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5TH JULY, 2026



Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

Carrying My Burdens With Jesus

The Lord gave Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai (Ex 20:1-17). In the struggle to observe them diligently, the Israelites kept adding more prescriptions and prohibitions. For instance, they made prescriptions on how people had to wash their hands, or utensils for spiritual purification (Mk 7:4). By the time of Jesus, they had accumulated 248 prescriptions and 365 prohibitions, which totaled 613 provisions. It was practically impossible to learn all of them and then observe them faithfully. All of these constituted an unbearable burden to them. When Jesus came, he called upon all those who were overburdened to come to him to find rest. The greatest relief that Jesus offered is to summarize the entire law to just two commandments; love of God and love of neighbor. These became so easy not only to observe but also to practically apply to life situations. Going to Jesus to find rest implies submitting to His ways. In a more assuring way, the Lord invites us to bear with him the yoke in carrying the burdens. A story of footprints in the sand is told of a man who dreamt of walking with Jesus along a sandy beach. As they walked, all the significant moments of his life's journey were flashed across the sky. He could see two sets of footprints in the sand, one for him and the other for Jesus. However, when it came to the toughest moments in his life's journey, only one set of footprints was seen. "Jesus, why could you abandon me at those moments?" he questioned. Jesus replied, "Those are times when I carried you." Jesus does the same for all of us. Do I always recognize Jesus carrying me or just his absence in my life? What is he teaching me in all these? **Fr. Bonaventure CSSp**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 4 JULY — 12 JULY 2026

Sat 04	18.30: Nancy Connolly – WB (<i>M Tett</i>)
Sun 05	09.00: James McGrath – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>). Renato Austria (RIP) 79th Birthday, 11.00: Connors Family – Ints 18.00: Karen Hoey & Paul Matthey – RIP (<i>M Hoey</i>)
Mon 06	09.30: Alice Russell – WB (<i>A & M Cook</i>)
Tues 07	09.30: William Henry Powell & Chris Powell (<i>M Powell</i>) 19.00: Bobby Gray – RIP (<i>L Jones</i>)
Wed 08	09.30: Canon Alan McLean – RIP (<i>J Lambert</i>) 19.00: The Brown Family (<i>P Olliffe</i>)
Thurs 09	07.00: Ciara Kidd – WB (<i>M Tett</i>) 09.30: Lynette & Eliz - TG
Fri 10	07.00: Henry Smith – RIP (<i>M Barnes</i>) 09.30: Michael Connolly – RIP (<i>A Kidd</i>)
Sat 11	St. Benedict (Co-Patron of Europe) Feast 09.00: Pethic Family (<i>P Olliffe</i>)
Sat 11	18.30: Jim Scanlon – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>)
Sun 12	09.00: Colm Maloney – RIP (<i>Frances</i>) 11.00: Seymour & Stella Tremenheere - Ints 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
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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 47: 10-11

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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 in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. 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 **Zechariah 9:9-10**

Thus says the Lord: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Sion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm; *I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.*

I will extol you, my God and king,

and bless your name for ever and ever.

I will bless you day after day,

and praise your name for ever and ever. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R**

All your works shall thank you, O Lord, and all your faithful ones bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your reign, and declare your mighty deeds. **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words, and holy in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall, and raises up all who are bowed down. **R**

Second Reading **Romans 8:9, 11-13**

Brothers and Sisters: You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you. So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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Gospel Acclamation **Cf. Matthew 11:25**

Alleluia, alleluia. I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children. Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 11:25-30**

At that time Jesus declared, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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 : May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Ps 33: 9

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Prayer after Communion: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Congratulations to Fr. Michael as he celebrates his 23rd anniversary as a priest. Fr. Michael was ordained 5th of July, 2003. Please, remember him in your prayers.

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 this weekend.

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 by 5th of July.

The Second collection for this weekend is for Fr Anthony's parish gift.

Next weekend collection will be for Stella Maris charity, that provides pastoral and practical care for all sea farers.

Rose's Art Raises Over £1,200: A huge congratulations to Rose, whose artwork fundraising initiative has raised an incredible £1,212.75 for the Lenten Project charities. Rose's creativity, generosity and commitment have been an inspiration to us all. She will formally present her artwork to Fr Michael and Fr Bonaventure at the 9am Mass on Sunday 12 July. We thank Rose and her family for their outstanding contribution to this year's appeal.

FORMS FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. Altar serving is a very beautiful way of your child growing in their faith and loving God. Encourage your child to join as we have a lot of faith developing and fun activities being prepared for them.

JUNIOR READERS: FORM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO BE READERS IN OUR CHURCH ARE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH. Reading in the church helps your child to know the Bible, develop their faith and boost their confidence. Please, encourage your child. Training will be prepared for them.

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.

A Day With Mary is hosting an International Symposium from 29 July to 31 July 2026 at St Mary's Catholic Church, West Croydon Further information is available at www adaywithmary.org/symposium

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

PARISH LENTEN PROJECT 2026

50km Sponsored Walk | Target Achieved: We are delighted to share that the Tolworth Trekkers appeal has now reached 100% of its fundraising target, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of parishioners, friends and supporters. The appeal attracted nearly 140 donations, helping to raise vital funds for this year's charities. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated, shared the appeal and encouraged the walkers along the way.

Additional Donations: We would also like to thank the many individuals and groups who have continued to support the Lenten Project through generous donations. Special thanks go to the 9am Tea & Coffee Group, who donated £165 from their takings, and to Joanne Hodgson and her family, whose fundraising efforts have attracted support from family and friends overseas, further extending the reach of this year's appeal.

Stay Connected: You can follow the Parish Lenten Project and other parish activities on Instagram at @oliparishtolworth. Throughout the year, we share photographs and videos from our fundraising events, together with updates from the charities we support, helping parishioners see the impact of their generosity and how their donations are making a difference to the lives of others.

Joke of the week: A big-game hunter went on safari with his wife and mother-in-law. One evening, while still deep in the jungle, the wife awoke to find her mother gone. Rushing to her husband, she insisted on them both trying to find her mother. The hunter picked up his rifle and started to look for her. In a clearing not far from the camp, they came upon a chilling sight: the mother-in-law was backed up against a thick, impenetrable bush, and a large male lion stood facing her. The wife cried, "What are we going to do?" "Nothing," said the hunter husband. "The lion got himself into this mess, let him get himself out of it."

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £372.90

Non-Gift-aid: £854.71 **Total:** £1227.61

Second Collection/Peter's Pence - £287.71

Weekly Collections

Total Collection For June 2026

Cash / cheques – £5,766.88

1. *Gift-Aided* – £3,815.25

2. *Non-G/A* – £1,951.63

B. *Standing Orders / Bank Transfers* – £4,372.00

1. *Gift-Aided* – £4,167.00

2. *Non-G/A* – £205

C. *Contactless Machine* – £1,242.

Total = £11,380.88 (Last month £12,755.65)

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*



Prayer for a Peaceful holiday: Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of time away and the opportunity to rest as a family. As we set out on this journey, I place our travels into Your loving hands. Please surround my family with Your protection, keep us safe on our journey, and guide us through every mile. Please grant us patience, understanding, and grace with one another when plans change or exhaustion sets in. Let laughter come easily, and may this time be filled with joyful bonding and precious memories. Help us to lay down daily stresses, to appreciate the simple beauties around us, and to find true refreshment for both our bodies and our spirits. Lord, be our pilot, our driver, and our guide. Protect us from harm, watch over our vehicle/flight, and keep us safe from accidents or unsafe travelers. Bless us with a smooth journey and bring us safely to our destination. Amen.

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