



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

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19 October 2025



You can never win a person who never gives up

Life can be challenging and can test us greatly. We may sometimes feel like giving up; however, Jesus encourages us and tells us never to give up. He reminds us that we are never alone and that He is with us on our journey. The difference between those who succeed and those who do not is persistence and never giving up on God. He reminds us that even in the darkest moments, there is always a way forward, that no setback is final and that He is there with us. Thomas Edison, the inventor of the light bulb, failed over 10,000 times before he succeeded. Reflecting on his failures, he said: *"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."* A winner is actually a loser who tried one more time and never gives up on hope. This is because failure is not final or the opposite of success: Rather, it is temporal and a part of your journey of glory and to God. We cannot see all our life journey, but God can see them all. Hence, never let failure or rejection define you, your story and your future; instead, use them to create your story. God has a special plan of glory for you. Continue to believe in God's plan for your life. Also, failure does not mean you are not good or strong enough. It just means you are in the journey of becoming with God. It means that your challenges are stepping-stones of turning adversities into miracles. Even when your challenges feel daunting, remember the greater the challenges, the greater the miracle: Limitations reside only in the mind and never accept to be limited. Train your mind to focus always on God's plans and the positives. Be joyful for the best chapters of your life are still coming. Do not let the world's doubt and ridicule make you stop believing in yourself and God. Always look up to heaven for guidance and inspiration. Remember, never surrender to your limits. Never give up on yourself for you are God's chosen. Never give up on God for nothing is impossible for Him. Also remember; nobody can ever win a person who never gives up.

Fr. Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 19 — 26 OCTOBER 2025

Sat 18	18.30: Fr Michael - Birthday & Thanksgiving (<i>D Kidd</i>)
Sun 19	09.00: Matthew Beard (<i>Sparrow Family</i>)
	11.00: White Family (<i>S Tremennhere</i>) Fr. Michael (Birthday Thanksgiving)
	18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 20	09.30: Fr Anthony Charlton - Ints (<i>C Stevens</i>)
Tues 21	09.30: Michael Donovan - RIP (<i>A Donovan</i>)
	19.00: J. Fernandes - Ints
Wed 22	09.30: Alice Tumilty - RIP (<i>FM</i>)
	19.00: Joseph Antonisamy - RIP (<i>M Suresh</i>)
Thurs 23	07.00: John McCorkell (RIP 5th ANN).
	09.30: John Bredl - RIP (<i>T Bredl</i>)
Fri 24	07.00: Holy Souls
	09.30: Denise Kidd - WB & Ints (<i>UF</i>)
Funeral	11.30: Jim Maynard - RIP
Sat 25	09.00: Ivan Flanningan - RIP
Sat 25	18.30: Peter & Joseph Campbell (<i>M Campbell</i>)
Sun 26	09.00: Alice Smyth - RIP
	11.00: Magdalena D'Souza - RIP (<i>P Fazal</i>)
	18.00: Trisha Ives - WB (<i>B Golding</i>)

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,

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

Cf. Ps 16: 6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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

Exodus 17:8-13

In those days: Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to Joshua, 'Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand.' So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 121(120):1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. R cf. 2

Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth. **R**
He will keep your foot from stumbling.
Your guard will never slumber.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **R**

The LORD your guard, the LORD your shade
at your right hand.

By day the sun shall not smite you,
nor the moon in the night. **R**

The LORD will guard you from evil;

he will guard your soul.

The LORD will guard your going and coming,
both now and for ever. **R**

Second reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Beloved: Continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia. The word of God is living and active, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, "Give me justice against my adversary." For a while he refused, but afterwards he said to himself, "Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming."'

And the Lord said, 'Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

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, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 32: 18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Prayer after Communion

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PARISH PLANNED GIVING DRIVE Will end this weekend with Mary Taylor speaking at all of the Masses. Thanks so much for your kindness, understanding and prayers. Thanks so much to the members of the finance team, our speakers; Allison Davies and Mary Taylor, and all the volunteers that helped. May God bless you all.

NOVEMBER IS A MONTH DEDICATED TO PRAYING FOR THE DEAD.

We will erect a memorial Altar in Our Lady's Chapel with the pictures of your dead loved ones - Please give the pictures to any of the clergy or to the Parish office before the end of this month.

CEMETERY VISITS: THE DETAILS FOR THE BLESSING OF GRAVES

ARE: On Sunday 2nd November 2024 at 2pm at Kingston Cemetery & 3pm at Surbiton Cemetery. Fr. Michael and Fr. Bonaventure will be there to pray with you and bless the grave of your loved ones.

ALL SAINTS' DAY IS ONE OF THE HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Mass attendance is expected on November 1 for all who are able. There will be an extra evening Mass at 7pm.

