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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C

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E-mail: tolworth@rcaos.org.uk □ www.olionline.co.uk □ **PARISH OFFICE:** Mon-Fri from 10am to 2pm□ **PARISH PRIEST:** Fr. Michael Ezenwammadu, CSSp, michaelenzenwammadu@rcaos.org.uk□ **CURATE:** Fr Bonaventure Ssebyanzi CSSp, bonaventuressebyanzi@rcaos.org.uk □ **SECRETARY:** Mrs Denise Kidd□ **SCHOOL:** Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School □ **HEADTEACHER:** Mr Ben Martin**Disposition for Prayer**

The readings of last Sunday, and today, are focused on the theme of prayer. Whereas last Sunday the emphasis was on praying without ceasing, today we look at our disposition and attitude during prayer. The Gospel story of a Pharisee and a tax collector, contrasts spiritual pride and humility during prayer. Who were the Pharisees? They were disciplined and devout believers. They fasted twice a week (on Monday and Thursday), and gave tithes from all their income. Therefore when the pharisee said, "I am not like the others: thieves, rogues, adulterers..." (Lk 18:11-12), he was stating facts. This Pharisee is self-righteous about his 'holiness' and he boastfully tells God that he is not a sinner like the tax-collector. On the other hand, tax collectors were people of low moral standards. As they worked with the Roman rulers, they always handled their unclean money and ended up in a state of "ritual uncleanness." They were also known for collecting additional money from the people and always used the surplus for their own benefit. In this way, they ended up being categorised as thieves. Today's tax-collector is humble, acknowledging that he is a sinner and stands at a distance and seeks God's mercy. Whenever we come into God's presence to pray, we ought to humbly acknowledge our unworthiness before our creator (Ex 3:5-6). We should acknowledge our sinfulness and entrust ourselves to the generous mercy of God, instead of praising ourselves. This is what the church does at the beginning of Mass. It is also vital to be concerned about our personal relationship with God, and only pray for our neighbour, instead of informing God of their sins. Finally, am I doing God a favour by my deeds that I have to enumerate them for Him to take note? **Bonaventure, CSSp.**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 26 OCTOBER — 2 NOVEMBER 2025

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>)
Mon 27	09.30: Frances Powell - RIP (<i>M Powell</i>)
	<u>ST S SIMON & JUDE APOSTLES - FEAST</u>
Tues 28	09.30: Liam Jennings - RIP (<i>K & H Murtagh</i>)
	19.00: Steffica Peterarulthas (Wellbeing)
Wed 29	09.30: Tessa & John Rutter (Wellbeing)
	19.00: Catherine Yap (Wellbeing)
Thurs 30	07.00: Mary & Suresh family (Wellbeing)
	09.30: Holy Souls
Fri 31	07.00: Roger & Mareen Family (Wellbeing)
	09.30: Nancy & Noel Ryan - RIP (<i>M Tett</i>)
Sat 01	09.00: Deceased parishioners and family members.
Sat 01	18.30: Cletus & Anastasia Ezenwammadu (RIP).
Sun 02	09.00: Benedict Kilobo –Thanksgiving (<i>M Njaweza</i>)
	11.00: People of the Parish
	18.00: Holy Souls

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, 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 104: 3-4

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

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, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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

Sirach 35:15b-17, 20-22b

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan or the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reaches the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him and does justice for the righteous and executes judgement. And the Lord will not delay.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 34(33):2-3, 17-18, 19, 23. R7a

The lowly one called, and the LORD heard him.

I will bless the LORD at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth.
In the LORD my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The LORD turns his face against the wicked
to cut off their remembrance from the earth.
When the just one cries out, the LORD hears,
and rescues him in all his distress. **R**

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The LORD ransoms the souls of his servants.
All who trust in him shall not be condemned. **R**

Second reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Beloved: I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I

have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but also to all who have loved his appearing.

At my first defence no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 'Two men went up into the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get." But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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 Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 19: 6

We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

Prayer after Communion May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS SO MUCH TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR KIND GENEROUS RESPONSE TO THE PARISH PLANNED GIVING. There has been a great response in terms of prayers, volunteering and offertory donations. Thanks so much to the parishioners who have given us gifts of £1400, £1000 & £500. May God bless everyone of you abundantly.

FR. MICHAEL THANKS EVERYONE FOR THEIR WONDERFUL PRAYERS, WISHES, GIFTS AND FOOD DURING HIS BIRTHDAY. May God bless you all abundantly.

