



2ND SUNDAY IN LENT - A

1st March 2026

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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

Two Stories of Transfiguration

There is a story of three gold miners who were working in the Montana territory. One day they struck gold. Overcome with joy, they danced and shouted, slapping one another on the back, and crying "We found it! We're rich!" Then a more sober thought occurred to them: they must keep their discovery a secret, or there would be a stampede of other prospectors. On their next trip into town for supplies, not one of them breathed a word about their miraculous find. Yet as they prepared to leave town, they were startled to see hundreds of men, pickaxes in hand, lined up to follow them. When they asked who had squealed, the reply came: "No one...we could read it in your faces!" Our faces can never truly hide what fills our hearts. Faith, hope, and love are too powerful to conceal. When someone has encountered God, people notice. Your life will change and people will flock to you. The fruits of such an encounter will always have an impact on others. Quite a different story from the first is the Greek myth of Narcissus, from where we get the word "narcissism." Narcissus was said to be more physically attractive than any other man alive. All the young women were desperate to be with him. Yet Narcissus was also proud and vain. He scorned everyone who sought his favour. Finally, one of his jilted lovers prayed the prayer, "May he who loves not others love himself." The goddess, Nemesis, heard the prayer, and arranged for it to come true. Sitting by a still pond one day, Narcissus caught sight of his own reflection. He instantly fell in love with himself. So consumed was he with his own image that he could not bring himself to leave the water's edge. Eventually he withered and died. When we turn away from God and other people and focus only on ourselves, we shrink, rather than flourish, and in time people turn away from us.

Fr. Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 01 - 08 MARCH 2026

- Sat 28** 18.30: John James Morello - RIP (*P Morello*)
- Sun 01** 09.00: Anastasia Ezenwammadu (RIP ANN).
11.00: Fred Cantwell (WB) (*J.Dunseath*).
18.00: People of the Parish
- Mon 02** 09.30: John Philip Louis - RIP, 1st Ann (*Louis Family*)
- Tues 03** 09.30: Paul Louie - BD & WB
19.00: Joseph Antonisamy - RIP (*Mary & Suresh*)
- Wed 04** 09.30: Angelica D'Agostino (*F D'Agostino*)
19.00: Colleen Kevin - RIP & Paul Hillyer - Recovery (*A Price*)
- Thurs 05** 07.00: Denis D'Mello - RIP (*FM*)
09.30: Wellbeing of Christopher (*Ghislaine*)
- Fri 06** 07.00: Valentine Ezenwammadu (RIP ANN).
09.30: Julie Delaney
- Sat 07** 09.00: Regina Sellammah (RIP ANN).
- Sat 07** 18.30: Margaret Weston - Recovery (*Houston Family*)
- Sun 08** 09.00: Joe Cullinan - RIP (*P Grogan*)
11.00: Paul Louie - BD & WB (*L Ko*)
18.00: Janaki & Jebamalai Muthu - RIP (*Mary & Suresh*)

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially Christine Lomas, Denis Enright 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.

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 26: 8-9

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

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: O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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

Genesis 12:1-4a

In those days: The Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33(32):4-5. 18-19. 20, 22. R5b

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.

The word of the Lord is upright, and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right, and his merciful love fills the earth. **R**

Yes, the Lord's eyes are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their soul from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

He is our help and our shield.

May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord. **R**

Second reading

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: We share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, who saved us and called us to a holy calling not because of our works, but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, O

Christ, Wisdom of God the Father. From a bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my beloved Son,

listen to him'. Glory to you, O Christ, Wisdom of God the Father.

Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.' When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Rise, and have no fear.' And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one, but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, 'Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.'

