



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

15 February 2026

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May our love never fail!

This weekend is Valentine's day, but what does the day actually mean? It is a day that evokes a spectrum of emotions, from grief and sadness to joy and excitement. Although this day has been commercialized as the celebration of romantic love, it actually involves everyone. Love connects all of us and love keeps all of us going for God is love. Love has the power to heal, inspire and transform. It turns death into life and turns what is ordinary of others into extraordinary. Love is that sacrifice that sees the best of the other and seeks the greatest good for the other. It is so powerful that nothing can stop and silence it when it mirrors Jesus' sacrificial love. I witnessed vividly this about love when I visited a care home and met a man who came to visit his wife that has got dementia. The wife no longer recognizes him but the husband never left her side. He dutifully visits her everyday and spends his afternoon in her company. Despite the wife not recognizing him, this man proclaims with a mixture of joy and tears to me; "we have been married for 56 years." In so many ways, this proclamation reminds of a sacrificial love that is unconditional and cannot be silenced by any change in life's circumstance, though there may be emptiness. It reminds us that love is the commitment to be there for someone through the lows and high of life. It means that despite challenges, love grows rather than fails. Far from complaining about how life has short-changed him by depriving him of the company of her wife, this man proclaims like the good news, the new and perhaps unfamiliar form that their love has turned into. Valentine's Day, named after Saint Valentine, who defied the Emperor by secretly marrying Christian couples and assisting persecuted believers is rooted in sacrificial love. Therefore, let us celebrate the gift of love by loving sacrificially like Christ. May our love never fade or fail.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 15 - 22 FEBRUARY 2026

Sat 14	18.30: Alexander Mereshchakov - RIP (<i>Jo</i>)
Sun 15	09.00: Mario Cassar - RIP (<i>P Mitchell</i>) Henry Hammerton (RIP) 11.00: Alfie Middleton - Healing & WB (<i>S & S Tremenheere</i>) 18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 16	09.30: Margaret & Thomas Kane - RIP (<i>K Jankowski</i>)
Tues 17	09.30: Kandiah Paramanathan - RIP (<i>Mr & Mrs Louis & Family</i>) 19.00: Holy Souls (<i>J. Dunseath</i>) <u>ASH WEDNESDAY - FEAST</u>
Wed 18	09.30: Vincent License - RIP, 1st Anni (<i>Maranzano</i>) 19.00: John Walsh (RIP) (<i>J. Dunseath</i>)
Thurs 19	07.00: Susan & James Walsh (RIP) (<i>J. Dunseath</i>) 09.30: Paddy - RIP & Ben Casey - WB (<i>M Tett</i>)
Fri 20	07.00: Sick and Housebound parishioners 09.30: Magdalena & Francis D'Souza - RIP (<i>P Fazal</i>)
Sat 21	09.00: Pat Stanton - RIP
Sat 21	18.30: People of the Parish
Sun 22	09.00: Godlove Sache (God's healing and comfort) (<i>OLI</i>). 11.00: Thanksgiving (<i>C Yap</i>) 18.00: Tony Pereira - RIP (<i>L Fedrandes</i>)

REMEMBRANCE: Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially June Munk, William Rooney, Kandiah Paramanathan, Christine Lomas 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 30: 3-4

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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 teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. 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.

First reading

Sirach 15:15-20

If you desire, you will keep the commandments, and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. For great is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power and sees everything; his eyes are on those who fear him, and he knows a person's every deed. He has not commanded anyone to be ungodly, and he has not given anyone permission to sin.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 119(118):1-217-18. 33-34. R1b

Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those who keep his decrees!

With all their hearts they seek him. **R**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept.

May my ways be firm

in keeping your statutes. **R**

Deal bountifully with your servant, that I may live and keep your word.

Open my eyes, that I may see

the wonders of your law. **R**

Lord, teach me the way of your statutes, and I will keep them to the end.

Grant me insight that I may keep your law, and observe it wholeheartedly. **R**

Second reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Brothers and Sisters: Among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him' — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 'You have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgement." But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgement. 'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery." But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn." But I say to you: Do not take an oath at all. Let what you say be simply "Yes" or "No"; anything more than this comes from evil.'

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 oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 77: 29-30

They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

Prayer after Communion: Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. 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

Lenten Reconciliation Service: Monday, 30th March - 7pm

Stations of the Cross:

Fridays through Lent after

9.30am Mass (*English*)

6pm (*Syro Malabar Community*)

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Please, follow and don't miss this opportunity to understand the Mass deeper.

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

A HAPPY VALENTINE TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS this weekend. May God's love continue to flourish you.

