

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Prayer for Others who are Challenged:
O God, when I have food,
help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work,
help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home,
help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain,
help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering,
help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion,
and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed,
those who cry out for what we take for granted.
Amen.

Preparation prayer for University: Dear God, as I step into this new chapter of university life, calm my anxious heart. Grant me a sharp mind to understand new concepts, the strength to manage my time well, and the grace to build good friendships. Guide my steps through every challenge ahead. Amen.

Prayer for Those Affected by Natural Disasters.
Lord God, bless every person affected by the disaster of wild fires and earthquakes. Surround them with Your love, and protection. Let them be consoled by knowing that there are millions of us out here praying for them and their loved ones. Lord, be with everyone waiting to be rescued, keep them safe, raise your healing hand upon those receiving treatment. We pray for the rescue workers; keep them safe as they make heroic efforts in dangerous situations to rescue those in trouble. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTION ON 16/8/2026

	Offertory	Second Collec-tion
Gift-aid	£ 436.82	£
Non-Gift-aid	£ 483.10	£
Total	£ 919.92	£ 130.66

Total Collection For July 2026
Cash / cheques – £4535.29
1. Gift-Aided – £1,697.57
2. Non-G/A – £2,837.72
B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £4,325.00
1. Gift-Aided – £4,125.50
2. Non-G/A – £200
C. Contactless Machine – £1,256.
Total = £10,116.79 (Last month £11,624.88)
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 tol-worthgac1@rcaos.org.uk or call 07851 070036. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Holmes and Dr. Watson went on a camping trip. After a good meal and a bottle of wine, they slept. In the night, Holmes awoke his friend. "Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see." Watson replied, "I see millions and millions of stars." "What does that tell you?" He pondered for a minute. "Astronomically, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and planets. Theologically, I can see that God is all powerful and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, I suspect that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?" Holmes was silent a bit and then spoke, "It tells me that someone has stolen our tent."

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Who do You Say I am?

Isaiah in the first reading gives us a hint on how Eliakim replaced Shebna as prime minister. Keys were put on his shoulders as a sign of having full power in the palace. He did well but in the end he used the power to serve the interests of his relatives and friends (Isa 22:24-25).
The gospel text has the same image of Simon being given keys after interrogation. According to Matthew, this event took place at the beginning of the journey to Jerusalem. The physical journey also points to a spir- itual journey of growing in the knowledge of their master. To test the disciples' knowledge, Jesus asked them two questions. The first was a general one (who do people say that I am) and the disciples gave several answers that included John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets (Mt 16:14). The second was more personal, "But you who do you say I am?" It was only Peter who answered that he is the Christ. Si- mon's answer pleased Jesus and gave him a new name which also entails a new mission. Simon is now called Petros (Greek) or Kephass (Aramaic) which means a Rock. He is instituted as a leader of the other apostles and disciples. He performed well though later he was challenged (just like Eliakim) especially when he denied Jesus (Mt 26:33) but he repented and was reconfirmed in his mission (Jn 21:1-19). Today Jesus is asking, "Who am I to you personally?" What influences have I got in your life? Have I got a strong faith in Jesus (that makes me a rock) for Jesus to re-shape the mission he entrusted to me? Despite the chal- lenges of failure in the christian life, today the Lord is still calling you to strengthen you in the mission. The change of Simon's name reminds us of our baptismal commitments (when we too received a new name). Am I still faithful and committed to the Lord in my Christianity? Fr. Bonaventure CSSp

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 23 AUGUST — 30 AUGUST 2026

Sat 22	18.30: People of the Parish
Sun 23	09.00: James Butler (RIP) (H Emmett) 11.00: Prisco Buenafe (RIP) (J Espiritu) Mathew Xavier (RIP) 10th ANN (Lucy) 18.00: John O'Locklyn St. Bartholomew, Apostle - Feast
Mon 24	09.30: Allen & Teresa – God's blessing & Protection
Tues 25	09.30: Monica Tett - WB (D Kidd) 19.00: Antony Pandian – RIP (M Suresh)
Wed 26:	09.30: Andrew Manning - BD 19.00: Marie & Patrick Fahy - Ints
Thurs 27:	07.00: Holy Souls 09.30: Terri Titcombe (H Titcombe)
Fri 28:	07.00: Menino & Ann D'Silva - Ints 09.30: Macarton & Breegh Lamb – Ints (M Harding)
Sat 29:	09.00: Holy Souls
Sat 29:	18.30: Chris & Eileen Furlong – Special Int (Sxymanski Fam)
Sun 30:	09.00: Bridie Connor – RIP (M Harding) 11.00: Audrey Ford - RIP (J Lambert) 18.00: People of the Parish

