



18TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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2ND AUGUST, 2026



Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

Today's readings reveal God's unconditional love and care for his people. Isaiah, in the first reading, shows how considerate God is for the thirsty and hungry people however poor they are. In the gospel, Jesus could not allow people to go away hungry as the disciples were suggesting. It is so touching that this took place after the death of John the Baptist when Jesus had wanted to have some time alone. Considering the crowds that were seeking him out for both their physical and spiritual healing, he gave priority to their needs. Looking at the number of people, the disciples could not think that it was possible to feed such a multitude of 5000 men without counting women and children (Mt 14:21). The available food was just five loaves and two fish. That is what Jesus blessed, broke and gave out for distribution to all the people. All of them ate and even had twelve baskets of left-over! What a miracle! Jesus blesses what is available to have enough food for everyone. This reminds us of how some preachers define a miracle; it is not God working for us but it is God working with us. This is in line with St. Thomas Aquinas' teaching that *Grace builds on nature*. During the wedding at Cana, Jesus changes the water which was already available in the stone jars to have wine for them (Jn 2:1-11). When we face some challenging situations and it seems that we do not have enough of what it takes to get us through, we should entrust whatever we have, however small it may seem, into the hands of Jesus and ask him to bless it. Faith in our Lord should never make us passive but rather encourage us to do our best as we ask God to do the rest. What is available to me in my predicament; time, energy, talents, skills, brethren? **Fr. Bonaventure CSSp**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 2 AUGUST — 9 AUGUST 2026

Sat 01	18.30: Holy Souls
Sun 02	09.00: Rajani Reginald 11.00: Dennis Gallagher -RIP 18.00: June Parks RIP (<i>K Goggin</i>)
Mon 03	09.30: P Hosey - Ints
Tues 04	09.30: Liz Telfer - RIP (<i>L Jones</i>) 19.00: Lily Ko - WB
Wed 05	09.30: Bridget Faherty - RIP (<i>C Faherty</i>) 19.00: Leon Isac - TG - BD (<i>Lucy</i>) <u>The Transfiguration of the Lord - FEAST</u>
Thurs 06	07.00: Holy Souls 09.30: Vincent Malone - RIP (<i>Frances</i>)
Fri 07	07.00: John Rutter - BD (<i>OLI Parish</i>) 09.30: Thanksgiving (<i>P Fazal</i>)
Sat 08	09.00: People of the Parish
Sat 08	18.30: Tommy McNulty & Patrick Friel - WB (<i>J Friel</i>)
Sun09	09.00: Shannon Emmett & Davis Butler - Happy Marriage (<i>H Emmett</i>) 11.00: Bernard Chan - WB (<i>C Y</i>) 18.00: Mathew Xavier - RIP, 10th Anni (<i>Lucy</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:
MORNING PRAYER (LAUDS):
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
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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 69: 2, 6

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

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: Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord: 'Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.'

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm; Ps 145(144):8-9. 15-16. 17-18. R You open your hand and fulfil us, O Lord.

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**

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand and satisfy
the desire of every living thing. **R**

The LORD is just in all his ways,

and holy in all his deeds.

The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and Sisters: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4b

Alleluia, alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

At that time: When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' But Jesus said, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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**

Bidding Prayers - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sunday 2 August 2026 | Bidding Prayers

Priest: God of mercy, you invite us to place our trust in you. And so we bring our prayers before you with confidence in your loving care.

Reader: We pray for Pope Leo, joining our prayers to his call for a just peace in the Holy Land. Our heartfelt prayer today is for real, lasting peace to come at last to this troubled land. **Lord hear us.**

Reader: We pray for those affected by devastating wildfires. We remember those who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods, those forced to evacuate, and the firefighters and emergency services who risk their lives to save and protect others. **Lord hear us.**

Reader: We ask God to bring comfort and hope to those affected by the earthquake in Japan, and to bestow courage and strength on those involved in the rescue effort. **Lord hear us.**

Reader: We pray for those carrying the weight of difficult choices or uncertain futures. May the Holy Spirit guide them in wisdom, grant them courage and surround them with people who offer good counsel and loving support.

Reader: We pray for all our dead and those whose anniversary occur at this time. Eternal rest give unto them O Lord and let thy perpetual light shine upon them and may they rest in peace. **Amen**

Reader: We ask our blessed Mother Mary to intercede for us as we pray. Hail Mary....

Reader: In the silence of our heart, we bring our other intentions to our loving God.

Priest: Heavenly Father, you are our strength and our hope. Keep our hearts centred on you, that we may live each day in faith, hope and love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings : Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

Wis 16: 20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

Prayer after Communion: Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the beginning of August, the Church celebrates the Pardon of Assisi, or the Portiuncula indulgence. From noon on 1 August until midnight on 2 August, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, by making a devout visit to a parish or Franciscan church and reciting the Our Father, the Creed and pray

for the Holy Father's intentions.

The second collection for this weekend is for the Parish development fund and next weekend will be for the World youth day to support our young people for the trip to the world youth day in South Korea. Thanks for your support.

Fr. Michael's email address has changed. It is now michaelezenwammadu@rcaos.org.uk instead of michaelezenwammandu@rcaos.org.uk. There is no longer the letter "n" before the letter "d". Sorry for the inconvenience.

Fr. Michael is away from the Parish from the 18th of August to the 1st of September. Please, see him as soon as you can if you have anything to sort out with him within this period.

Sunday 16th August: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The 11am Mass will be a solemn Mass with professional singers joining us to provide splendid music. Details of the music can be found on the parish music facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61585014980305> Please do come to celebrate this great feast.

Choral Scholarships at OLI

Our musical director Rob, would very much like to establish up to 8 choral scholarships at OLI starting in October. These are aimed at sixth-formers and those at university primarily. For more details about these please go to the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/olisinging> We do encourage you to consider these if you are suitable and also to tell people about the opportunity as widely as you possibly can!

FUNDRAISING FOR DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE. From Bishop Paul. One of the trustees of our Lourdes pilgrimage has been doing a sponsored walk to raise money to help disabled pilgrims to go to Lourdes. He will be in parts of Kent and SE London this week. If you would be willing to contribute, he has a fundraising page at www.justgiving.com/page/calourdes125sw

Summertime 2026: 11th August – 14th August: Altar Servers Trip to Westminster Pastoral Centre, £199.

For aged 11-15. We commend this excellent residential trip for altar servers and those who regularly attend mass on the weekend. It is a few days for deepening one's catholic faith, in a great social atmosphere, including football, sports and visit to Thorpe Park. Forms in the RDJ room and in the Narthex

DONATION OF CLEAN EMPTY JAM JARS - in support of an animal charity. Jars may be left at the back of the church or handed in at the Presbytery. Thanks

Are you interested to become a Lay Spiritan Associate? Kindly pick a form at the back of the Church and we will contact you.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 31 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria

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

LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £344.60

Non-Gift-aid: £557.07

Total: £901.67

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: **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@rcaos.org.uk or call **07851 070036**. Thank you once again for your continued support.*



Prayer for the new month of August : Heavenly Father, as I step into the month of August, I acknowledge Your guidance in all seasons of my life. I am filled with awe and gratitude for Your presence in the past months, helping me to grow, overcome challenges, and receive blessings. Lord, I recognize that August signifies new beginnings for many, and I thank You for the opportunities that lie ahead. I ask for Your divine guidance, wisdom, and strength as I navigate the pathways of August. Bless me with discernment, fortitude, and a constant awareness of Your grace and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

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