



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - A

12th April, 2026

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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

What difference has Easter made in our life?

It has been a week since Easter Sunday and what difference has Easter made in our lives? Is our life still the same as before Easter Sunday? Easter stands at the heart of our faith and holds profound implications for everyone. It is the triumph of life over death and the confirmation that God keeps His promises. It assures us that death has no final say over us. Sickness, heartbreak, failure and suffering can never triumph over the resurrecting power of God. Easter invites us to live with purpose, hope, courage and eternal perspective. However, for the disciples of Jesus in the Gospel reading, nothing has changed for them since Easter Sunday, though the tomb is empty, nevertheless, their house and heart are still filled with real fear, regret, guilt, anxiety and low self-esteem. They are still living behind locked doors and without any purpose. Just like them, something is always cancelling the resurrection in our lives. It may be grief, ego, relationship problems, anger, fear, anxiety and resentment. Also, it may be family conflict, unforgiveness, and busyness. Hence, we need divine mercy. Divine mercy means that the light of the resurrection is always with us even when we lock it out. It is relentless and follows us even when we reject it. Hence, in today's gospel Jesus shows up in the house, behind the locked doors, stands in the middle of the disciples, and declares, "Peace be with you." This peace changes everything for mercy can reach the deepest pits and lifts us to the highest hope. This peace reminds us that new life and possibilities will spring from unlikely places. This peace assures us that that no matter the challenges we face, there will always be an impossible dawn after the darkness. Though, Easter Sunday is once every year, the resurrection must be lived every second. We must wake up every morning knowing that we are forgiven, loved, and filled with purpose by divine mercy. God's mercy invites us to live above fear, negativity, guilt and to love extravagantly. If you are still struggling, know this: Jesus overcame so you too will. Know that you are never alone, never without purpose, and never without hope for Christ is risen, and because of that, His Mercies are forever. **Fr. Michael**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 12TH - 19TH APRIL 2026

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sat 11 18.30: Violet & Laurence Sager & Gwen & Kenneth Batty - RIP

Sun 12 09.00: Francis Dowd - RIP (*P Mitchell*)

11.00: Monica Tett - Intentions (*D Kidd*)

18.00: Carmelinda Pinto (Healing & Comfort) Novena Mass

Mon 13 09.30: Thanksgiving (*M Sebastian*)

Tues 14 09.30: Gregory Sebastian Pillai - RIP (*Carmel*)

19.00: Denis David - RIP, Birthday (*J Godfrey*)

Wed 15 09.30: Ivan Flanningan

19.00: Ann Dray (healing and Comfort) *OLI*

Thurs 16 07.00: People of the Parish

09.30: Dr Kopec - Intentions

Fri 17 07.00: Anastasia, Cletus, Sabina & Val Ezenwamadu (RIP)

09.30: Clara Lee - Birthday & WB (*Lilly*)

Sat 18 09.00: Peggy Radford (RIP)

Sat 18 18.30: Veronica & Marian Heaton - RIP (*D Heaton*)

Sun 19 09.00: Liam Lynch - RIP (*P Mitchell*), Christopher Saldanha (*Lena*)

11.00:

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..

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:

1 Pt 2: 2

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, 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: God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. 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 2:42-47

The believers devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the Apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the Temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they shared their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118(117):2-4. 13-15b. 22-24.

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.

Let the house of Israel say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'
Let the house of Aaron say,
'His mercy endures for ever.'

Let those who fear the Lord say,
'His mercy endures for ever.' **R**

They pushed me, pushed me hard to knock me down,
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and salvation
in the tents of the righteous. **R**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad. **R**

Second reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith — more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire — may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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Victimae Paschali Laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29 Alleluia, alleluia.

You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of

the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.' And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.' Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord'. But he said to them, 'Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.' Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Cf. Jn 20: 27

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pentecost Celebration 2026: Dearly Beloved Parishioners, I will like to use this opportunity to invite everyone for our Pentecost preparation in Our Lady Immaculate, Tolworth and our Parish day. Pentecost is the feast of the Holy Spirit and it will be on Sunday, 24th of May at the 11am Mass. It marks the beginning of the Church and celebrates the many communities of OLI. 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.