LIVING WITH LOSS: FR. MICHAEL will give a talk about how loss especially grief affect us and how we live with hope. The talk is for all because we all deal with one loss or another. It will be in the Old Chapel on **Friday, 14th of November at 6pm.**

ALL DAY ADORATION You are warmly invited to join us in Adoration all day on **Wednesday 19th November**, an opportunity to pray for our dearly departed loved ones, friends, and parishioners. The day's devotions will conclude with **Sung Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 6:00 pm, Followed by Mass at 7:00 pm.** Please feel free to come for any part of the day or stay for the full devotion. All are welcome.

CANDLELIGHT MASS FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES WILL BE ON FRIDAY, 28TH OF NOVEMBER AT 6PM. This will be a special Mass for all deceased parishioners and relatives of parishioners who have passed away. During the Mass, they will be remembered, and a family member or parishioner will be invited to light a candle in their memory as we pray for them. It will be a powerful opportunity to light a candle within the Mass and pray for your loved ones. All who attend will also be welcome to light a candle as we pray for their departed loved ones. **NB:** Please, send names with dates of death to the parish office or add the names to the list in the Narthex by 27th November (2pm)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: World Mission Sunday (Missio)

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: The Parish Development Fund (PDF)

AFCM (ANOINTING FIRE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES) is conducting a Tamil Retreat at our church on Wednesday, 22nd October from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. Fr. Varghese Perakattil, VC Divine Mercy Retreat Centre Chennai will be leading the retreat in Tamil. All parishioners are warmly invited to join this special evening of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal. Please spread the word among the Tamil speaking community.

PAST 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)

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>



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 this month

Funeral: OLI, 24th October at 11.30am

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

LENTEN PROJECT 2026 – RESULTS OF THE AGM

Thank you to everyone who joined the AGM last Sunday, both in person and online. We are delighted to announce the 5 charities chosen for support in 2026:

De Paul Care Home (India) – Care and treatment for abandoned elderly men.

Empowering Vulnerable Children (Uganda) – Toilets and rain-water tanks for a new nursery.

Cottolengo Filipino Inc. (Philippines) – Residential care and therapy for children with disabilities.

Suburban Vicariate Mental Health Initiative (Trinidad & Tobago) – Community mental-health awareness workshops.

Holy Ghost Hospital (Nigeria) – CT scanner to diagnose injuries and illness in children.

All other nominated charities will roll forward into next year's cycle.

2025 Fundraising and Distributions

Thanks to Parishioners' extraordinary effort, the 2025 PLP raised £17,614.28.

Funds came from 15 parish and school activities:

South Indian Evening £3,007 | Sri Lankan Evening £1,877 | Afro-Caribbean Evening £3,435 | Sponsored Walk £3,419 | Roses Art £954 | Quiz Night £340 | Tabletop Sale £952 | Jumble Sale £409 | H Orlando Sales Event £296 | OLI School Enterprise Event £594 | Noah's Ark £121 | Beavers & Cubs £66 | Lenten Project Boxes £2,165 | Maundy Thursday £507 | Sun 11am Tea/Coffee £63

Distributions were approved for the 4 charities selected for the 2025 Lenten appeal, each receiving £4,350:

Vathiry Sacred Heart College (Sri Lanka)

Divya Chhaya Society Subir (India)

Obinofia Community Primary School (Nigeria)

Mapeera Bakateyamba Home (Uganda)

Date for the Diary

Mon 19th January 2026 at 7:30pm – 2026 PLP Planning Meet-

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £345.90

Non-Gift-aid: £749.30

Total: £1,095.20

£530.90

2nd Collection

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**.

A Prayer to Never Giving Up. Lord, there are times when I want give up. Sometimes, life's circumstances feel crushing. God, I ask that when these moments come, you bring those who can see my pain and pray for me. I pray that you will bring me the comfort I need Lord. Help my soul to not grow weary as I await things to change. Help me when the enemy attempts to steal my joy. Show me how to seek you more when I want to isolate. Lord, remind me of your plan for my life when I feel like I want to give up. I need you Lord and I trust you. In Jesus Name. Amen



The Sunday School catechist asked her eight eager 10-year-olds if they would give a £1,000,000 to the missionaries. "Yes!" they all screamed! "Would you give £1,000?" Again, they shouted "YES!" How about £100?" "Oh, yes we would!" they all agreed! "Would you just give a pound to the missionaries?" she asked. The boys exclaimed, "Yes!" just as before, except for Johnny. "Johnny," the teacher said as she noticed the boy clutching his pocket, "Why didn't you say 'yes' this time?" "Well," the boy stammered, "I have a pound!"

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