



16TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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19TH JULY, 2026



Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

God's Patience With His Creatures

Today's gospel is from a section with three parables of the Kingdom of God; wheat that grows up with darnel, a very small seed that grows into a very big shrub, and yeast that is used in small amounts but yields great end-results in the baking of bread. All the parables show us how God's reign starts in small and humble ways but ends with all-encompassing effects. The patience of God exemplified becomes an opportunity for conversion of a sinner (Rom 2:4). Wheat and darnel grow together until harvest when wheat is put into barns and darnel is tied up for burning. In the same way, God patiently allows all people to live together (those open to God and those not) until the opportune time of harvest (Eccl 3:1-8). One parishioner once raised a concern, "If we are all children of God in a church, why are offertory collection boxes/bags tightly secured?" It means that the intensions of all people in a church are different. Though wheat and darnel are clearly distinct plants, in our spiritual life we end up having a percentage of each of them. There are moments when we do the will of God and others when we fail. This is the reason why sometimes we are worthy to receive the sacraments and other times not (1Cor 11:27-29). How can we take advantage of God's patience? It is prudent to practice a daily weeding of the garden of our souls by attending to our spiritual darnels - sin. We should never be discouraged by small beginnings (abstinence, confession, fasting, regular prayers) because they can lead to significant outcomes like the mustard seed and yeast do. Should the weeding process prove too great on occasions we can take consolation in knowing that the Spirit will help us in our weakness. The first reading has assured us that our God cares for everything, He is mild in judgement and governs with mercy. **Fr. Bonaventure CSSp.**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 18 JULY — 26 JULY 2026

- Sat 18:** 18.30: Amanpour Family - Ints
Sun 19: 09.00: John & Margaret Mitchell – RIP (*P Mitchell*)
11.00: Claire & Colin Stevens – Ints (*S & S Tremenheere*)
18.00: TG for First Home (*Prashanthini AK*)
Mon 20: 09.30: Mr & Mrs Martins – Special Ints
Tues 21: 09.30: Michael D'Souza (*P Fazal*)
19.00: Connors Family
Wed 22: St. Mary Magdalen (Feast).
09.30: Ciara Kidd – WB (*P & M Fahy*)
19.00: Blessings & T/G for The Hodgson & San Juan Families
Thurs 23: St. Bridget of Sweden (Patron of Europe - Feast)
07.00: Holy Souls
09.30: John Bredl – RIP (*T Bredl*)
Fri 24 07.00: Holy Souls
09.30: Private Intentions (*L Confiet*)
Sat 25 St. James (Apostle- Feast)
09.00: Ciara Kidd – WB (*P & M Fahy*)
Sat 25 18.30:
Sun 26 09.00: Mr Valerian Miranda – RIP (*Miranda Fam*)
11.00: Canon Alan McLean – RIP (*J Lambert*)
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: Ps 53: 6, 8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good

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: Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. 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 Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Neither is there any God besides you, whose care is for all, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly. For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You are sovereign in strength but you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the one who is righteous must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm; Ps 86(85):5-6. 9-10. 15-16a.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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full of mercy to all who call to you.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer,
and attend to my voice in supplication. **R**

All the nations you have made shall come;
they will bow down before you, O Lord,
and glorify your name,
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R**

You, O God, are compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abundant in mercy and fidelity;
turn and take pity on me. **R**

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and Sisters: The Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God

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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 13:24-30

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowd, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?" He said to them, "An enemy has done this." So the servants said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he said, "No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, 'Gather the weeds first

and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' ” ’

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 : O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon Ps 110: 4-5

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

Prayer after Communion: Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no 7am Mass on Thursday, 30th of July and Friday, 31st of July. However, there will be adoration at 8am, morning prayer at 9am and Mass at 9.30am. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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 welcome, 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.

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.

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.

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £413.21

Non-Gift-aid: £ 564.92 **Total:** £978.13

Second Collection Stella Maris- £301.51

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 tolworthgacl@rcas.org.uk or call **07851 070036**. *Thank you once again*

A Child's Prayer for Grandparents

Dear God, please bless my grandparents. Thank you for the life they gave my parents and for the life, they give to me. For the ways they helped me and love me no matter what, I thank you. For the ways, they have paved the road that leads me here, I am grateful. Let them grow joy in life and find peace and rest from their work. Let them be healed of every sickness and pain. And let them see with their own eyes your glory and the love of their children and grandchildren. Bless them always until they come to rest in you.

Teacher: "If I gave you 2 cats and another 2 cats and another 2, how many would you have?" **Johnny:** "Seven."
Teacher: "No, listen carefully... If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?" **Johnny:** "Seven." **Teacher:** "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?" **Johnny:** "Six." **Teacher:** "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?" **Johnny:** "Seven!" **Teacher:** "Johnny, where in the heck do you get seven from?!" **Johnny:** "Because I've already got a cat!"

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