



EASTER SUNDAY - A

5th April, 2026

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"Alleluia, Alleluia, He is risen as he said "

The joy of Easter is preceded by the sorrowful experience of Good Friday. On Good Friday, we saw a triumph of falsity over truth, injustice over justice, and evil over goodness. Jesus was falsely charged of crimes he did not commit. His good friend betrayed him, his disciples deserted him, his number one man denied him (Jn 18:25-27), he was crucified and finally died after a few hours. Death separates the living from the dead. Death leads its victims to a cemetery and finally into the grave. Consequently, a stone is rolled to separate the living from the dead: the living have light, whereas the dead are in total darkness. At Jesus' resurrection, all these changed: he gets away from the tomb, the stone is removed to re-unite him with the living, and there's light to overcome darkness. Jesus' resurrection caused fundamental changes and surprises in both the physical and spiritual life of the people. It demonstrated how the Easter joy sealed off the painful suffering of Good Friday. It clearly taught that Heaven is a reward for those who genuinely carry their crosses up to Calvary. In ordinary life, Easter teaches us that there is no gain without pain. Let us accept the crosses in our lives so as to genuinely attain victory. Again, Easter is about new life, conversion, and becoming a new people. At the resurrection, Jesus left his old clothes in the tomb (Jn 20:5-7) which symbolised new clothing for a new life. The new life of Easter should internally transform our hearts, and externally, the transformation should be seen in our deeds. From this Easter time onwards, the selfish should become generous, enemies become friends, evil people become genuine and authentic, non-believers convert and become God-fearing, lazy ones become hardworking, liars become truthful, and so on. Easter must not leave us the same, since it is about new life in Christ Jesus. Let us all rise with our Lord. A happy Easter of renewal to you all.

Fr. Bonaventure CSSp

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 5TH - 12TH APRIL 2026

- Sun 5** **09.00:** A. S. Bastiampillai - RIP
 11.00: Pat & Mamad Amenpour - RIP (*F Amenpour*)
 18.00: People of the Parish
- Mon 6** **09.30:** Anton Sebastian - RIP, 6th Ann (*M Sebastian*)
- Tues 7** **09.30:** Flanagan Family - Intentions
 19.00: Dr Kopec & Family - Intentions
- Wed 8** **09.30:** Gallagher Family - Intentions
 19.00: Monica Tett - Intentions (*D Kidd*)
- Thurs 9** **07.00:** Jim Tumelty (RIP).
 09:30: Lavelle Family Intentions
- Fri 10** **07.00:** Holy Souls
 09:30: Katelyn Bastiampillai - Good Health & Work
- Sat 11** **09:00:** Thanksgiving (Kajaruban's family).
- Sat 11** **18.30:** Violet & Laurence Sager & Gwen & Kenneth Batty - RIP
- DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**
- Sun 12** **09.00:** Francis Dowd - RIP (*P Mitchell*)
 11.00: Monica Tett - Intentions (*D Kidd*)
 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 Brennan, Martin Guy & Monica Tett..

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:
MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
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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

Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6
I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, 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: O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. 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 10:34a, 37-43
In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed

by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

Reader: The word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.

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.' **R**

The Lord's right hand is exalted.
The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the Lord. **R**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the Lord has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes. **R**

Second reading Colossians 3:1-4
Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

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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 1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a
Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. **Alleluia.**

Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, towards the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.' So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.'

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 Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon 1 Cor 5: 7-8

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



FATHER MICHAEL AND FATHER BONAVENTURE wish every parishioner a joyous Easter. May the risen Christ be with you, keep you safe and bring His Light to you all. Amen.

EASTER OFFERING FOR THE CLERGY. For the support of parochial priests in the diocese. It is your gift to Fathers Michael & Bonaventure. Envelopes are available on the desk in the Narthex or on the cash machines under Easter Offering

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.

IN GRATITUDE Many thanks to all who have worked hard to make our celebration of the Paschal and Easter festivities in the parish solemn, prayerful and uplifting: Welcomers, readers, parish office, eucharistic ministers, organists, singers, children's liturgy, RCIA catechists, MCs, Altar servers, florists, church cleaners, collectors, and others. May God bless you for your generosity and kindness. May the Risen Lord fill you with peace and joy.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE CLERGY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS FOR THEIR GIFTS, DONATIONS, SERVICE, PRAYERS AND SUPPORT TO THE CLERGY during this period and always. May the good Lord reward you all abundantly.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR LOVELY CHOIR FOR THEIR GLORIOUS SINGING DURING THE EASTER TRIDUUM. May God bless them abundantly.

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR RCIA CATECHISTS FOR PREPARING OUR CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION, may God bless you abundantly for the amazing work that you do.

ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY NOVENA has already started. It is a powerful novena and copies are at the back of the Church. Next Sunday will be Divine Mercy Mass.

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAY and will reopen on Wednesday, 15th April at 10.00am

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

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2026

Maundy Thursday Collection – 2 April As is tradition, all collections from Maundy Thursday will go directly to the Lenten Project. **Please give generously.**

South Indian Cultural Night – 11 April Join us at the OLI Community Hall for an evening of vibrant food, music and community, hosted by the Syro Malabar Community. Enjoy a 3-course dinner, live entertainment and great company. All proceeds support the Lenten Project. Tickets available 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.



Rose's Artwork – Please Support Rose (Year 5) continues to raise funds through her artwork. Watch her story and support via QR code



Sponsored Walk – Please Donate We've now reached 80% 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

Easter Meal Prayer - Dear God, thank You for this special day of celebration for the laughter, the fellowship, and the food. We ask Your blessing on this meal, as a symbol of Your love and the renewal that comes with spring and the message of Easter. Help us to remember and live out the lessons of kindness, sacrifice, and hope in our daily lives. Bless our family and friends, near and far, on this blessed day. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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.



Easter family peace prayer: Heavenly Father, on this glorious Easter Sunday, we thank You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who rose from the grave and conquered death, so that we may have life and hope. Lord, just as You brought life to what was once dead, we ask that You breathe new life into our family. Where there is brokenness, bring healing. Where there is silence, bring communication. Where there is hurt, bring forgiveness. Where there is distance, bring unity. Resurrect the love that has faded, the trust that has been shaken, and the bonds that have been strained. Help us to reflect the grace and mercy of Christ in the way we treat one another. Restore our hearts to You and to each other. Let this Easter be a new beginning for our family—a day where the past is redeemed, and the future is filled with hope and harmony. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

How many Easter eggs can you fit in an empty basket? Only one. After that, it's not empty anymore!
What did the kids do when their treats were all hidden on Easter morning? They demanded an eggsplanation
Why are Easter bunnies more tired when Easter's in April? Because they've just finished a long March.
What's the best way to make Easter easier? Put an "i" where the "t" is.
Why shouldn't you tell an Easter egg a joke? It might crack up!
What do you call the Easter Bunny the Monday after Easter? Eggs-hausted

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