



23 November 2025

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - C

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IS HE A REIGNING KING?

The understanding of Christ as a universal King is prefigured in the first reading when David was anointed and acknowledged as a King by all Israel (Southern and Northern kingdom). In the Gospel, we see how the writing over the Cross and all the people present at Calvary (the crowd, the rulers, the soldiers, and the thieves) all proclaimed the true identity of Jesus; he is both messiah and king. As crucifixion ordinarily depicted failure, so even when Jesus cried, "my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46), God didn't get him down from the Cross! When he cried, "Eli Eli..." still nothing happened. Again, when one of the thieves challenged him, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" (Lk 23:39) nothing happened. Jesus instead said that his kingdom is not of this world. One of those who recognized that kingdom was the repentant thief. He humbly requested, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Lk 23:42). He understood that to get into the kingdom of Christ one has to be saved not from the Cross but on the Cross. Jesus, then, is the universal King reigning from a Cross. As his disciples, we share in his glory through suffering that leads to coronation. Do I experience humiliations because of my religious practices that do not appeal to the secular world? Do I keep losing out on job promotions because of being authentic, truthful and just? We should never give up following an eternal universal King. When Jesus embraced all worldly failures because of the next life, he was given the greatest name and worshipped as King of all (Phil 2:9-10). This is what awaits all who embrace the Cross as a throne of victory and glory of a universal King.

Bonaventure CSSp.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 23 - 30 NOVEMBER 2025

Sat 22 18.30: Holy Souls (*F Amanpour*)

Sun 23 09.00: John Bredl (*T Bredl*)

11.00: Mary Ann Molloy - RIP, 1st Ann (*F Deegan*)

18.00: Jack Hoey - RIP (*Hoey Family*)

STS ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST & COMPANIONS MARTYRS- MEMORIAL

Mon 24 09.30: Private Intention (*M Sebastian*), Sivagananam Rasa RIP (*Madonna*)

Tues 25 09.30: Anton Sebastian - RIP (*M Sebastian*)

19.00: Raveena Ahmed - RIP (*T Rutter*), Forgotten Souls (RIP)(*Madonna*)

Wed 26 09.30: Jim Maynard - RIP(*M C Taylor*), Regina Sellammah (RIP)(*Madonna*)

19.00: Dec'd Mems of Mekkattuparambil Family

Thurs 27 07.00: Gerard Dodds - RIP (*FM*), Murukesu Doosaitas (RIP)(*Madonna*)

09.30: Nathan Louis - RIP (*L & B Louis*), Nallapillai RIP (*Madonna*)

Fri 28 07.00: Janaki Gandhimathi - RIP (*M Suresh*)

09.30: John Daniel & Mary Aseervatham (*L & B Louis*)

Sat 29 09.00: Dec'd Mems of McGuinness & Deloughery Families

Sat 29 18.30: Tom McGuinness - 33rd Ann, Chris McGuinness - RIP & Dec'd Mems of McGuinness Family

Sun 30 09.00: Errol Bismark - RIP & The healing & WB of Jeanette Bismark (*W & A Davis*)

11.00: Kathleen Joyce - RIP (*M-J Gray*)

18.00: People of the Parish

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially Mary Ryan, Keith Merrington & Ravena Ahmed, and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

THE SICK: Vanessa Andrew Deacon Al Callan, Martin Dray, Thomas Haley, Frances Cox, George Trutwein, 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, Lionel Holland, Peter & Phil Tull, Julie Brian, June Munk, Liam Cawley & 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

Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon:

Rv 5: 12; 1: 6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

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, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. 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 Samuel 5:1-3

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 122(121):1-2. 3-4a. 4b-5. Rcf.1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

I rejoiced when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the LORD.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R**

Jerusalem is built as a city
bonded as one together.
It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD. **R**

As it is decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.
There were set the thrones for judgement,
the thrones of the house of David. **R**

Second reading

Colossians 1:12-20

Brothers and Sisters: Let us give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to

the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the Church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 23:35-43

At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there railed at Jesus, saying, 'Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.' And he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' And he said to him, 'Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

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 As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Ps 28: 10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Prayer after Communion: Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

De Profundis (For our beloved dead).

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.

Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.

Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord.

And let your perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. **Amen**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PARISH FEAST DAY OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY will be celebrated on **Sunday, 7th of December** at the 11am Mass and with a get together in the hall after the Mass. There will be a spiritual preparation with a four days Novena to Our Lady Immaculate starting on Wednesday, 3rd of December. Everyone is invited to bring food and drinks to be shared in gratitude to the favours of our Blessed Mother Mary. Please also wear white or blue clothes for the Mass. Share these details with friends and families and invite them to come.

THE NINE DAYS NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION starts on Friday, 28th of November. The Novena will give you the opportunity to ask for our Mother's intercession.

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. **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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING : Fr Bonaventure warmly invites all Eucharistic Ministers to a meeting on **Thursday, 27th November**, in the church. Deanery recollection for Eucharistic Ministers & readers will be on 13th of December, 10 am at St. Ann's Church.

FR JOSEPH EDEM - INDUCTION: You are warmly invited to Fr Joseph's Induction on **Friday, 5th December at 7:00pm**. He has recently become the Parish Priest of **St Anthony of Padua, 2 Genoa Road, London SE20 8ES**. Fr Joseph would greatly appreciate the presence of his friends from Our Lady Immaculate at this special occasion.

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: For The Catholic Youth Service.

A BIG THANK YOU TO STEFFICA PETERARUTHAS for decorating our November Memorial Altar. May God bless you abundantly.

