



# 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER- A

19th April, 2026

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**Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth**

## The Risen Lord Journeys with Us

The suffering, crucifixion, death and burial of Jesus caused a great discouragement to many of his disciples. This is demonstrated by some of them choosing to go away from Jerusalem (Lk 24:13-35) while others considered going back to their original works such as fishing (Jn 21:2-3). Today's gospel gives us a narrative of two disciples who chose to go to Emmaus as a result of the disappointment. Jesus joined them on their journey as a stranger who surprised them with his scriptural knowledge. They shared their disappointments and he challenged them of their shallow knowledge of what scriptures had written about him. As they drew closer to their destination and he seemed to continue, they begged him to stay with them. When they prayed, it was at the breaking of bread that their eyes were opened and they recognized him but he then disappeared. As they returned with great joy to tell others, they responded that he had also appeared to them. The Emmaus experience is anchored on the scriptures and the breaking of bread, as our Eucharistic celebration (Mass) is arranged; that is, having a liturgy of the Word and a liturgy of the Eucharist. We encounter the Lord first in His Word found in the Readings and secondly in the breaking of the bread - the Eucharist. Do I always pay attention when readings are being taken in church to hear what the Lord is telling me? The Word of God helps us to discover the Will of God in our life. Then, do I sacramentally prepare myself, reflect, pray and understand whom I receive in Holy communion? There is a danger of just getting used to a routine and failing to encounter the Lord personally. At the same time, do I also recognize the risen Lord in the people I journey with in life (my workmates, friends, family members like siblings, neighbors, fellow students, and others)? The conversations we share can be spiritually constructive in our pilgrimage as believers. *Fr. Bonaventure, CSSp.*

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 18TH - 26TH APRIL 2026

- Sat 18**      **18.30:** Veronica & Marian Heaton - RIP (*D Heaton*)
- Sun 19**      **09.00:** Liam Lynch - RIP (*P Mitchell*), Christopher Saldanha (*Lena*)  
**11.00:** Catherine Yap (Wellbeing). Lourdes DeSouza (RIP).  
**18.00:** People of the Parish
- Mon 20**      **09.30:** Dr. Kopec ints.
- Tues 21**      **09.30:** Joachim Manuel (RIP) (*Rita*)  
**19.00:** Carmelinda Pinto (healing and wellbeing).
- Wed 22**      **09.30:** Deceased members of the Furlong family (*chris Furlong*)  
**19.00:** Ann Dray (healing and Wellbeing.)
- Thurs 23**      **St. George. (Solemnity)**  
**07.00:** William Mulcahy (Healing & wellbeing.)  
**09.30:** John Bredl (RIP) (*T. Bredl*).
- Fri 24**      **07.00:** Ron Malone (Healing & Wellbeing).  
**09.30:** Barbara Mitchell (WB + Recovery) (*Szymanski fam*)
- Sat 25**      **St. Mark (Feast).**  
**09.00:** Patricia Mary Ives (RIP).
- Sat 25**      **18.30:** Tom McGunniess (33rd ANN) (*J. McGunniess*)
- Sun 26**      **09.00:**  
**11.00:**  
**18.00:**

**REMEMBRANCE:** Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died especially and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen

**THE SICK:** Vanessa Andrew, Deacon Al Callan, Martin Dray, George Trutwein, Rita Reginald, Ian Beard, Tony Cook, Kathleen McGuinness, Nan Healy, Samar Staussi, Joan Frost, Hazel D'Aguiar, Allan Cook, Wendy Cook, Kathleen O'Connell, Ralph Smallwood, Elizabeth Jones, Nivetheni Robert, Gerry Hague, Mark Draper, Tim Ryan, Maureen Stephens, Maureen Sellwood, Mavis Fisher, Lionel Holland, Peter & Phil Tull, Julie Brian, Sue Jones, John, Martin Guy, Monica Brennan Tett and Ron Malone

**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 65: 1-2

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**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:** May your people exult for ever, O God, in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that, rejoicing now in the restored glory of our adoption, we may look forward in confident hope to the rejoicing of the day of resurrection. 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

Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst — as you yourselves know — this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. 'For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'" 'Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this which you yourselves are seeing and hearing.'

**Reader: The word of the Lord**

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 16(15):1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11. R1**

**O Lord, you will show me the path of life.**

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; you yourself who secure my lot. **R**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord before me always; with him at my right hand, I shall not be moved. **R**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my flesh shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, nor let your holy one see corruption. **R**

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand, bliss for ever. **R**

## Second reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

Beloved: If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

**Reader: The word of the Lord**

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

cf. Luke 24:32

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn within us when you speak to us. **Alleluia.**

## Gospel

Luke 24:13-35

On the first day of the week, two of the disciples of Jesus were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, 'What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?' And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?' And he said to them, 'What things?' And they said to him, 'Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.' And he said to them, 'O

foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?' And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, but they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day is now far spent.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened, and they recognised him. And he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?' And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the Eleven and those who were with them gathered together, saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**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 :** Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings of your exultant Church, and, as you have given her cause for such great gladness, grant also that the gifts we bring may bear fruit in perpetual happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Communion Antiphon Lk 24: 35**

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

**Prayer after Communion:** Look with kindness upon your people, O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries may attain in their flesh the incorruptible glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Obituary:** We announce the passing of two of our faithful parishioner, Lourdes DeSouza and Patricia Mary Ives. May their souls rest in peace. Please pray for their families.