Parish Communications & Social Media: A first meeting of the Parish Communications (Social Media) Team will take place on **Wednesday 23rd April at 7:00pm in the Presbytery.** The meeting will review and discuss the interim social media protocols and begin shaping a longer-term communications and social media strategy for the parish. 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.**

Fr. Michael and Fr. Bonaventure thank you so much for your kindness, gifts, prayers and the Easter offering. Your love and kindness are extraordinary. May God bless you abundantly.

EASTER OFFERING FOR THE CLERGY. Envelopes are available on the desk in the Narthex or on the cash machines under Easter Offering. It goes to support the work of the Spiritans all over the world.

A big thank you to the Syro-Malabar community of our parish for organizing this weekend, a wonderful evening of community get together and fundraising for the poor. May God continue to reward and bless you all.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING DATE - The Parish Office will reopen on Wednesday 15th April at 10.00am.

A BIG THANK YOU TO PAUL AND GEORGE HOSKINS for making the beautiful Holy Water containers for us. It is a masterpiece of beauty. May God bless and reward you both abundantly.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP (SUNDAY 9AM MASS) Back on Sunday 19th of April.

Holy Water is now available in the Church for you to take home to use. It is not suitable for drinking.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2026

South Indian Cultural Night – THANK YOU

A wonderful evening with a fantastic turnout. It was full of community spirit, music and delicious cuisines. Our sincere thanks to the **Syro Malabar Community** for organising such a memorable event, and to everyone who came along and supported.

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



John's DIY Collection – THANK YOU!

John has raised an incredible **£945** through his DIY efforts. A huge thank you to John for his generosity, and to all parishioners who supported. A fantastic contribution to the project.

Rose's Artwork – Please Support

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



Table-Top Sale – THANK YOU!

A fantastic **£800+ raised!** Thank you to everyone who came, donated and supported and special thanks to Elspeth and the volunteers for making it such a success.

Sponsored Walk – Please Donate

We've now reached **87% of our target**. Thank you! Help us get over the line via QR code.



Community Highlights

- **Noah's Ark Pre-School:** £184 raised – thank you to Helen and all families
- **Orlando's Sale:** £114.69 raised—many thanks to Helen for organising
- **OLI School Events:** went ahead on Wed and Thurs despite tough weather, amazing effort from pupils and families

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 2026

Cash / cheques – £4,532.71

1. Gift-Aided – £1,922.96

2. Non-G/A – £2,609.75

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £4,006.50

1. Gift-Aided – £3,054.00

2. Non-G/A – £952.50

C. Contactless Machine – £1,014.00

Total = £9553.21 (Last month: £9848.21)

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

Thank you once again for your continued support.



Divine Mercy Prayer: Most merciful Jesus, I turn to You in my need. You are worthy of my complete trust. You are faithful in all things. When my life is filled with confusion, give me clarity and faith. When I am tempted to despair, fill my soul with hope. **Most merciful Jesus,** I trust You in all things. I trust in Your perfect plan for my life. I trust You when I cannot comprehend Your divine Will. I trust You when all feels lost. Jesus, I trust You more than I trust myself. **Most merciful Jesus,** you are all-knowing. Nothing is beyond Your sight. You are all-loving. Nothing in my life is beyond Your concern. You are all-powerful. Nothing is beyond Your grace. **Most merciful Jesus,** I trust in You, I trust in You, I trust in You. May I trust You always and in all things. May I daily surrender to Your Divine Mercy. Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us as we turn to you in our need.

A woman was talking to Fr. Michael and noticed he had cut himself shaving. She asked him about it. He said he was concentrating on his sermon and nicked his chin. She told him next time to concentrate on his shaving and cut his sermon.

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WEEK	DOORS	CLOSED
FEAR	PEACE	HANDS
FORGIVE	THOMAS	HOLES
FINGER	EIGHT	BELIEVE

