



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER- A

17th May, 2026

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Everlasting Life is not Necessarily Eternal Life.

As part of the farewell discourse, Jesus offered a priestly prayer (Jn 17) from which we get today's gospel. This prayer leads us to reflect on eternal life and everlasting life. According to Jesus, eternal life demands "that they may know you, the only true God..." (Jn 17:3). To comprehend it easy, we could put the two phases together, "that they may know you as the only true God." So, eternal life is not just a long life but a life of perfect union with God which cannot be diminished in duration or satisfaction. Some theologians have made a contrast with the devil and his angels, who live only an everlasting life (as they do not die) but not eternal life because they do not have a union with the only true God. At the time of Jesus, there was a multiplicity of gods that even included some Roman emperors who demanded to be worshiped. Today we also have many gods that demand people's allegiance: power, pleasure, fame, wealth, dominance, and so on. Am I one of those who is willing even to use dangerous weapons against fellow humans because of power? Have you heard about individuals who speak against their fellows because they perceive them as competitors? The moment we give first priority in our lives to power, fame, pleasure and others, we are equating them to God, who alone deserves our worship. Even if any of these lead to a long life, it cannot be eternal life. Just like the apostles who went into the upper room to pray after Jesus' ascension (Acts 1:12-14), let us devoutly continue praying the Holy Spirit novena to be enlightened by the Spirit to know God and work for eternal life. May the Spirit fill us with the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, counsel, fortitude, understanding, piety and fear of the Lord. **Fr. Bonaventure,**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 16TH MAY - 24TH MAY 2026

- Sat 16** 18.30: Holy Souls
- Sun 17** 09.00: James O'Brien - RIP
11.00: Kathleen & Frank Tucholski (*S Mills*)
18.00: People of the Parish
- Mon 18** 09.30: Lisa Maughan – Ints (*S Mills*), Nicole Val Egun (18th Birthday)
- Tues 19** 09.30: Kandiah Paramanathan – RIP (*C Yap*)
19.00: Hayley Brett – Ints (*S Mills*)
- Wed 20** 09.30: Ethebreda Pinto – RIP (*Miranda Family*)
19.00: Dr Kopec – Ints
- Thurs 21** 07.00: Suresh & Mary – 22nd Wedding Ann
09.30: Mary, Margaret & Thomas Kane – RIP (*K Jankowski*)
- Fri 22** 07.00: Marian D'Cruz
09.30: Antoinette Mills - Ints
- Sat 23** 09.00: John Bredl – RIP (*T Bredl*)
- Sat 23** 18.00: Holy Souls
- Sun 24** 09.00: Liz Jones - Ints, Seujan (Private Intentions).
11.00: Gerry & Mary Taylor – Ints (*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 Briandt, Sue Jones, John Brennan, Martin Guy, Ron Malone, Alice Rooney & Susan Rooney.

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 26: 7-9

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, 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: Graciously hear our supplications, O Lord, so that we, who believe that the Saviour of the human race is with you in your glory, may experience, as he promised, until the end of the world, his abiding presence among us. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

First Reading

Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus was taken up into heaven the Apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers and sisters.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Responsorial Psalm

Ps 27(26):1. 4. 7-8a. **R13**

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **R**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord

all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,

to enquire at his temple. **R**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;

have mercy and answer me.

Of you my heart has spoken,

'Seek his face.' **R**

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:13-16

Beloved: Rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evildoer, or as a meddler. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. John

14:18

Alleluia, alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

John 17:1-11a

At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 'I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'

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, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Jn 17: 22

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: Hear us, O God our Saviour, and grant us confidence, that through these sacred mysteries there will be accomplished in the body of the whole Church what has already come to pass in Christ her Head. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very big thank you to Winnie, Elspeth, Suresh, Jefin, Helen and Steffica for organising this year's Pentecost celebration and Parish Day. They have worked so hard. Please speak to them if you would want to include anything to enhance the celebration.

Spiritan Pentecost Novena will be every evening at 7.45pm. There will be a 15 minutes prayer and meditation led by the Spiritans. Please, follow us through the parish online service or come to the Church.

Pentecost prayer tree is placed on the rail by the side of the Altar, Children are encouraged to take a label (found next to the Tree and in the Narthex), write a prayer and tie it to the Tree as part of their novena prayer. There is also prayer leaflet for us to write down our Novena intentions. Please, put it in the novena box.

There will be a Special mission appeal for the Spiritans on Pentecost Sunday. Fr. Ugoo Ikwuka, the Provincial Superior of the Spiritans will be preaching the mission appeal. He will tell us of the challenging places where Spiritans work and ask for our support. Appeal envelopes are at the back of the Church.

Please, we need donations of food, drink, money and services for the Pentecost. Please, talk to Fr. Michael if you would like to support.

Barbecue equipment are needed for our Pentecost and Parish day celebration. Please, if you have any to

lend to the Parish, speak to Fr. Michael. Thanks and God bless you.