**Pentecost Celebration 2026:** Dearly Beloved Parishioners, I will like to use this opportunity to invite everyone for our Pentecost celebration in Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth and our Parish day. Pentecost is the feast of the Holy Spirit and it will be on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> of May at the 11am Mass. The Mass

will be celebrated in the different languages that are in our Parish, both readings and hymns. Every Parishioner, including the Priests, would be invited to dress in their cultural attire. The different communities that use the Parish facilities such as OLI primary school, Noah's ark, Syro-Malabar, Tamil, Iraqi community are invited to participate in the Mass. There will be a Parish day of refreshment and it is free. Elspeth Casey and Winnie Grove have been appointed as our Lead persons for this. They will be supported by Suresh and Jefin.

**We are delighted to announce that Rev. Dn Tony Simon Kocherry from Tolworth**, a member of St John Vianney Syro-Malabar Parish in Cheam, will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on Saturday, 2nd May at 10:00am and will celebrate his First Holy Mass on Sunday, 3rd May at 1:00pm in our Parish Church. Both celebrations will follow the Syro-Malabar Eastern Catholic liturgical rite and will be conducted in Malayalam. We kindly invite you to keep him in your prayers. After completing his studies in Rome this June, he will return home, and there will be an opportunity for him to celebrate Holy Mass with our Parish during the summer.

**ATTENTION: All Gift Aid Members:** For those who have not done so already the Gift Aid envelopes for the coming tax year are available for collection in the RDJ Room after each Mass this weekend. Gift Aid donors who give by standing order or online should also come to collect their special packs of envelopes for Easter, Christmas and other special collections.

**Parish Communications & Social Media:** A first meeting of the Parish Communications (Social Media) Team will take place on **Thursday, 23rd April at 7:00pm in the Presbytery**. We are also looking to expand the team. If you are interested in supporting parish communications and evangelisation through social media, please contact **Fr. Michael or Joe Kibirango**.

**OLI YOUTH MINISTRY FREE PIZZA AND SNACKS!** Our next event is on **Sunday 26 April 2026 12.30-1.45pm** in the main hall for young people aged 12-21. We're also excited to welcome Thames Music Theatre, a fantastic youth music theatre company, who will be joining us for this session.

**Next Sunday is the Good Shepherd Sunday and the second collection is to support Our Future Priests:** The priesthood has always been at the heart of the Church. This Good Shepherd Sunday, we pray for vocations and support the Priest Training Fund, which forms men for service across our parishes, schools, hospitals, and communities. We currently have 9 seminarians, each costing around £30,000 per year over six years of formation. Your generosity helps make their calling possible. ☞ Donate online: [www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF](http://www.rcaos.org.uk/donate/PTF)

**Our Lady of the Rosary, Blackfen, Deanery of Bexley, are organising a National Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Evangelisation** to be held on Saturday 6th June, 9:30am – 4pm. This conference aims to provide a broad and accessible understanding of AI. Its benefits, its challenges, and its growing role in daily life.

**Thames Music Theatre ([www.thamesmt.org](http://www.thamesmt.org)) will be running a free workshop in music theatre** on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April from 1pm to 2pm in the hall for anyone aged 10 to 18. This is a great opportunity to find out a little about TMT and to enjoy some work with them! For more details please email [admin@thamesmt.org](mailto:admin@thamesmt.org) or otherwise simply turn up on the day.

# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

## PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2026

### Filipino Charity Night – 9 May

Our next cultural event is the **Filipino Charity Night**. Join us for another evening of great food, entertainment and community. Tickets are on sale after Mass or via QR code



### Jumble Sale – 16 May

Now is the perfect time for a spring clean! Please set aside good-quality items for donation and drop-off them at the Presbytery over the next week to support our upcoming Jumble Sale.

### Lenten Project Boxes – Collection This Weekend

Lenten Project boxes will be collected this weekend and next. Please remember to bring your box and hand it to the stewards at the beginning or end of Mass.

### Maundy Thursday Collection – Thank You

Thank you for your generosity at the Maundy Thursday collection. The total amount is being confirmed, but we greatly appreciate the strong support from across the parish.

### South Indian Cultural Night – A Great Success

An incredible £2,500 raised (final figure tbc) from a vibrant and well-attended evening. Thank you to everyone who came along, and to the Syro Malabar Community for delivering such a memorable event.

### 50km Sponsored Walk – Final Push

We are now within reach of our target. Thank you for the fantastic support so far. Please help us get to 100% via the QR code.



### Rose's Artwork – Still Going Strong

Rose (Year 5) continues to raise funds through her artwork. Watch her story and support via QR code



A man buys a parrot, only to have it constantly insult him. He tries everything to make the parrot stop, but nothing works. Frustrated, the man puts the parrot in the freezer. After a few minutes the insults stop. The man thinks he might have killed the parrot, so he opens the freezer and takes the parrot out. The parrot is shivering. It stammers, "S-s-sorry for being r-r-rude. Please f-f-forgive me." Then, after a moment, the parrot softly asks, "W-w-what exactly d-d-did the turkey do?"

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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#### LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £426.66

Non-Gift-aid: £479.42

Total: £906.08

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*Thank you once again for your continued support.*

**A Prayer for Encouragement when Weary:** Lord, the struggles of this season weigh heavily on me. As fear and uncertainty grow louder, quiet the noise so that I may hear your voice. Lord, through every trial and hardship, you are good. I pray for wisdom and guidance, peace and patience, that not my will but yours be done. Grant me understanding when the outcome does not go my way. Remind me that your plans are far better than my own. Open my eyes to your provision as you help me surrender control. Provide me with the strength to endure all that is yet to come. When I am full of doubt, show me your mighty hand at work. When I am scared, grow my faith bigger than my fear. When I am disheartened, guide me to seek you in the pain. When it feels like too much, let your presence feel near. Lord, you came that I may have life and have it to the full (John 10:10). Guide and direct me as I live it out. Amen.

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