SHARE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

Dear Parishioners: If you want to join in our social media campaign 'OLI Parish Christmas', you are invited to send in videos for us to post on social media. Videos should be no longer than 1 minute please. If you have a story to tell, we can consider longer videos but these will be by exception. You can send the videos to Helen and she will start posting from December 1st until Christmas day. You can share anything you feel comfortable with, for example, what makes Christmas special to you, what are your family traditions and what do you look forward to doing this Christmas. We hope through your stories, we can spread Christmas joy to the world. Helen Orlando will also be available to shoot videos for you on location every Sunday after the 9am Mass if arranged beforehand. Follow us on social media @oliparisholtworth Send videos to 07828704653.

FR. KENNETH OKOLI, THE SPIRITAN WORLD LEAD FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY will be speaking to us in the 9am and 11am Mass. We supported the Obinofia hall project and he will be saying a thank you to us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS) Many thanks to all parents and children for your support of the Children's Liturgy Group this academic year. After this Sunday, we will be on our Half Term break and look forward to welcoming the children back on 9 November 2025. Have a lovely Half Term!

BIBLE STUDY GROUP BY ZOOM OR IN PERSON: Anyone interested in reading and praying the Bible is welcome on Monday evenings, 8.30pm in the Old Chapel. Contact us by [email: hel-en.music17@gmail.com](mailto:hel-en.music17@gmail.com)

SINGING: Parishioners' singing group entertaining patients in Nursing Homes in Surbiton: Saturday 2.15pm. All are welcome to join. Contact us by [email: helen.music17@gmail.com](mailto:helen.music17@gmail.com)

FOODBANK DONATIONS REMINDER: Non perishable food/goods 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.

YOUTH & CHILDREN AWARENESS EVENT: Sun 9th November, 12:30–2pm, OLI Hall All families are warmly invited, especially parents with children aged 5 to 18, to an interactive session designed to help young people discover how they can take an active part in parish life through choir, altar service, reading, the family led 9am Mass, Youth Ministry, Bible Study and more. Parents are encouraged to stay, meet one another and share ideas as we build a stronger, more connected parish community. There will also be light bites and games. Don't miss out!

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

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Surbiton Cemetery & 3pm Kingston Cemetery at . Fr. Michael and Fr. Bonaventure will be there to pray with you and bless the grave of your loved ones.

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 Church 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)

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.

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).

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:

1. **De Paul Care Home (India)** – Care and treatment for abandoned elderly men.
2. **Empowering Vulnerable Children (Uganda)** – Toilets and rainwater tanks for a new nursery.
3. **Cottolengo Filipino Inc. (Philippines)** – Residential care and therapy for children with disabilities.
4. **Suburban Vicariate Mental Health Initiative (Trinidad & Tobago)** – Community mental-health awareness workshops.
5. **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 £520 | OLI School Enterprise Event £398 | 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**:

1. **Vathiry Sacred Heart College (Sri Lanka)**
2. **Divya Chhaya Society Subir (India)**
3. **Obinofia Community Primary School (Nigeria)**
4. **Maopera Bakateyamba Home (Uganda)**

Date for the Diary

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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £489.65

Non-Gift-aid: £925.19
Total: **£1,414.84**
£218.53

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**.

Prayer for peace in our family: Dear God, Lord, I ask you to bless our family with peace and understanding. Calm every tension, heal broken relationships and unite us in peace. May your peace fill our home, creating a place of refuge and joy. I ask you to help each member of our family to be completely humble and gentle; and to be patient, bearing with one another's faults in love, even when we are tired, frustrated, or hurt. Help us to love each other fervently, so our love is able to overcome and forgive misgivings. Inspire a spirit of hospitality in each of us and enable us to serve one another well. We pray that everything we do within this family unit will bring you glory. Protect every member of our family. Let no trouble fall on them today. Give them peace of mind so that they may not worry about anything. Amen



Farmer Jones lived in the countryside alone except for his dog. His pet died and Farmer Jones went to his Parish priest saying, "Father, my dog is dead. Could you possibly do a service for this poor creature?" The priest told the farmer "No, we can't have services for an animal in the church, but I'll tell you what, there's a new denomination down the road, and no telling what they believe in, but maybe they'll do something for the animal." Farmer Jones said, "I'll go right away. By the way, do you think £10,000 is enough for a good service? The pastor replied, "Why didn't you tell me the dog was Catholic!"

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