REMEMBRANCE: Please re- member in your prayers all who have recently died espe- cially and those whose anni- versaries 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:

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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 cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 22:15, 19-23

Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, ‘Come, go to this steward, to Shebna, who is over the household, and say to him: “I will thrust you from your office, and you will be pulled down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father’s house.” ’

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm; Ps 138(137):1-2a. 2bc, 3. 6, 8bc.

R8bc

O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands.

Cf. Ps 85: 1-3

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart; you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the angels I praise you. I bow down towards your holy Temple. **R**

I give thanks to your name for your merciful love and your faithfulness. On the day I called, you answered me; you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly, and the haughty he knows from afar. O LORD, your merciful love is eternal; discard not the work of your hands. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! ‘For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?’ ‘Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?’ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

At that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ He said to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter replied, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

Priest: God our Father, as we bring before you the concerns of the Church, our communities and our world, help us to listen with care, speak with honesty and respond with generosity.

Reader: We pray for Pope Leo and all religious leaders for wisdom and courage as they lead the Church and speak out against violence and to call for justice and peace. **Lord hear us ..**

Reader: We pray for world leaders to be guided by God in resisting hostility and conflict in favour of negotiation and reconciliation. **Lord hear us ..**

Reader: We pray for those experiencing violence. May they find safety and practical support, and people willing to listen to their concerns. **Lord hear us ..**

Reader: We pray for those affected by devastating wildfires this summer, the emergency workers and volunteers who work to protect lives and homes. **Lord hear us ..**

Reader: As the summer holidays draw to an end we pray for pupils, students teachers and parents. May our schools, workplaces, and parishes be places where people are supported. **Lord hear us ..**

Reader: We pray for all our dead and those whose anniversary occur at this time. Eternal rest grant to them O Lord and let thy perpetual light shine upon them. 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 hearts, we bring our other intentions to our loving God.

Priest: God of mercy, grant us the courage to act, so that the compassion and justice we ask of you may also be seen in the way we live. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 103: 13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

Prayer after Communion: Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A big welcome to all our parishioners returning from their holidays and we wish you a very inspiring rest of the year.

The second Collection Next Week – 30th August is for Parish Development Fund.

To raise funds for going to the World Youth Day, our youth will have a waterfight for young people and a biryani sale for adults on 13th Sept after the 11am mass. Let us support them.

Archdiocesan Day for Catechists will be on Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Amigo Hall, St George’s Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HU. All catechists, those involved in Liturgy of the Word for Children and RCIA are invited. For booking and details - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

OLI YOUTH MINISTRY FREE PIZZA AND SNACKS! This Sunday 23 August 2026 is the youth event between 12.30-1.45pm in the main hall for young people aged 12-21."

Meetings: Eucharistic Ministers on Wed 16th Sept,2026 after evening mass in the Old Chapel. Mass Managers will meet on Wed 23rd Sept, 2026 after the evening mass in the Old Chapel.

SAFEGUARDING: If you have completed the DBS process in the last few months and have still NOT received your Disclosure and Barring Service Enhanced Certificate, the Diocese have advised that you contact the DBS Service on the DBS Helpline **03000 200 190** as soon as possible as it is only them that can issue the Certificates and copies are only available for a limited period. Any problems contact tolworthsg1@rcaos.org.uk

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL – LETTER WRITING EVENT; This deeply flawed Bill is being voted on again in Parliament on 11th September. Hand writing letters to our MP about our serious concerns is known to be very effective. We are therefore holding letter writing events here in OLI after the 9am and 11am Masses on 23rd August,2026. All are welcome to join us in the Hall and Old Chapel, letter, paper, pens, stamps and envelopes will be provided.

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