DONATIONS OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND TREES are needed, please, if you have Christmas tree or decorations that you can spare to us, we will appreciate it.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE HE WARM WELCOME GROUP that has been singing the Christmas carol to care homes in our parish. May God bless them. If any parish group want to sing the Christmas carol to the care home, please, do let Fr. Michael know.

VISITS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND / EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

A new folder has been created and placed in the Sacristy containing a form for each of the sick, housebound or care-home residents whom we visit. We ask all Eucharistic Ministers to please complete the form each time you make a visit, recording: the Eucharistic Minister's name, the date of the visit etc. & any brief remarks or observations (optional). This will help us keep a clear and up-to-date record of who has been visited and when. Thank you for your dedication and for ensuring no one is overlooked in our parish community

OLI YOUTH MINISTRY: The OLI Youth Group will be having their next event on 23rd November 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. Any questions, please send an email to tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk.

CHRISTMAS PRISONER'S GIFT BAGS- We are still collecting gifts for the parish gift bags to be distributed on Christmas eve again this year to the prisoners in Wandsworth Prison. This is one of the ways that we hope to show Christmas love to the poor and those in need and to support the work of Fr. Michael in the Prison. Thank for your generosity.

NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT: THE SEASON OF ADVENT BEGINS ON SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.

SITUATION VACANT - PARISH CARETAKER: A full time Parish Caretaker is required for Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon from 1st January 2026, to manage the extensive site which includes the Church, halls, and Presbytery. Salary £29,427.00 for a 35 hour week. For a Job Description, Person Specification, and Application Form please contact Thelma D'Costa at wimble-don@rcaos.org.uk. Closing date: 10th December 2025.

OUR LADY IMMACULATE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – OPEN DAY: Our Lady Immaculate School warmly invites prospective families to their **Open Day on Thursday 28th November, 9–10am**. Come and see the school in action, meet the Headteacher, hear from Year 6, and enjoy a guided tour. Personal tours are also available on request. For more information, please contact: 0208 399 9854 admin@oli.school 399 Ewell Road, KT6 7DG

BIBLE SHARING: There is group meeting every Monday (except Monday 24 November) at 8.30pm in the Old Chapel. If interested, please contact: helen.music17@gmail.com

CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE : Are invited to discover or re-discover the Bible as the Word of God and our history as Christians. Meetings can be by Zoom or in person. Once details of applicants are known, we hope to be able to form appropriate age groups. Please fill in the form at the back of the church or email: helen.music17@gmail.com

OBITUARIES

MARY RYAN Kindly pray for Mary Ryan & family. Mary sadly passed away on Monday, 3rd November aged 87yrs.

Funeral: At OLI on Monday, 24th November, 11.30am

KEITH MERRINGTON Kindly pray for Keith Merrington & family. Keith sadly passed away on Tuesday, 4th November. **Funeral:** At OLI on Tuesday, 2nd December at 12pm

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

CHRISTMAS CARDS & REPOSITORY NEWS: The repository is open every Sunday after the 9am Mass to sell Christmas cards, Mass cards and other gift items. Please consider supporting your parish by stocking from the repository.

RED MISSIO BOXES: Please bring the contents of your Red *Missio* Boxes to the church during the month of November, so that the money can be counted and sent to *Missio*, where it is very much needed. Any queries, please contact Mary C Taylor Tel: 07985 659266 Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

A Prayer for Forgotten Souls

O merciful God, take pity on those souls who have no particular friends and intercessors to recommend them to Thee, who, either through the negligence of those who are alive, or through length of time are forgotten by their friends and by all. Spare them, O Lord, and remember Thine own mercy, when others forget to appeal to it. Let not the souls which Thou hast created be parted from thee, their Creator. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

My final advice and encouragement.

Maybe praying for your **deceased loved ones** does not change where they are, but it changes *you*. It keeps your faith alive. Every whispered **prayer for eternal rest**, every tear that falls mid-sentence, every verse you cling to—those are bricks in a bridge stretching toward Heaven. If you can, make prayer a small habit. Light a candle, write their names in the November list and the book of remembrance, or speak this single line throughout this month and always: **“Lord, thank You for them. Keep them in Your light.”** That is it. And remember: grief is not something to be solved. It is something to be lived through—with **hope, faith, and divine comfort**. If this spoke to your heart, take a moment. Write one memory of your loved ones. Turn it into a prayer. Speak it aloud. Light a candle for them. Let Heaven hear it echo. Because love, like **Christ Jesus**, don't die—it just changes address. **God Loves You.**

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £353.49	Non-Gift-aid: £787.82
Total: £1,141.31	

Thank you for supporting your Parish.

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 2025

A. Cash / cheques – £5,318.80
1. Gift-Aided – £1,889.54
2. Non-G/A – £3,429.26
B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £2,271.00
1. Gift-Aided – £2,179.00
2. Non-G/A - £92.00
C. Contactless Machine – £1,599.00
Total = £9,185.80 (Last month: £8,542.24)

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 tolworthac1@rcaos.org.uk or call **07851 070036**.

OLI QR CODE FOR GIVING:

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



Thank you once again for your continued support.

An elderly lady won a million pounds lottery. Wondering how to break the news to her without causing her to faint from shock, the organisers decided to engage the services of a priest. So the priest went to the lady and initiated general conversation. In the course of their discussion, the priest asked 'madam, if today you are told that you've won a million pounds, what will you do?' The lady paused for a moment and then said 'that will be great news and I'll immediately give half of the money to the person who brought such good news'. The priest fainted and died.

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