



PENTECOST- A

24th May, 2026



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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

“Lower your buckets where you are.”

Many years ago, a big ship was stranded off the coast of South America. The captain was desperate; the crew was dying of thirst. And then, a steamship drew near to them, the captain called out, “We need water! Give us water!” The steamship replied, “Lower your buckets where you are.” The captain was furious at this cavalier response but called out again, “Please, give us water.” But the steamer gave the same reply, “Lower your buckets where you are!” And with that it went away! The captain was very angry and became depressed. But a little later, when no one was looking, his assistant lowered a bucket into the sea and then tasted what he brought up: It was perfectly sweet, fresh water! For all those days, they had been sitting right on top of all the fresh water they needed and were still thirsty and dehydrated. What we seek outside is inside us waiting to be embraced and unleashed. The Holy Spirit of God has been living within us from creation. Pentecost is the feast of harvest where we harvest the abundant gifts of the Holy Spirit inside us and our community. On Pentecost; fear, doubt, darkness and discouragement were removed by the Holy Spirit to reveal the amazing gifts, power, love and talents that we all possess. The Apostles went from hiding behind locked doors to preaching boldly in the streets. They healed the sick. They broke bread with strangers. They challenged naked power and loved without fear. Likewise, we are so blessed and gifted and can do the same, not just the elite and wise, but everyone. No one is excluded from God’s love. Do not let anyone make you feel you are nothing or have no special gifts. You have the power of God within you that is beyond imagination. There are so much daunting miracles that you can perform when you allow God’s Holy Spirit to guide you. Also, do not exclude or write off anyone for the Spirit has given all a rich harvest. May we live as Pentecost people; open, empowered, kind, serving and drinking deep from the font of God’s love in all of us.

Fr. Michael

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 23RD MAY - 31ST MAY 2026

- Sat 23** **18.30:** 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
- Mon 25** **09.30:** Thanksgiving for Successful Surgery for Barbra.
- Tues 26** **09.30:** Nancy & Thomas Wilson (RIP). *L. Jones*
 19.00: Benjamin Baldorada & Benaita Bliss – RIP Recovery (*Donald Family*)
- Wed 27** **St. Augustine of Canterbury.**
 09.30: Nan Healy – BD & Healing (*M.C Taylor*)
 19.00: Holy Souls
- Thurs 28** **Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest.**
 07.00: Holy Souls
 09:30: Lesley McMenemy Recovery (*E McNamee*)
- Fri 29** **07.00:** Matyjaszkiewicz – Antoja Family – Baptism (*Szymanski Family*)
 09:30: Dennis Peiris RIP (Mrs Peiris).
- Sat 30** **09:00:** Rosary Anthony RIP (L. Rosary).
- Sat 30** **18.30:** Roman Szymanski 9th ANN RIP (M. Szymanski).
- Sun 31** **The Most Holy Trinity.**
 09.00: Tony Fazal RIP (Mrs P. Fazal).
 11.00: Ann Dray – Recovery (*M.C Taylor*)
 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, Alice & Susan Rooney.

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:

Wis 1: 7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, 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 by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. 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 2:1-11

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the Apostles were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the

mighty works of God.'

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 104(103):1ab, 24ac. 29b-30. 31, 34. R cf. 30

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, how great you are!

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your creatures. **R**

You take away their breath, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, and they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!

May the Lord rejoice in his works!

May my thoughts be pleasing to him.

I will rejoice in the Lord. **R**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Brothers and Sisters: No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except in the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Veni, sancte Spiritus: Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live! Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow Thou in toil art comfort sweet Pleasant coolness in the heat Solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay All his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew On our dryness pour thy dew Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will Melt the frozen, warm the chill Guide the steps that go astray. Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die Give us life with thee on high Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Gospel

John 20:19-23

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.'

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, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Acts 2: 4, 11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion: O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to all our parishioners as we celebrate our parish day and the feast of Pentecost, the

birthday of the Church. May God bless you for all your prayers and supports.

The Second collection for this weekend is for the Spiritans. The Spiritans work among the poorest of the poor. Please, be generous to them.

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

A very big thank you to Winnie, Elspeth, Suresh, Jefin, Helen, Steffica, Parish office and parish volunteers for organising this year's Pentecost celebration and Parish Day. May God bless them abundantly.

A very big thank you to all those who made donations of money, food, drinks and services for our Pentecost and parish day celebration. May God bless you abundantly.

Message of Appreciation: I wish to thank all those who have helped to make our 2026 Pentecost and Parish day memorable. **Our parishioners;** for your kindness, dedication, presence and love. **Our volunteers;** for your dedication, donations and service. The **business community of Tolworth; Tesco Express, Tolworth Evergreen, Vaishna, Curry Loco, Raj Cash and Carry and Best Food.** for your contribution and kindness. **DOSA restaurant;** For your great kindness and support for our celebrations. **Civil leaders;** For your presence and partnership with us. **Religious leaders;** for your presence and collaboration with us. **Couples for Christ;** for your support and love. **Our Lady Immaculate Primary School community;** For your presence and support. **Noah's Ark;** for your presence and support. **The Scout;** for your presence, support and partnership. **The Spiritans;** for your ministry, kindness and love. **Fr. Ugoo Ikwuka;** for his encouragement, service and leading us in the Mass. **Obituary:** We announce the passing of our faithful parishioner, Ronald Malone. His Funeral will be at 11.30am, Friday, 5th of June. May his souls rest in peace. Please pray for his family.

The 10th anniversary of the Tuesday prayer group is this 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.

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.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2026

African Caribbean Cultural Night | 6 June

The countdown is on! Our grand Lenten Project finale is shaping up to be a fantastic evening of flavour, rhythm and celebration. Expect brilliant entertainment, delicious food, lively music and a packed community hall. Tickets available after Mass and via the QR code.



Jumble Sale Raises Over £500

Another fantastic parish effort! A huge thank you to Elspeth and everyone who volunteered and supported the Jumble Sale, which raised over £500 for our Lenten Project charities.

Filipino Charity Night Raises £2,806.79

What an incredible evening! A packed hall helped raise an outstanding **£2,806.79** for our charities. Huge thanks to Jo and the entire Filipino team for such a joyful and successful night.

Young Entrepreneurs Supporting the Lenten Project

Look out for Alexa and Taylor at the Parish Day this Sunday and after the 9am Masses, where they will be selling their handmade bracelets in support of the Lenten Project. Please stop by and encourage these two brilliant young entrepreneurs!

50km Sponsored Walk | Nearly There!

The Tolworth Trekkers' epic Thames challenge continues to inspire, with the fundraising total now reaching an amazing **£3,464**, an incredible **95% of target**. Thank you for the tremendous support so far. One final push and we are over the line!



After receiving his driver's license, a Lutheran minister's son wanted to talk about using the family car. "I'll make a deal with you," his father said. "Bring your grades up, read your Bible more often, and get a haircut. Then you may use the car once or twice a week." A month later the question came up again. "Son," the father said, "I'm proud of you. I see you reading your Bible every day. But you didn't get a haircut." After a moment's pause, the son replied, "Yeah, I've thought about that. But Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair." "True," the father replied, "but maybe you noticed that they walked wherever they went?"

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £425.93

Non-Gift-aid: £752.80

Total: £1,178.73

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 tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk or call **07851 070036**.

Thank you once again for your continued support.



ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

On my knees before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses, I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithfulness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace, O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant heareth." Amen.

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