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 May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Mt 17: 5

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Prayer after Communion: As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LENT 2026

Stations of the Cross: Fridays through Lent after 9.30am Mass (*English*) 6pm (*Syro Malabar Community*)

EASTER 2026

- PALM SUNDAY (29th MARCH)**
6pm Blessings of Palms and procession to the Church from the Hall at 9am and 11am Masses
- MONDAY (30th MARCH)**
7pm – Penitential Service with Individual Confessions
- MAUNDY THURSDAY (2nd April)**
9.00am: Office of Readings & Lauds
4.00pm: Sacrament of Reconciliation
5.00pm: Mass of the Last Supper
8.00pm: Mass of the Last Supper followed by watching at the Chapel of Repose, closing with Night Prayer before Midnight.
- GOOD FRIDAY (3rd April)**
9.00am: Office of Readings & Lauds
9.30-10.30am: Sacrament of Reconciliation
11.00am: Service of the Passion with Children
3.00pm: Commemoration of the Passion & Adoration of the Cross
7.00pm Way of the Cross
- HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL (4th April)**
9.00am: Office of Readings & Lauds
8.00pm Easter Vigil in the Holy Night & Sacraments of Initiation
- EASTER SUNDAY (5th April)**
Masses at 9am; 11am; and 6pm

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS SO MUCH TO THE EVANGELISATION TEAM: For explaining THE SIGN OF THE CROSS to us.

WHY THE PENITENTIAL ACT? This will be explained next Sunday by the evangelisation team. During this season of Lent, the evangelisation team will lead us in understanding the meaning behind the different parts of the Holy Mass. For this year, we will be explaining the introductory part of the Mass during the season of lent..

FRS MICHAEL AND FR. BONAVENTURE WILL BE DOING THE 48 KILOMETER SPONSORED WALK next Saturday. Please, pray for them to survive it and please also sponsor them with your donations.

EASTER RAFFLE: The Altar Servers & Youth Group will be selling tickets at £1 per ticket for our Easter raffle. Prizes include £100, bottle of Champagne and beautiful Easter Egg hampers. The draw will take place on Easter Sunday and all proceeds will go to the Parish Development Fund. Donations of prizes to be included in the raffle will be gratefully accepted. Thanks so much to Wendy in the Parish office who donated many of the prizes. Thank you.

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: CAFOD (Lent)

WE WELCOME FR. UGOO, The Provincial of the Spiritan for his annual canonical visitation to the Spiritan mission here. May God bless the missionary works of the Spiritans.

FR. MICHAEL WILL BE AWAY FROM THE PARISH FROM SUNDAY 1st of March to Saturday 7th of March for his annual retreat. Please see Fr. Bonaventure if you have an urgent issue to discuss.

A SINCERE THANK YOU TO THE OLI 9AM TEA & COFFEE GROUP: For giving all of their donations totaling £125 to the Parish Development Fund.

KINGSTON FOODBANK Donations will be collected this weekend

at each mass. Thank you for your continued support and generous donations.

KINGSTON BEREAVEMENT TEAM Would like to remind parishioners that the monthly support group will take place Monday 2/03/2026. All those grieving or who have suffered a bereavement are warmly welcomed to this supportive space. 7p.m to 8p.m. Old Chapel. Any queries, please contact the parish office.

URGENT: LAST CHANCE TO LOBBY LORDS TO STOP DECRIMINALISATION OF ABORTION AND ASSISTED SUICIDE: In the first half of 2026, Parliament will vote to approve or reject both abortion up to birth. We are now in the last stretch to lobby peers to do something about these horrific proposals before they are sent back to the House of Commons. Please write to peers using the online tool at <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/> which helps you generate a letter either to send in the post, or to send by email. Please see/collect a flyer in the Narthex.

EVENING CONCERT – SATURDAY 7TH MARCH AT 7 PM ST RAPHAEL'S CHURCH HALL, ENTRANCE IS FREE - RETIRING COLLECTION – The Romantic poet William Blake has been described as a 'guardian spirit of our Island nation.' The event is in support of SPUC, the Society For The Protection of Unborn Children, and celebrates Blake and the Romantic movement in an evening of poetry set to music.

