

# INFORMATION & REMINDERS

## PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2026

### African Caribbean Cultural Night Ends the Lenten Project in style

A huge thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, performed, donated and supported the African Caribbean Cultural Night. Special thanks go to Karen and Winnie for leading the organisation of the event, supported by a dedicated team of volunteers whose hard work behind the scenes helped make the evening such a success.

We would also like to thank our local business community for their generosity. In particular, Greenfield Estate Agents, who generously sponsored a big part of the event, together with a number of local businesses who donated raffle prizes and helped support the event. Young Entrepreneurs Supporting the Lenten Project



**Congratulations to Alexa and Taylor**, whose bracelet fundraising initiative raised an incredible £157 for the Lenten Project charities. Their creativity, enthusiasm and commitment have been an inspiration and a wonderful example of young people making a difference.

**50km Sponsored Walk | Final Push** The finish line is now within touching distance. Thanks to the incredible generosity of parishioners and supporters, the Thames Hike appeal has attracted more than 136 donations and is now just short of its fundraising target. If you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, this is the final week before the appeal closes. Every donation, no matter the size, will maximise the support we can provide to this year's charities.



**Thank You:** The Parish Lenten Project activities have now concluded for this year. Thank you to everyone who supported our events, fundraising initiatives and charities throughout the programme. Over the coming weeks, we will share a summary of the funds raised across the various activities and the impact your generosity will have on the charities we support.

**Joke of the Week:** An elderly parishioner won a million dollar lottery. Wondering how to break the news to her without causing her to faint from shock, the family decided to engage the services of Fr. Michael. So he went to the lady and initiated general conversation. In the course of their discussion, Fr. Michael asked 'madam, if today you are told that you've won a million dollars, what will you do?' The lady paused for a moment and then said 'that will be great news and I'll immediately give half of the money to the person who brought such a good news'. Fr. Michael immediately fainted...

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## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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#### LAST WEEKEND:

**Gift-aid:** £376.60  
**Non-Gift-aid:** £792.19 **Total:** £1,168.79  
**Second Collection/PDF -** £492.71

#### Weekly Collections Total Collection For May 2026

Cash / cheques – £6,237.23  
 1. Gift-Aided – £3,492.16  
 2. Non-G/A – £2,745.07  
 B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £4,243.50  
 1. Gift-Aided – £5,038.50  
 2. Non-G/A – £205  
 C. Contactless Machine – £1,274.92

**Total = £12,755.65 (Last month £13,518.20)**  
**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](http://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 [tolworthacl@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthacl@rcaos.org.uk) or call **07851 070036**.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

**A Prayer for Daddy:** Dear God, thank you for my dad. Bless him today and always. Let him feel loved, valued, and safe in Your care. Thank you for everything he has taught me and for the rock he has been in my life. I lift my dad up to You today. Thank you for his life and for all his sacrifices. Please grant him strength when he is tired, peace when he feels overwhelmed, and wisdom in every decision he makes. Guide his steps, bless his hard work, and surround him with Your grace.

**Prayer for a Deceased Dad.** "Happy Father's Day in Heaven, Dad. Not a day goes by that I don't think of you, but today your memory shines even brighter. Thank you for the love you gave, the lessons you taught, and the strength you left behind in me. I hope I'm making you proud. I pray that God will help me honour your life and the wonderful memories we shared. May God wrap you in His peace and bring our family comfort as we miss you. Amen

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# Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth



## TWELFTH SUNDAY YEAR A

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21TH JUNE, 2026



### Do Not be Afraid of Persecutions

The call to work in God's vineyards has both blessings and challenges. Today's readings give us a taste of the challenges. Jeremiah, representing other prophets, narrates the terrors and denunciations surrounding his life. They were all eagerly waiting for an error so as to master him. Amidst all these threats, Jeremiah remained strong because he could recognize the Lord being at his side. In the gospel, Jesus encourages his threatened apostles not to fear those who can kill the body but not the soul. The apostles were afraid of exactly what Jesus experienced in his life; false accusations and bodily harm leading to crucifixion. The good news is that Jesus came out victorious and also his faithful servants through history. Fear for life among apostles was real because many of them suffered martyrdom; Peter and Andrew were crucified, James and Paul were beheaded, Bartholomew was flayed alive while John was thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil. This fear is a familiar feeling for all those who act as the conscience of society especially religious leaders and all believers in general. St. John Fisher (a bishop) and St. Thomas More (a Lord Chancellor) were beheaded in 1535 because of standing for the right which opposed the King's wish. They did not fear doing God's Will as opposed to loyalty to the King. Jesus encourages, "Don't be afraid of those who can kill the body but cannot kill the soul" (Mt 10:28). Scriptures challenge us that "through fear of death, we are subject to slavery all our life" (Hebr 2:15) yet nobody desires such. Have you ever experienced challenges/suffering because of serving the Lord and upholding the truth of our faith? As we spend some time today reflecting on our fears, the message is, "Fear not for the Lord is always by your side!" **Fr. Bonaventure, CSSp.**

### MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 20 JUNE — 28 JUNE 2026

- Sat 20 18.30:** Kandiah Paramanathan - RIP (*C Yapp*)
- Sun 21 09.00:** Paul Lee – Conversion (*L. Ko*)  
**11.00:** Thanksgiving (*L. Ko*)  
**18.00:** Thanksgiving for Tom
- Mon 22 St. John Fisher (Feast)**  
**09.30:** Amelita Duval – RIP (*J Hodgson*)
- Tues 23 09.30:** John Bredl – RIP (*T Bredl*)  
**19.00:** Thanksgiving (*M Suresh*)
- Wed 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist (Feast)**  
**09.30:** Catherine Yap & Family (Wellbeing).  
**19.00:** Marcela Galego "Nanay"
- Thurs 25 07.00:** Private Intention  
**09.30:** Maria Perera – RIP (*Mrs M.B Peiris*)
- Fri 26 07.00:** People of the Parish  
**09.30:** Paul Joseph - RIP
- Sat 27 09.00:** Liz Jones – WB (*OLI Parish*)
- Sat 27 18.30:**
- Sun 28 09.00:** Joseph Antonisamy – RIP (*Mary & Suresh*)  
**11.00:**  
**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, John Keane, Alice Rooney & 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:

Cf. Ps 27: 8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

**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:** Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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 Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! 'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' say all my close friends, watching for my fall. 'Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.' But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

**Reader: The word of the Lord**

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm; Ps 69(68):8-10 33-35. R14c

**In your great mercy, answer me, O Lord.**

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame has covered my face. To my own kin I have become an outcast, a stranger to the children of my mother. Zeal for your house consumes me, and taunts against you fall on me. **R**

But I pray to you, O Lord, at an acceptable time.

In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your faithful salvation.

Lord, answer, for your mercy is kind; in your great compassion, turn towards me. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord attends to the needy, and does not spurn his own in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the seas and everything that moves in them. **R**

## Second Reading Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

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## Gospel Acclamation John 15:26b, 27a

**Alleluia, alleluia.** The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness. **Alleluia.**

## Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

**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:** Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Communion Antiphon Ps 144: 15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

**Prayer after Communion:** Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

## NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Use of School Facilities:** We are grateful to the school for making its facilities available for parish activities and events. Parents and carers are kindly reminded that children remain under their supervision at all times when using the hall, playground or school equipment. We want OLI to be a welcoming place for families while ensuring that everyone can enjoy the facilities safely and responsibly. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

**Congratulations to Alex Marazano, Ralf Smallwood & Phil Mooney for their 50 years** of service as members of the Knight of St. Columba. There will be a special celebration for them at the 11am Mass on the 5th of July.

**Father's Day.** Congratulations To all fathers, grandfathers, and all who play fatherly roles in the family, Church and society. May God bless them with his gracious love. Please, do not forget to gift or pray for your priests, they are your spiritual fathers.

**OLI will be going to World Youth Day 2027 in Korea (3-8 August 2027), with an optional Spiritans global gathering in Taiwan (26 July-2 August 2027).** Open to ages 16-35. Estimated cost is £3,000 per person, with opportunities for group fundraising. There is some flexibility with travel dates. Please register your interest at [tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk) by 5th of July.

**Michaela and Jefin** will speak at this weekend's Sunday masses to further promote this initiative.

**OLI YOUTH MINISTRY FREE PIZZA AND SNACKS!** Our next event is on Sunday 28 June 2026 12.30-1.45pm in the main hall for young people aged 12-21. For this event we are also excited to invite all year 6 students going to secondary school in September to join us.

**The Second collection for this weekend is** for the day for life collection that funds life—related activities supported by the Church. Next weekend collection will be for Peter's Pence. The Pope uses this collection for work of mercy and charity all over the world.

**Fr. Tony will say his first Mass in our parish and be welcomed in our parish during the 11am Mass, 12th of July.** Fr. Tony grew up in our parish, served Mass in the parish and found his vocation to the priesthood in our parish. Let us all come to welcome him. There are envelopes at the back of the Church for donations for his ministry. It will form part of the gift that the Parish offers him.

**The Parish is starting a Mental health be well Hub. Be Well offers us a practical way to live the gospel of love and support for those in need.** Parishioners and members of the wider community often approach the Church at moments of vulnerability: bereavement, loneliness, family breakdown, unemployment, anxiety, illness, migration or major life change. Sometimes what people need is spiritual support. Sometimes they also need practical help, community connection or professional services. Our Parish Be Well hub will help us respond more confidently and safely by listening well, accompanying people with dignity, and signposting them to appropriate support. If you are interested to work as a volunteer on this. Please, speak with Denise in the parish office or any of the clergy.

**Conferral of Confirmation. Bishop Gerard Bradley, our area Bishop** will be visiting our parish on Saturday, 11am, 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2026 to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on our young people who have been preparing to be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Many thanks to their catechists, parents, sponsors, and all who have been supporting them on this journey. Please, keep them in your prayers as they make final preparations.

**All Parish catechists, baptism, Holy Communion, RCIA and confirmation** are invited to a lunch with the Bishop after the confirmation Mass.

**Wants to be a lay Spiritan? Who are the Lay Spiritan Associates?** Together with the Priests and Brothers, lay Christians can join the Spiritan Congregation as Lay Spiritan Associates. They participate in the evangelization ministry by sharing in the spirituality and participating in the mission activities of the congregation. Every interested Parishioner is enrolled by filling in this form and returning it to any Spiritan priest. The interested parishioner will then undergo a period of training and at the end make a first commitment of membership. Are you interested to become a Lay Spiritan Associate? Kindly pick a form at the back of the Church and we will contact you.