



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER- A

26th April, 2026

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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

Nobody wants to be called a sheep.

The first point of understanding the Good Shepherd is to understand ourselves as sheep. By this we recognize how deeply we are loved and that we need to allow our loving Saviour to lead us. It is incredibly jarring for us to recognize our highly capable, highly educated, high-paid selves as sheep. Nobody wants to be called a sheep. They are not intelligent animals, they smell horrible and are very dependent on the Good Shepherd for everything in their lives. We do not like to see ourselves in that way. However, this is the story of our life. Yet, we want to be our own shepherd and run our life the way that we want and we always mess it up. We seek to be masters of our own destiny, yet we cannot predict tomorrow. Nevertheless, we are nothing without God. God provides the fundamental needs of us and the best. For food, the Lord leads his sheep to “green pastures.” This references fresh food that is not easily available in the arid desert. Everything a sheep could need, this Good Shepherd provides. Notice the absolute quality of what God provides. It is not just any old grass, it is new and the best grass. The same is applicable to the water, it is the still and peaceful water that is not toxic. Indeed, God provided so abundantly that David, the psalmist says with great joy and satisfaction, “I lack nothing.” There is wholeness in what God gives us for he lays down his life for us, even when we are undeserving of it. There is nothing admirable about someone just laying down their life for undeserving people, yet Jesus did it for us. However, sheep are more deserving of the love of the shepherd than us, for they recognize the voice of the shepherd but we do not recognize God at all. They know the voice of the one who loves them, feeds them, guides them, and cares for them, however we do not and we do not care. Yet God still loves us. This love of the Good Shepherd like all true love is unexplainable. However, any love that can be explained is not worth it. **Fr. Michael**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 25TH APRIL - 3RD MAY 2026

Sat 25	18.30: Tom McGunniess (33rd ANN) <i>(J. McGunniess)</i>
Sun 26	09.00: Cecilya Joseph - RIP
	11.00: Ottavio D’Agostina – RIP <i>(F. D’Agostino)</i>
	18.00: Rosa & Michele De Cristofaro <i>(A. De Cristofaro)</i>
Mon 27	09.30: Henry Smith – RIP <i>(M Barnes)</i>
Tues 28	09.30: Dr. Kopec - Ints.
	19.00: Carmelinda Pinto (healing and wellbeing).
Wed 29	09.30: Eugenia Gomes – RIP, 1st Ann <i>(E Gomes)</i>
	19.00: Catherine Yap (Wellbeing and God’s protection).
Thurs 30	07.00: Dr. Kopec - Ints.
	09.30: Rosary Anthony – RIP <i>(L Rosary)</i>
Fri 01	07.00: Ragini Reginald
	09.30: Francis Lee – BD, WB & Conversion <i>(L Ko)</i>
Sat 02	08.30: Dennis Peiris – RIP <i>(Mrs Peiris)</i>
Sat 02	18.30: Jovita Daroy – TG & WB
Sun 03	09.00: Delwyn Noronha – 14th BD
	11.00: Pauline Woods - RIP
	18.00: People of the Parish

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 32: 5-6

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, 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: Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter, standing with the Eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.' And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.' So those who received his word were baptised, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. R1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;

he revives my soul. **R**

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R**

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord

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Gospel Acclamation

John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord. I know my sheep and my own know me. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

John 10:1-10

At that time: Jesus said, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.' This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So Jesus again said to them, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'

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: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. He will later celebrate Holy Mass with our Parish during the summer.

Pentecost 2026: Fr Michael & Fr Bonaventure warmly invite you to a special Pentecost Mass and parish day, 11am on Sunday 24th May 2026. The Mass will be celebrated in different languages to represent our diverse Parish community. The Church will be decorated with flags and parishioners are asked to bring their own flags to the event. In addition, parishioners, including the Priests, are invited to dress in their cultural attire. Led by the scouts, the children will process into Church at the beginning of Mass, carrying flags. Following on from the Mass, there will be a Parish Day. All parishioners, family & friends are invited. There will be a range of food and drink, balloons and, of course, a celebration cake. There will also be games for the children including a bouncy cart and an ice cream kiosk! Please, we need donations. More information to follow. Please save the date in your diaries!

Pentecost Mass rehearsal for all those leading in the reading, singing and procession will be on Saturday, 16th of May, 7.30pm, immediately after the Saturday evening

Mass.

Pentecost Novena 2026: The traditional Novena to the Holy Spirit typically begins on the Friday after Ascension Thursday and lasts for nine days until the Vigil of Pentecost, which is the Saturday before Pentecost Sunday. In 2026, this would mean the novena would start on May 15th and end on 27th of May. It is oldest novena of the Catholic Church, copies of the Novena will be available for collection in the Narthex next week.

The Month of May is a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.

Rosary For Life. Archbishop John Wilson is calling on all of us to join him in praying the Rosary for Life this May (Month of Mary). Together, we will pray through the Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and Luminous Mysteries, each one offered for the most vulnerable facing growing threats to life: unborn children at risk of abortion, victims of war and persecution, people with disabilities, and the elderly and vulnerable. For video, audio and written versions of the Rosary for Life, visit rcaos.org.uk/rosaryforlife.

Our Saturday Mass on 2nd of May will be at 8.30am and there will be no confessions after because of the ordination of Rev. Tony. Accept our apologies for the inconvenience.

There will be a Rosary Procession with the Statue of Our Blessed Mother Mary after the 11am Mass, on Sunday, 10th of May.

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.

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

This Sunday is the Good Shepherd Sunday and the second collection is for priest training fund:

Safeguarding Sunday 2026. Sunday 3 May is Safeguarding Sunday. In line with today's Gospel, we are called to protect, called to care, called to act. Safeguarding is not the work of a few; it is a shared responsibility. You can find out more about Safeguarding Sunday at rcaos.org.uk/safeguardingsunday

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) will be running a free workshop in music theatre on Sunday 26th 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 or otherwise simply turn up on the day.

Obituary: We announce the passing of our faithful parishioner, Lourdes DeSouza. Her Funeral will be on Thursday, 14th of May at 12 noon. May her souls rest in peace. Please pray for her family.

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 teacher was giving a lesson on the circulation of the blood. Trying to make the matter clearer, he said, "Now, boys, if I stood on my head, the blood, as you know, would run into it, and I should turn red in the face." "Yes, sir," the boys said. "Then why is it that while I am standing upright in the ordinary position the blood doesn't run into my feet?" A little fellow shouted, "Cause your feet are not empty."

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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LAST WEEKEND

Gift-aid: £334.71

Non-Gift-aid: £663.70

Total: £998.41

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**

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Thank you once again for your continued support.

The Sheep's Prayer: O God, you called me a sheep. Sheep are idiots. I don't like it, but I believe it. Which means you know I don't have the ability to choose the right way here. I'm probably going to get it wrong. So will you lead me? Close doors that need to be closed. Open ones that need to be opened. Give me wisdom, yes, but where I mess it up, which I probably will, will you use your rod and staff to guide me in the path you want me to go?

Prayer of a Shepherd: O Great Shepherd, carry me like a lamb, tenderly in your arms and close to your heart. My life, my future, and my strength depend upon you, fill my heart with an overflowing love for your people. Give me courage to protect your precious ones from the schemes of the accuser. Clothe my mind with the mind of Christ, so I can feed them with the rich nourishment of the gospel. Help me lead not out of duty but delight, not for gain but out of glad surrender, not with heavy hands but

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