



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - A

07 December 2025

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E-mail: tolworth@rcaos.org.uk □ www.olionline.co.uk □ **PARISH OFFICE:** Mon-Fri from 10am to 2pm
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Mary is the advent of Christ.

The celebration of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother has been strategically placed by God at the heart of Advent —not to distract us from the coming of Christ, but to prepare us better for it. Mary is the advent of Christ; she prepares the world and the Church to the coming of Christ. Mary is the model of every Christian in preparing for the coming of Jesus. Her prophecy that “all generations will call me blessed” (Lk. 1:48) indicates that she appreciates that grace of God is everything. Even, her surrender and trust to God are also gifts of grace. That is why she responded to Elizabeth’s praise with the humble and joyful prayer of the Magnificat: “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.” By this prayer, she deflects all praises given her right back to God, the source of her greatness. There is no focusing on the self from her. She knew that God loves us when we make ourselves as small as we can because it gives Him the greatest room to make us His masterpieces. Also, Immaculate references “without stain” and reminds us that self-centeredness, impurity, jealousy, putting material wants before God stain families, relationship, community, church and the self. Being Immaculate involves that she has lost all her identity to God through her humility and faith, and now, she is full of grace. Her life is about God and nothing else. Remember that only the soul that does not magnify itself can magnify the Lord, and that can only happen when we centre our lives on God and not our ourselves nor on anything else. Her life magnifies and illuminates God to us. Jesus is the greatest gift that we can ever bring to someone we love. At Christmas we need to remember this. Gifts of clothes, electronics and toys are nice but the gift of Jesus is the best and the ultimate of all. Like Mary, give your family and friends. Fr. Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 07 - 14 DECEMBER 2025

Sat 06 18.30: Marie Fahy - BD & WB

Sun 07 09.00: Adrian Noronha - 20th Birthday

11.00: Mary Joyce (*M - J Gray*)

18.00: People of the Parish

The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary - FEAST

Mon 08 09.30: Subscribers to Church Building Fund - RIP (*FM*)

Tues 09 09.30: George & Nubia Wedding Anniversary

19.00: Carlota Fernandes - RIP (*J Fernandes*)

Wed 10 09.30: Thanksgiving (*M Sebastian*)

19.00: Dec'd Mems of the Mundow Family

Thurs 11 07.00: Robert & Anne Eales - RIP (*FM*)

09.30: Giulietta & Romano - RIP (*K Jankowski*)

Fri 12 07.00: Jer Jer Al Deen M (*J Hodgson*)

09.30: Dec'd Mems of the Simmonds Family (*K Jankowski*)

St Lucy, Virgin & Martyr - MEMORIAL

Sat 13 09.00: Monica Tett - WB

Sat 13 18.30: Anne Davis - WB (*R Tibbs*)

Sun 14 09.00: Michael Morrissey - RIP (*P Buchanan*)

11.00: Thanksgiving Mass for Volunteers of the Parish

18.00: People of the Parish

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

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. Is 30: 19, 30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Advent Prayer (Together let us Say)

Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, we light this candle as a sign of the peace you bring. Help us to clear our hearts of all that hinders you, so that your Holy Spirit may fill us with joy and quiet calm. We pray for all who suffer from war, conflict, and injustice. May God's peace fill our hearts and our world, making room for Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to be born anew in us. Amen

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**

Opening Prayer: Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to his company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples — of him shall the nations enquire, and his resting-place shall be glorious.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17. R cf. 7

In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice,
and your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth. **R**
For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,

the poor who have no one to help.

He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy. **R**

May his name endure for ever,
his name continue like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blest in him,
all nations shall call him blessed. **R**

Second reading

Romans 15:4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.'

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.' For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, 'The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight."' Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our father", for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 'I baptise you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

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 Be pleased, O Lord, with our humble prayers and offerings, and, since we have no merits to plead our cause, come, we pray, to our rescue with the protection of your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Communion Antiphon **Bar 5: 5; 4: 36**

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Prayer after Communion: Replenished by the food of spiritual nourishment, we humbly beseech you, O Lord, that, through our partaking in this mystery, you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE ON OUR FEAST DAY, MAY OUR LADY IMMACULATE continue to intercede for us. There will be parish celebration in the hall after the 11am Mass.

CHRISTMAS FLYERS Christmas service flyers are available at the back of the church. Please take one to check the times of our Christmas services, and kindly take a few more to distribute in your neighbourhood. Thank you for helping us share the Good News this season.

HALL BOOKINGS FOR 2026 - Fr Michael asks all groups, chaplaincies, and volunteers who use the big community hall to see Denise in the parish office as soon as possible this week in order to secure their bookings for 2026. Thank you.

SCAM MOBILE MESSAGES & EMAILS: We have been made aware that some parishioners are receiving scam messages & emails pretending to be from Fr Michael, using wording such as: *"Hello, Are you occupied at the moment? I have a quick favour to ask. Fr Michael Ezenwaddmadu, CSSp."* This has been reported to the Diocese. If you receive any messages like this, please ignore them and report it to the Parish Office immediately. Thank you.