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AFTER ALL THE MASSES AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH next weekend for those who did not receive it on Ash Wednesday.

WATER DISCONNECTION WORKS 19-21 FEBRUARY: There will be water works taking place on 19th-21st February. The exit from the car park will be closed at various times. During the closure the entrance to the car park will need to be used for both entrance and exit. Please take extra care when entering and exiting the car park during these times.

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 11am - 12.30pm, 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.

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: Clergy Support Fund.

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Parish Development Fund

PAST ANNOUNCEMENTS

CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE Every parishioner, catechist and parent in our parishes now has access to over 120 high-quality workshops from the Catechetical Institute. Visit aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan for more information and to register.

AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST: A CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS RESOURCE. The Archdiocese of Southwark has launched an exciting apologetics project to provide evidence-based answers to questions such as "Is Jesus God?" or "does prayer work?". Ambassadors for Christ is designed to equip you with a deeper understanding of your faith, so you can confidently answer questions and be a joyful witness for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Every Monday, a new video will be posted on YouTube, along with a worksheet to enable parishes, schools, youth groups and families to use them as part of their faith formation. To watch the videos and take part in this exciting project, please visit: rcaos.org.uk/ambassadorsforchrist.

FOR THE BEREAVED GRIEF IN LOSS: HOPE IN CHRIST is a weekend for those who have been bereaved. This weekend, from March 20-22, will take place away from the pressures of day-to-day life and can help one begin to come to terms with bereavement. It is a time for quiet, prayer, talking and acceptance. Due to the special nature of this weekend retreat, held at Aylesford Priory in Kent, places are limited and subject to a telephone call to determine if it is right for you – 01622 717 272 or email reception@thefriars.org.uk

LEARN ABOUT YOUR FAITH - SYCAMORE is a course consisting of four online sessions, one hour each, which explores our Catholic faith from first principles. The course runs for four consecutive Tuesdays starting at 8pm on March 10 with two further courses starting May 5 and September 8 respectively. More details - T: 07983 524 727 E: mflkent@rcaos.org.uk

OBITUARY † 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

OBITUARY † 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.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2026

Lenten Project Boxes

From this weekend and over the next two weekends, we will be distributing Lenten Project Boxes at church. Please do take one home and use it during Lent as a simple way to set aside alms for those in need. At the end of Lent, kindly return your box so the contents can support our chosen charities. Each box costs around £1.50, so if yours is not used, please return it so it can be re-used next year. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and faithful support.

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
- **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

Dear Lord, on this day of love. Thank you for the gift of love that you have bestowed upon us, both in our relationships with others and in our relationship with you. Help us to cherish and nurture the love we share with our partners, family, and friends, always seeking to reflect your love in our words and actions.

A 72-year-old Edgar recently picked a new primary care physician. After two visits and exhaustive lab tests, the doctor said Edgar was doing "fairly well" for his age. A little concerned about that comment, Edgar couldn't resist asking the doctor, "Do you think I'll live to be 80?" The doctor asked, "Well, do you smoke or drink beer?" "Oh no," Edgar replied, "I've never done either." Then the doctor asked, "Do you eat rib-eye steaks and barbecued ribs?" Edgar said, "No, I've heard that all red meat is very unhealthy!" "Do you spend a lot of time in the sun, like playing golf?" the doctor asked. "No, I don't," Edgar replied. Then the doctor asked, "Do you gamble or drive fast cars?" "No," Edgar said, "I don't do any of those things." The good doctor looked at Edgar and said, "Then why the heck do you want to live to be 80?"

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £484.41

Non-Gift-aid: £593.60

Contactless Gift Aid: £602.00

Total: £1680.01

2nd Collection: £162.90

Thank you for supporting your Parish.

Cheques: Please make payable to **RCAS Tolworth.**

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My Valentine Day Prayer:

I pray today for those in love, those out of love, and those in between. I remember especially those who find themselves a little bit lonelier than normal. May all those caring for a loved one with a chronic illness of body, mind or soul feel a little alright because of the power of love. Wherever marriages have grown cold or wounded with conflict, may you rekindle the fires of sacrificial love and forgiveness. Attend to the elderly that have lost the love of their lives and to children that grief the loss of parental love. And, on this day named after one of your unmarried saints, please bring a little unexpected joy to them. Let their daffodils last longer and shine brighter than our overpriced red roses. God of all comfort, strengthen single parents on this difficult day. Let their kids be kind and blossom in love. May your arms of love, flung wide on the cross, embrace the unlovely and unloving parts of my world, my workplace, and my life today. **Amen**

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ABOLISH	COMPLETE	PURPOSE
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ANCESTORS	KILL	ANGRY
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