Tremennhere*) Fr. Michael (Birthday
Thanksgiving)

18.00: People of the Parish

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially 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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

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:

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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

2 Kings 5:14-17

In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha, the man of God, and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, 'Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none.' And Naaman urged Elisha to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'If not, please let there be given to your servant two mule-loads of earth, for from now on your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the LORD.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 98(97):1. 2-3b. 3c-4. R1a

The LORD has shown his salvation to the nations.

O sing a new song to the LORD,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **R**

The LORD has made known his salvation,
has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his truth for the house of Israel. **R**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Shout to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song,
and sing out your praise. **R**

Second reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.

The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful — for he cannot deny himself.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' When he saw them he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

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, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33: 11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Prayer after Communion

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDY GROUP BY ZOOM OR IN PERSON: Anyone interested in reading and praying the Bible is welcome to contact us by [email: helen.music17@gmail.com](mailto:helen.music17@gmail.com)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: World Mission Sunday (Missio)

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING DRIVE has started and will end next weekend. Allison Davies, the chair of the parish finance team will be speaking in all the Masses and Mary Taylor will speak in all the Masses next weekend. 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 GiftAid.

SOME OF THE OLI AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME & EXPENSES

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

Average Monthly Deficit: £2,582.83

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.

OLI YOUTH MINISTRY will be having their next event on 19th October 12.30pm -1.45pm in the main hall. Young people aged 12-21 are invited to come along. There will be free pizza, games and teaching".

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO WERE 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, Gemma Murray, Lucy Gitari, Michaela Rodrigues, Nimmy Thomas, Joachim Gitari, Monica Harding, Guido De Palma, Stella Tremeneheere, Steffica Peter arutha. & Gemma Murray. May God bless them in their ministries.

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 THIS 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!

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.

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 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).

OBITUARIES:

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

Funeral: OLI, 24th October at 11.30am

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: £303.50

Non-Gift-aid: £743.51

Total: £1,047.01

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR SEPT 2025

A. Cash / cheques – £5,623.74

1. Gift-Aided – £3,023.67

2. Non-G/A – £2,600.07

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,635.00

1. Gift-Aided – £2,445.00

2. Non-G/A – £190.00

C. Contactless Machine – £283.50

Total = £8,542.24 (Last month: £7,055.41)

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.



Prayer for Parents: Dear God, I pray for the wellbeing of my parents. I am grateful for every moment that I spend with them. Watch over them and protect them. Give them strength for every challenge. Grant them good health, both physically and mentally. Bless them with peace and happiness. Surround them with your love and grace. Let them know that they are never alone. May they grow in faith and trust on you and be a shining example of your love to those around them. I entrust them into your hands. Bless their labours of love. Bless them generously for their loving care for me. Grant that, through your grace, I may always be their support and comfort, and that, after our life together on earth, we may experience the joy together praising you forever. Amen

Fr. Michael was in the middle of his sermon when he noticed a man had fallen asleep with his head on his wife's shoulder. “Wake up your husband,” Fr. Michael snapped. The wife smiled and replied, “You put him to sleep. You wake him up.”

Fr Bonaventure was giving a sermon one Sunday morning. Father tries an experiment. He tells everyone “stand up all those who want to go to heaven!” And everyone stood up. He then tells them to sit down. Then he says “stand up all those who want to go to hell” and one man stood up, Murphy. So, Father says “Murphy why on earth do you want to go to hell?” Murphy replied “oh no father, I don't want to go to hell, I couldn't bear to see you standing up there by yourself”

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