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!

The second collection for this weekend is for Communion Sunday.

Obituary: We announce the passing of our faithful parishioner, Ronald Malone. His Funeral will be on Friday, 5th of June. May his souls rest in peace. Please pray for his family.

The Month of May is a month dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary. Remember to say your Rosary.

Gym equipment, such as treadmill, weight lift equipment and others are needed by the clergy. Please, if you have any that you do not require again, can you consider donating it and bringing it to the presbytery. Thanks so much for your kindness and generosity.

The 10th anniversary of the Tuesday prayer group will be on Pentecost Sunday. The Tuesday prayer group is a group that gathers every Tuesday after morning Mass to pray and fellowship together. Anyone can join them. There is always a free lunch paid by the kindness of Tessa and John. May God bless this prayerful group.

Pentecost and Parish Day Celebration – Parking Notice for Sunday 24th May 9 am and 11 am masses only, parking in the school grounds will be limited due to our Pentecost celebrations. If you are able, please consider walking to church. For those who need to drive, street parking can be found along Ewell Road or Warren Drive South.

Two Zoom Bible groups for young people -13 to 17 years old and 18 to 22 - will take place on alternate Fridays from 6pm to 6.40pm, **starting 5 June.** Please fill in the form at the back of the church and return it in sealed envelope addressed to OLI Bible group through the Presbytery door.

A Toddlers' group will start on **Tuesday 2 June** 9.30am to 11.30am in the Old Chapel. Parents/guardians can relax and share their anxieties, hopes and joys with a cup of tea, keeping an eye on their little ones with the help of dedicated parishioners. A leaflet including application form is available at the back of the church.

Lost items are displayed in the RDJ room. Please, check and collect your things if they are there.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2026

African Caribbean Cultural Night – 6 June

Our final Lenten Project event is fast approaching and it promises to be a fantastic finale. A highlight of the parish calendar, this vibrant evening brings together music, food and celebration. If previous years are anything to go by, this is not to be missed.



Jumble Sale – A Great Success

A big thanks to Elspeth and to everyone who helped organise, volunteered, donated and supported the Jumble Sale. With fantastic bargains, a great atmosphere and strong support throughout the afternoon, the event was another wonderful example of parish community spirit in action.

Filipino Charity Night Raises Over £2,500

We are delighted to share that the evening raised well over **£2,500** for our Lenten Project charities. A huge thank you to Jo and to everyone who organised, volunteered, performed, donated prizes and supported the event.

Young Parishioners Fundraising Initiative

Alexa and Taylor (Year 8) have been busy creating handmade bracelets. They will be selling them in the Narthex after the 9am Masses throughout May and at the Parish Day on 24 May, with all proceeds going to the Lenten Project. Please do support them.



50km Sponsored Walk – 95%

We are now at an incredible 95% of our target, with £3,464 raised so far. Thank you for your generosity. We are nearly there. If you have not yet contributed, please help us with that final push via the QR code.



Little Johnny is always being teased by the other neighbourhood boys for being stupid. Their favourite joke is to offer Johnny his choice between a 50 pence and a pound. Little Johnny always takes the 50 pence. One day, after Johnny takes the 50 pence, a neighbor man takes him aside and says, “Johnny, those boys are making fun of you. Don’t you know that a pound is worth more than a 50 pence, even though the 50 pence is bigger?” Johnny grins and says, “Well, if I took the pound, they’d stop doing it, and so far I’ve made £40!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £430.87

Non-Gift-aid: £534.97

Total: £965.84

Weekly Collections

Total Collection For April 2026

Cash / cheques – £7,982.20

1. Gift-Aided – £2,210.90

2. Non-G/A – £5,771.30

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £4,374.00

1. Gift-Aided – £4179.00

2. Non-G/A – £195.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,162.00

Total = £13,518.20 (Last month £12,800.95)

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 tolworthgael@rcas.org.uk or call 07851 070036.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Prayer for Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, divine Consoler, I adore You as my true God, with God the Father and God the Son. O Giver of all supernatural gifts, grant me **the gift of holy fear**, to prevent me from falling back into my past sins. **Grant me the gift of piety**, so that I may serve You for the future with increased. **Grant me the gift of knowledge**, so that I may know the things of God. **Grant me the gift of fortitude**, so that I may overcome courageously all the assaults of the devil, and all the dangers of this world which threaten the salvation of my soul. **Grant me the gift of counsel**, so that I may choose what is more conducive to my spiritual advancement and may discover the wiles and snares of the tempter. **Grant me the gift of understanding**, so that I may apprehend the divine mysteries and detach my thoughts and affections from the vain things of this miserable world. **Grant me the gift of wisdom**, so that I may rightly direct all my actions, referring them to God as my last end; so that, having loved Him and served Him in this life, I may have the happiness of possessing Him eternally in the next.

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