



15TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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Love's harvest exceeds its waste.

The story of the Sower is never about us but about God's love. The issue was never about the type of soil that the seed fell on, but about a wasteful and recklessly generous Sower. No reasonable farmer can ever behave like this Sower, and if they do, such a wasteful display of love will cost them their means of livelihood. This Sower is not cautious, calculative, and pragmatic, instead, he scatters his love everywhere on the ready and unready like a fool, assigning values and never thinking about outcome. His sowing follows no rational principle. He wastefully flings seed everywhere and just keeps on sowing, confident in his knowledge that love is inexhaustible and will triumph at the end. Also, he reminds us that God's love has a way of surprising us, it can sprout and flourish in the most unlikely places. God's love never stopped believing and hoping on us; hence, the Sower sows relentlessly and never stop. He reminds us that love is relentless; it never gives up despite rejection and resistance. However, when love is received well, barren ground becomes a land of abundance, while broken lives are turned into joyous witnesses of grace. Indeed, at harvest time, the yield of love will always far exceed love's wasted seeds and efforts. Hence, if God's love is this extravagant, then as His disciples, we are called to sow love in the same way by loving without fearing the waste of our efforts, loving without regard of the readiness of others to receive and respond and loving even when it is difficult, with no result to show for our love. This story is not about farming. It is about Grace and our labours of love. Remember that the Sower loves you like a fool and that, though, love manifests in foolishness, however, its harvest far exceeds its waste. **Fr. Michael**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 11 JULY — 19 JULY 2026

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 Tremeneheere - Ints 18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 13	09.30: Mary O'Toole – RIP (<i>M-J Gray</i>)
Tues 14	09.30: Valerie Lee – TG (<i>Lilly Ko</i>) 19.00: Ouseph Vareth – RIP (<i>J Varghese</i>)
Wed 15	<u>St. Bonaventure.</u> 09.30: Michael Chris Connors - RIP 19.00: Jebamalai Muthu – RIP (<i>Mary & Suresh</i>)
Thurs 16	07.00: Tim Ryan – Ints (<i>M Tett</i>) 09.30: Mary Hosey - Ints
Fri 17	07.00: Casey Family - Ints 09.30: Raneer Arul – RIP (<i>C Nagendran</i>)
Sat 18	09.00: Dec'd Mems of the Amanpour Family
Sat 18	18.30: Amanpour Family - Ints
Sun 19	09.00: John & Margaret Mitchell – RIP (<i>P Mitchell</i>) 11.00: Claire & Colin Stevens – Ints (<i>S & S Tremeneheere</i>) 18.00: TG for First Home (<i>Prashanthini AK</i>)

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:	MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8AM
MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):	MONDAY – FRIDAY: 9AM
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:	SATURDAY: - 9.30-10am & 5.30-6.00pm
ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA:	TUESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA:	WEDNESDAY: - After morning and evening Masses
OUR LADY OF FATIMA DEVOTION:	FIRST SATURDAY - of the month, after morning Mass
SYRO-MALABAR VIGIL	FIRST FRIDAY - of the month
YOUTH MASS	LAST SUNDAY of the month

TODAY'S READINGS

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.'

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm; Ps 65(64):10a-d. 10e-11. 12-13. 14. R Luke 8:8

Some seed fell into good soil and yielded its fruit.

You visit the earth, give it water;
you fill it with riches.
God's ever-flowing river brims over
to prepare the grain. **R**

And thus you prepare it:
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **R**

You crown the year with your bounty.
Abundance flows in your pathways;
in pastures of the desert it flows.
The hills are girded with joy. **R**

The meadows clothed with flocks.
The valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy; yes, they sing! **R**

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and Sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption, and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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Gospel Acclamation

1S3:9, Jn6:68

Alleluia, alleluia. The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; all who find him will live for ever. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9

At that time: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.'

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 : Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Cf. Ps 83: 4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Prayer after Communion: Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. Through Christ our Lord.

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Fr. Tony as he says his first Mass with our parishioners. May God bless his ministry and fill him with so much joy. There will be a reception in the old chapel after the Mass.

Congratulation to John and Margery Costello as they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this week, may the good Lord continue to bless their love and family.

Congratulations to Fr. Bonaventure as he celebrates his birthday and feast day this week, May God continue to bless him and flourish his ministry among us.

Fr. Augustine Nwosu will go back this week to Nigeria after his holiday in our parish. May God bless him and his ministry.

There will be the Spiritan's Superior general visitation of our parish on Sunday, 19th of July, at 8pm. Fr. Michael invites all parishioners involved in parish outreach work, such as Lenten Project, Warm wel-

come, bereavement team, toddler's group, care home singing group and youth leaders to the old chapel to give an account of their work.

Journey mercies to all our parishioners who are travelling for their Summer Holiday, may God bless and protect you. May all those who are staying in our beautiful Tolworth and its environs also have a peaceful and restful holiday.

The Knights of Saint Columba thanks everyone for the splendid sung 11.00 am Mass last Sunday and to the Scouting movement who led us into church. They felt very honoured to be presented with the OLI Golden Jubilee Certificates and gift from the Parish. May God Bless everyone.

11am Choir: The 11am choir is now on break till September. Thanks so much to Rob, the choir master and all the members of the choir for their great contribution to our liturgy. May God bless and keep you all well.

9am Children liturgy: Thank you to all parents and children for your wonderful support of the Children's Liturgy Group throughout this academic year. The group is now closed for the summer break and looks forward to welcoming the children back in September. Wishing you all a joyful and restful summer.

The Second collection for this weekend is for Stella Maris charity, that provides pastoral and practical care for all sea farers.

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.

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.

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.

African-Caribbean Night Raises Over £5,400: The African-Caribbean Charity Night was another tremendous success, raising an impressive **£5,415.27** towards this year's Lenten Project charities. Our sincere thanks to everyone who attended, volunteered, donated prizes, purchased food and refreshments, or supported the event in any way.

Special thanks go to the 9am Tea & Coffee Group for their donation, the winners of the **1st and 3rd prize scratch cards**, William and Daksha, who generously donated their winnings back to the appeal, **Alexa and Taylor** for contributing the proceeds from their bracelet sales, and **Greenfield**, who sponsored the entire event.

Additional Donations: We would also like to thank the many individuals and groups who have continued to support the Lenten Project through generous donations including **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.

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him? **LOUIS:** Because George still had the axe in his hand.

TEACHER: Louis, go to the map and find North America. **Louis:** Here it is. **TEACHER:** Correct. Now class, who discovered America? **CLASS:** Louis.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £410.50

Non-Gift-aid: £ 557.96 **Total:** £968.46

Second Collection/Fr. Tony's collection - £368.47

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 before Meal: Bless us, O Lord, and these thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer After Meal: We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, O Almighty God, who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Children Bedtime Prayer: Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray the Lord my soul to keep. Angels watch me through the night, And wake me with the morning light. Amen.

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SEEDS	BIRDS	SOIL
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WITHERED	THORNS	CROP

