



## HOLY FAMILY - YEAR A

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## The story of my imperfect family.

The Feast of the Holy Family always makes me stop and think about my own family. We are not a perfect family as the Holy family seems in pictures. In these pictures, the Holy family features the perfect child with the perfect parents, the measure of every family life. However, neither I, nor my siblings, nor our parents, ever measured up. My Dad and Mum had many times their issue. Also, among my sibling, there was also many endless bickering and quarrels. Many tantrum and fights over nothing. With the standard of these pictures of the Holy family, my family would never pass the test of the perfect family. However, the Holy was never a perfect family. They have also many problems, and certainly, today, social services would have been called for a child left alone in Jerusalem for three days. Nevertheless, they became holy through forgiveness and loving each other for perfection is not holiness. Holiness is remembering that everyone in our family represents Jesus and we treat them with reverence and love. Holiness is faith and trust in God that is unafraid of life's brokenness. It is accepting with joy and loving our family and our personal brokenness. It is about being joyful in patience, understanding and selflessness for others. This holiness encourages us to expand our hearts consistently despite it being broken in order to allow grace and mercy flow in. In all the bickering we had as siblings, my Mum always stressed forgiveness. She would always remind us that there is nothing that love cannot forgive. She led by great example and would always forgive us. Forgiveness of people that hurt us is very hard! Honestly, growing up, I struggled with it. However, through my Mum's great example, I am learning how to forgive and let go. I am not yet perfect! Hence, the Holy family is about the hard work of love; even as swords pierce our heart. My encouragement to all is to thank God for your family, whatever your family is like, and recognize that it is God that brought you all together to help each other grow in holiness, understanding, patience, forgiveness and love. **Fr. Michael**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 28 DECEMBER 2025– 4 JANUARY 2026

**Sat 27** **18.30:** Issac & Lucy Wedding Anniversary - WB. Terry & Eileen 56th Wedding ANN

**Sun 28** **09.00:** Mary & P Hosey - RIP

**11.00:** Byrne & Vickery Family - TG (*T Rutter*)

**18.00:** Freda Cantwell - WB (*J Dunseath*)

**Mon 29** **09.30:** Catherine Yap (Healing & wellbeing) (*OLI*)

**Tues 30** **09.30:** Sowmini Babu 5th Ann (RIP).

**19.00:** Maria Sebastian (wellbeing)

**Wed 31** **09.30:** Brother Anthony Brockman (Wellbeing). *J. Espiritu*  
**19.00:** Wellbeing of the Kajaruban Family

**New Years Eve:** **22.00:** Eucharistic Exposition with Benediction

**23.15:** Holy Mass to welcome the New Year

**Thurs 1** **07.00:** People of the parish

**09.30:** Parish Volunteers

**Fri 02** **07.00:** Holy Souls

**09.30:** Deceased members of the Ssebyanzi family

**Sat 03** **09.00:** Deceased members of the Ezenwammadu family

**Sat 03** **18.30:**

**Sun 4th** **09.00:**

**11.00:**

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

**EUCARISTIC EXPOSITION:**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY:** 8AM

**MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):**

**MONDAY – FRIDAY:** 9AM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

**SATURDAY:** - 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm

**ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:**

**TUESDAY:** - After morning and evening Masses

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:**

**WEDNESDAY:** - After morning and evening Masses

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:**

**FIRST SATURDAY** - of the month, after morning Mass

**SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL**

**FIRST FRIDAY** - of the month

**YOUTH MASS**

**LAST SUNDAY** - of the month

# TODAY'S READINGS

## Entrance Antiphon: Lk 2: 16

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

**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:** O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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 3:2-6, 12-14

The Lord honoured the father above the children, and he confirmed the judgement of the mother over her sons. Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure. Whoever honours his father will be gladdened by his own children, and when he prays he will be heard. Whoever glorifies his father will have long life, and whoever obeys the Lord will refresh his mother. O son, help your father in his old age and do not grieve him as long as he lives; even if he is lacking in understanding, show indulgence; in all your strength do not despise him. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, and against your sins it will be credited to you.

**Reader: The word of the Lord.**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a**  
**Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in his ways.**

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and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be blessed and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive  
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the husband who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Sion.  
May you see Jerusalem prosper  
all the days of your life! **R**

## Second reading

### Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

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## Gospel Acclamation

### Col3:15,16

**Alleluia, alleluia!** May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts; let the message of Christ find a home with you. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel

### Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When the Magi had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Out of Egypt I called my son.' But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 'Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.' And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to

the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, so that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled, that he would be called a Nazarene.

**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** We offer you, Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation, humbly asking that, through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon**

**Bar 3: 38**

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

**Prayer after Communion** Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament, most merciful Father, to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family, so that, after the trials of this world, we may share their company for ever. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**There will be a midnight Mass to enter the new year.** There will be a prayerful moment for you to enter 2026. Come and enter the new year with new blessings.

**Fr Michael & Fr Bonaventure** Wish all parishioners a Holy and very Happy New year, and pray for God's blessings on your families, friends and

homes..