ST PATRICK'S DAY: We are delighted to invite all Families associated with the Parish to our St. Patrick's day party on Friday the 13th of March in Richard Challoner School. It is a fantastic family event suitable for all ages. The link to buy tickets is: <https://richard-challoner-school-pta.sumupstore.com/>

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS RESPONSES FOR PEOPLE NEW TO THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FAITH ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. It will help them to follow the Mass. Thanks to Marielen for producing this.

THERE ARE STATION OF THE CROSS SHEETS at the back of the Church. You can take a copy and use it at home for your private devotion or with your family.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE: will be on Monday, 30th March at 7pm. Confession is every Saturday immediately after the 9.00am Mass and 5.30-6.00pm before the Saturday evening Mass. A regular confession is very important for our spiritual growth and helps us deepen our relationship with God and others.

OUR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND LIST is being updated and visitation to the sick and housebound has started. If you know any parishioner that is sick or housebound, please do let the clergy or parish office know so that we can visit them.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S RENEWAL RETREAT - Saturday, 21st of March at 11.45am - 12.45pm, Church. This is mandatory for every Eucharistic minister to enable them to do their annual renewal of commitment on Maundy Thursday. Without such renewal, one may not be able to continue as a Eucharistic minister.

OBITUARY † DENIS ENRIGHT

Kindly pray for Denis Enright who sadly passed away on 12th February in Kingston Hospital. May he rest in peace. **Funeral:** Catherine of Sienna Church, Chessington on Wed 11th March at 10.30am.

A Prayer for Staying Close to God: Gracious Lord, I want to walk closely with you today. In every conversation, decision, and distraction, keep me mindful of your presence. When I feel overwhelmed, let me find calm in your nearness. Give me a heart that listens, a spirit that trusts, and eyes that notice your goodness around me. Amen.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2026

Bake, Sell and Win - 1st March 2026: The OLI Youth Ministry is planning a Youth Star Baker Fundraiser after the 9am and 11am Masses on Sunday 1 March. Young people are invited to enter the OLI Youth Star Baker Competition and sell their bakes in support of the Lenten Project. All entries will be sold after Mass to raise funds for the Lenten Project. One young person will be awarded the OLI Youth Star Baker Trophy. Sign up using the forms at the Narthex or on the Parish website.

Sponsored Walk - 7th March 2026

This year's Sponsored Walk will be a 48km (30-mile) route along the River Thames. Walkers will set off from OLI Church at 7am, heading to Putney Bridge before returning to OLI mid-afternoon. If you would like to take part, please contact Elspeth Casey

(elspeth.casey23@gmail.com) and request to join the **Tolworth Trekkers WhatsApp group** on the OLI Community Space. To sponsor the walkers, please either place donations in an envelope through the Presbytery door or donate online via the QR code. Thank you for your support and generosity.



John's DIY Services - supporting the Lenten Project. All household DIY and repair jobs considered, from redecorating to garden fencing. Give John a ring to discuss your needs: **07561 493810**. All proceeds in support of the Lenten Project.

March Dates for Your Diary:

- **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 Events

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £642.42

Non-Gift-aid: £590.23

Total: £1,232.65

2nd Collection: *Parish Development Fund* £239.22

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 tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk or call **07851 070036**.



Thank you once again for your continued support.

PAST SECOND COLLECTIONS

PARISH DEVELOPMENT FUND 2025: £3,573.60

THE 2025 CHRISTMAS CRIB COLLECTION IN AID OF THE CHRISTIANS WHO FACE GENOCIDE IN NIGERIA: £1,237.79

2026

ST GEORGES CATHEDRAL : £129.90

RACIAL JUSTICE: £182.63

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND: £539.70

Thank you for your generosity.

An elderly couple, a priest, and a doctor walk into a bar. As they are sitting down and drinking, they eventually start talking about conception and the question of "When does life begin?" The priest said "The Bible states that life begins at conception, *Jeremiah 1:5.*" "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you. This is God's word so it is true." The doctor looked at the priest in funny way and said, "You cannot be serious, I have been in practice for years and life begins at birth when you breathe your first breath of air." In unison, the elderly couple said; "You are both wrong, life begins when your kids finally move out of the house."

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