THE NARTHEX HAS BEEN REARRANGED TO LOOK BETTER. Please, take a look at our Advent liturgical materials. Thanks so much to Steffica & Denise for arranging it all.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR THE CLERGY The collection taken at all Christmas Masses is your gift to your priests and the Spiritans. It will be used for the mission. As usual, envelopes are available in the Narthex. If you are a member of the parish Gift Aid scheme, please enter your gift aid number on the envelope to enable tax to be reclaimed for the benefit of the parish. Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - will hold a pre-Christmas Bereavement Group on **Monday, 15th December 2025 at 7.00pm**. Please come if you feel this may offer support and comfort on your journey of grief at this time. From the New Year, our Bereavement Group will meet **on the first Monday of each month from 7.00-8.00pm**. All who are living with grief or loss are warmly welcome.

FR. MICHAEL WILL BE AWAY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY FOR HIS ANNUAL LEAVE - if you have anything that you will like to discuss with him, please, do it as soon as possible in the month of December.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS - From Friday 19th December until Monday 5th January 2026.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ON THE 14TH OF DECEMBER AT THE 11AM MASS. This is to thank all our volunteers for the wonderful work they do for us. There will be a small celebration after the Mass in the hall.

2ND COLLECTION THISWEEKEND: For Christmas Flowers

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PARISH NEEDS VOLUNTEERS WITH EXPERIENCES IN FUNDRAISING AND INSURANCE. Please, speak to any of the parish clergy or send an email to the parish office.

EVERGREEN FOLIAGE FOR CHRISTMAS - If you have evergreen shrubs or bushes in your garden and can spare a few branches? Please bring to the Church, RDJ room on **(20th & 21st December)**. Our lovely flower arrangers are collecting green foliage for the Christmas displays. Thank you.

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE DONATIONS: We are collecting donations towards the outdoor Christmas tree this year. If you would like to contribute, please take an envelope and place it either in the weekly collection or through the Presbytery letterbox. Thank you.

Advent Activities

1. Morning Prayer of the Church: 9am, Monday-Friday. Please join us to pray the psalms & intercessions daily.

2. OLI Christingle Service: Wednesday, 17th December at 5pm in the Church. This Service is a special Children Service for Advent and celebrates Christ, the Light of the World. Children (and adults) are invited to bring a Christingle to the Service. Instructions on how to make a Christingle can be found on the Parish website <http://www.olionline.co.uk>. A candle will be provided when you arrive at the Service

3. Reconciliation Service: Thursday, 18th December at 7pm. The celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the important spiritual preparations that we can and should make during Advent. Visiting priests will be available to minister the Sacrament of Reconciliation

4. MASS FOR THE SICK & ELDERLY: We warmly invite all our sick and elderly parishioners to a special Mass on **Sunday 21st December at 11am**. The Anointing of the Sick will be offered during the celebration.

5. Parish Service of Lessons & Carols: The parish service of Lessons and Carols is on Sunday, **21st December at 3.30pm**. Please do come along to this. We have put together a special enlarged choir for this traditional service, which consists of readings from Sacred Scripture and lots of traditional Christmas music. It will be a very good event to celebrate the arrival of Christmas. There will be mince pie and mulled wine in the hall after the carol service

6. Reconciliation During All Masses: Sunday, 21st December. There will be confession during all the Masses.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES

1. CHRISTMAS EVE, 24TH DECEMBER:

5pm - Vigil Mass 1.
7pm - Vigil Mass 2.
10pm - Mass in the Night
(Carol singing - 9.30pm)

2. CHRISTMAS DAY, 25TH DECEMBER:

8am - Mass at Dawn
9.15am - Mass During the Day 1
11am - Mass During the Day 2
6pm - Evening Mass

3. NEW YEAR'S EVE, 31ST DECEMBER:

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

4. NEW YEAR'S DAY, 1ST JANUARY 2026:

9.30am - Morning Mass

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

DONATIONS OF CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND TREES are needed, please. If you have any Christmas trees or decorations that you can spare, we would be very grateful to receive them. Your donations will help us to decorate the Narthex, Old Chapel, RDG room for altar servers and the Presbytery. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 wimbledon@rcaos.org.uk. Closing date: 10th December 2025.

Prayers with the Advent Wreath at home :
Week 2 - Light the second purple candle Child:
 Jesus, our brother, we ask you to bless our family during this Advent time. We light these candles to remind us that you bring light into our lives and into the world. We thank you for showing us how to show love and be kind and help those who need help. **Adult:** God, your story of love for people all through time reminds us that you are with us, offering us light and hope. .Help us to trust in you this week. **All the family:** Come Lord Jesus into our hearts and into our home.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £414.49	Non-Gift-aid:	£726.36
	Total:	£1,140.85
2nd Collection:		£395.59

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 tolworthgae1@rcaos.org.uk or call

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.

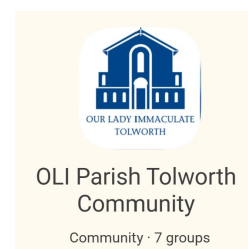
What is it? A simple umbrella space that brings parish WhatsApp groups together. Each group stays independent with its own admins and settings.

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.



TEACHER: Michael, why are you doing your Maths multiplication on the floor?

Michael: You told me to do it without using tables.

TEACHER: Michael, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

Michael: No, sir. It's the same dog.

TEACHER: Michael, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

Michael: A teacher

TEACHER: Michael, what is the chemical formula for water?

Michael: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

Michael: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

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