**Thanks so much to all our volunteers for the great work that you do and thank you to all who have worked to make 2025 both prayerful and beautiful at Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth. May God reward you all abundantly in the new year.**

**FR. MICHAEL WILL BE AWAY THROUGH OUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY FOR HIS ANNUAL LEAVE - IN HIS ABSENCE, FR. BONAVENTURE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PARISH. PLEASE, MEET HIM FOR ANY PARISH AND CLERGY RELATED ISSUES.**

**Fr. Bonaventure will be available in the office to sign the school form from Tuesday, 6th January to Thursday, 8th January 2026 from 2pm to 5pm.**

**CHRISTMAS APPEAL: THERE ARE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH TO SUPPORT THE CHRISTIANS WHO FACE GENOCIDE IN NORTHERN NIGERIA.** Many are displaced and face starvation. Fr. Boniface, our former assistant priest tells of the horrible situation that many are living in. This appeal will go to the purchasing of foodstuff for families.

**OLI CRIB OFFERING 2025** will be donated to the Christians who face genocide in Northern Nigeria

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS-** From Friday 19th December until Monday 5th January 2026. A big thank you to Valentino, his family and staff of DOSA restaurant that provided us with refreshment after the Christmas midnite Mass. May God bless them abundantly.

#### **OBITUARIES: IDA REBELLO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY.**

Her funeral will be on the 09.01.2026 at 13.40 at Kingston Crematorium. Please pray for her and their families.

#### **NEW YEAR MASSES**

##### **2. CHRISTMAS DAY, 25TH DECEMBER:**

##### **1. NEW YEAR'S EVE, 31ST DECEMBER:**

10pm - Eucharistic Exposition with Benediction  
11.15pm - Holy Mass to welcome the New Year.

##### **2. NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1ST JANUARY 2026:**

7.00am—Morning Mass  
9.30am - Morning Mass

**A prayer for my Family (Please, light a candle after Mass and say this prayer for your family)**

**Dear God, when I feel frustrated with my family – misunderstood, rejected, or angry – please be present. When things feel messy and chaotic, bring your peace. When we are short-tempered or self-absorbed, remind us of your perfect love. I bring to you the challenging parts of family life. Where there are conflicts or difficulties, I ask that you bring healing peace. Keep us on the right path and hold our family close. When we are dealing with past hurts and troubles, help us to forgive as you do. When we are grappling with future uncertainties, be with us Lord God, by your Holy Spirit. When we face challenges, and when our circumstances threaten to divide us, be the bridge that connects us. Amen**

# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

## General Prayer for a Happy Family

Gracious God, help us to love each other fervently. Grow our love so deep that it is able and willing to overcome and forgive a multitude of misgivings. Inspire a spirit of hospitality in each of us and enable us to cheerfully share our home. We acknowledge that you have given each of us spiritual gifts. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

## Prayer for family Unity

Father, we thank You for Your blessing over our family. Help us to be unified. Help us to speak the same language and share the same vision that You have for us. Lord, guide us and keep us on the right path. I pray that NO weapon formed against my family will prosper. No plot, ploy or scheme from the enemy will divide us or cause dissension in our house. Help us to stand in unity preferring one another over ourselves and loving You above all else. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## Parent's Prayer for their children to Have a Heart for God.

Father, thank you for each one of my precious children. Lord, you know their hearts. You know their strengths, their weaknesses and every tiny detail about them. God, I pray that You draw them closer to You. Show them who You are. Let them see their need for you, Lord. Capture their hearts and fill them with Your Spirit. Lord, I pray that they would seek You above all else. That as they wake up in the morning and go to sleep at night, You would be on their minds and hearts. That everywhere they go and in everything they do, they would see You. Amen

**Somebody has well said** that there are only two kinds of people in the world - there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning.

**Smith climbs to the top of Mount Sinai to talk to God.** Looking up, he asks the Lord. "God, what does a million years mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A minute." Smith asks, "And what does a million dollars mean to you?" The Lord replies, "A penny." Smith asks, "Can I have a penny?" The Lord replies, "In a minute."

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

**WEEKLY COLLECTION UPDATE IS SUSPENDED TILL SECOND**

**SUNDAY OF JANUARY WHEN THE PARISH OFFICE REOPENS.**

**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](http://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](mailto:tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk) or call **07851 070036**.

## OLI PARISH COMMUNITY SPACE NOW LIVE

### Want to connect with any parish group?

Our new *OLI Parish Community* on WhatsApp is now live. Speak to your group admin if you'd like to join.



OLI Parish Tolworth Community  
Community · 7 groups

**What is it?** A simple umbrella space that brings parish WhatsApp groups together. Each group stays independent with its own admins and settings.

**What's the purpose?** Helping people find and connect to parish groups more easily.

**Already connected:** *Bible Study, Youth Mass, 9am Tea & Coffee, Warm Welcome, Sing to the Elderly, YD Planning Team.*

**Groups that can join next:** *Catechists, Readers, Choir, Stewards, Bereavement, Finance, Cleaning, Lenten Project groups (African-Caribbean, South Indian, Sri Lankan, Filipino), Extraordinary Ministry, and other parish ministries.*

**Will it create more chat?** No. Parishioners only receive messages from the groups they choose to join. No one is added automatically. Group admins who wish to include their group can contact the parish office for the link.

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