



## 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

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25 January 2026



Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

### A Call from Darkness to Light

After thirty years with the family in Nazareth, the time came for Jesus to start his public ministry. With John the Baptist's arrest (Mt 4:12-13), Jesus saw that the renewal movement John had started needed a leader, and he was the most suited for the duty. He continued with John's gospel of repentance, for the kingdom was close at hand. Some of John disciples were the first to follow Jesus, and then he started calling his own. He first got two pairs of brothers, that is Peter and Andrew, plus the sons of Zebedee, James and John. They were all fishermen, and he transformed them into fishers of men. They left everything (boats, nets and their parents) and followed him at once. Reflecting on the call of these first disciples, Pope Francis shared, "There are different ways of carrying out the plan that God has for each of us, which is always a plan of love... And the greatest joy for every believer is to respond to this call, to offer all at the service of God and their brethren." At our baptism, we accepted Jesus's, call and shared in his priestly and prophetic ministry. As a fisher of men, how often have I shared God's word to win souls for Christ? Even when I don't use words, how exemplary is my life of witness to draw people to the saviour (Mt 5:13-16)? Those who were called, immediately left their belongings and parents and followed Jesus. How easy is it to separate myself from my dark life and other attachments so as to embrace Christ and his light? When am I to denounce the fraudulent business dealings, insincerity, injustice, laziness in my prayer and sacramental life? The day to heed to the Lord's call is today, just like Peter, Andrew, James and John. Let us cast off our life of darkness and embrace Christ's light.

**Fr. Bonaventure. CSSp.**

#### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 25 JANUARY - 01 FEBRUARY 2026

**Sat 24** **18.30:** Phil Vallis - RIP (*P Townsend*)

**Sun 25** **09.00:** Tony Fazal - RIP (*P Fazal*)

**11.00:** Trisha Ives - Healing & WB (*C Stevens*)

**18.00:** Eileen Cole - Ints (*M Fahy*)

#### STS TIMOTHY & TITUS, BISHOPS - MEMORIAL

**Mon 26** **09.30:** Rita Noronha - BD

**Tues 27** **09.30:** Melwin Amaral Dias - RIP (*L & B Louis*)

**19.00:** Stephen Dinn - WB (*M Fahy*)

#### ST THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST & DR OF THE CHURCH - MEMORIAL

**Wed 28** **09.30:** Maria Pinto - RIP, 1st Anni (*A Jasper*)

**19.00:** Antonio Ciaiola - RIP (*M Ciaiola*)

**Thurs 29** **07.00:** Dorothy Hawes - RIP (*FM*)

**09.30:** Max Ayers - Healing & WB (*E McNamee*)

**Fri 30** **07.00:** Holy Souls

**09.30:** Timothy Aseervathan - RIP (*L & B Louis*)

#### STS JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST - MEMORIAL

**Sat 31** **09.00:** Rooney Family - Ints (*M Tett*)

**Sat 31** **18.30:** Kandiah Paramanathan - RIP (*OLI Parish*)

**Sun 01** **09.00:** Barbra Warner- RIP(*P Mitchell*) & Antonia Pacheco - RIP

**11.00:** Michael & Ortanza Aletrari - RIP (*J Tanousis*)

**18.00:** John Newton - Ints (*M Fahy*)

**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially June Munk, William Rooney, Kandiah Paramanathan 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, Jisha Nelson, Vinitha Sherin, Lionel Holland, Peter & Phil Tull, Julie Brian, & 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: Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

**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, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. 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

### Isaiah 9:1b-4

In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 27(26):1. 4. 13-14. R1a

### *The LORD is my light and my salvation.*

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom should I dread? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,  
only this do I seek:  
to live in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,  
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,  
to enquire at his temple. **R**

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Wait for the LORD; be strong;  
be stout-hearted, and wait for the LORD! **R**

## Second reading

### 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul', or 'I follow Apollos', or 'I follow Cephas', or 'I follow Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

### Cf. Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom and healed every affliction among the people. Alleluia.

## Gospel

### Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles — the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

**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

Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**Or:**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

**Prayer after Communion:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### LENT 2026

The season of Lent 2026 will begin on **Ash Wednesday**, 18 February, a day of fasting and abstinence. There will be **three Masses** here in the parish on that day:

1. 7.00am: Early Morning Mass
2. 9.30am: Morning Mass
3. 7.00pm: Evening Mass

### Stations of the Cross:

Fridays through Lent after 9.30am Mass (*English*)  
6pm (*Syro Malabar Community*)

*More Lenten details & the Holy Week Programme to follow*

### NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DEANERY DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ST ANNE'S, KINGSTON HILL – Saturday, 31 January**, from **10:00 am**, followed by Holy Mass at 12:00 noon. The morning will include two reactive sessions, helping readers to deepen their experience of proclaiming the Word and Eucharistic Ministers to renew their understanding of their sacred ministry. A schedule for the day is available from Denise in the office. All readers and Eucharistic Ministers are warmly encouraged to attend.

### EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT GERARD

**BRADLEY:** His Holiness Pope Leo XIV has appointed Canon Gerard Bradley as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Southwark. The Holy Father has assigned him the Titular See of Beverley, the birthplace in Yorkshire of St John Fisher, beloved to us all in our Archdiocese as a former Catholic Bishop of Rochester. Bishop-elect Gerard's Episcopal Ordination and Mass is on **Monday 2 February 2026 at 12.30pm**, the Feast of the Presentation, at St George's Cathedral. Please keep Bishop-elect Gerard in your prayers as he prepares for his Episcopal Ordination.

### LEGION OF MARY

The Parish has been approached to form a Legion of Mary group. At the Saturday and Sunday weekend Masses of 7 & 8 Feb, the Legion of Mary in our Surrey area will be giving a talk about the Legion with the intent of setting up a similar group in our Parish.

**2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND:** is for the maintenance of St Georges Cathedral

**2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND:** is for Racial Justice. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and in wider society

### OBITUARIES

#### † KANDIAH PARAMANATHAN

Please remember in your prayers Kandiah Paramanathan who sadly passed away on 19th January aged 94yrs. May he rest in peace.

**Funeral:** OLI - Saturday, 7th February, 11.00am

#### † WILLIAM ROONEY

Kindly pray for William Rooney who sadly passed away on 15th January aged 83yrs. May he rest in peace.

**Funeral:** OLI - Friday, 20th February, 11.30am

#### † JUNE MUNK

Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of June Munk who recently sadly passed away. May she rest in peace.

### PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PALM BRANCHES FROM LAST PALM SUNDAY:** By Catholic custom, the ashes used on Ash Wednesday are derived from the blessed palm branches from the previous Palm Sunday. Kindly drop them in the designated basket in the narthex. Many thanks.

### OLI Youth Ministry Free Pizza & Snacks!

Our next event is on Sunday 25 January 2026 12.30-1.45pm in the main hall for young people aged 12-21." **Join us for an exciting praise and worship session that gives young people the chance to express their faith through music, in collaboration with the Catenian Association**

### OUR LADY IMMACULATE SCHOOL TALENT SHOW

Come and enjoy a heart-warming evening as pupils from Our Lady Immaculate School showcase their amazing talents. From music and dance to truly sweet performances, it promises to be a joyful event for all. **Friday 6th February, 6.30pm** Tickets £5, available from the OLI School Office.

# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

## PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2026 – DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Following the Lenten Project Planning Meeting on Monday 19 January, the programme of fundraising events for 2026 has been agreed as follows:

- **Sat 7 Feb** – Distribution of Lenten Project Boxes
- **Sun 1 Mar** – Youth-led Fundraising Event
- **Sat 7 Mar** – Sponsored Walk
- **Fri 20 Mar** – Toy Donations from OLI Families
- **Fri 20 Mar** – Noah's Ark Pre-school LP Fundraising
- **Sat 21 & Sun 22 Mar** – Table-Top Sale
- **Wed 25 – Thurs 26 Mar** – OLI School LP Fundraising Events
- **Thu 2 Apr** – Maundy Thursday Collection
- **Sat 11 Apr** – Return of Lenten Project Boxes
- **Sat 11 Apr** – South Indian Cultural Night
- **Sat 9 May** – Filipino Cultural Night
- **Sat 16 May** – Jumble Sale
- **Sat 6 Jun (tbc)** – African-Caribbean Cultural Night
- **Sat 20 Jun (tbc)** – Sri Lankan Cultural Night (tbc)
- **Fri 5 / Sat 6 Sept** – Charity Nominations Open
- **Mon 9 Nov** – Lenten Project AGM

Full details will be shared in the Parish Newsletter and on the Parish website as each event approaches.

Johnny had been misbehaving and was sent to his room. After a while, he came downstairs and informed his mother that he had thought it over and has then said a prayer. "Good" said his pleased mother, "If you ask God to help you not to misbehave, He will always help you".

"Oh, I didn't ask him to help me not misbehave" said Johnny, "I asked Him to help you to put up with me!".

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## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### **LAST WEEKEND**

**Gift-aid:** £399.62

**Non-Gift-aid:** £541.88

**Total: £941.50**

*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***

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*Thank you once again for your continued support.*

## **RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - 1ST FEBRUARY, 2026**

Archbishop John Wilson will celebrate Mass for Racial Justice Sunday at St George's Cathedral on Sunday 1 February 2026, at 10am. Racial Justice Sunday is a time for the Church to pray, reflect and take action against racism. If you would like, please gather outside the cathedral at 9.45am to join the procession of national flags. After Mass, all are welcome to gather in Amigo Hall for refreshments - a chance to meet one another, share experiences and continue the conversation about faith and inclusion. You are warmly encouraged to attend in person, but if you cannot make it you can watch the livestream through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/fdmGwmESSgI>

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SIMON	PETER	ANDREW
JAMES	ZEBEDEE	JOHN

