



22ND SUNDAY YEAR A

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Crosses in Serving the Lord

Jeremiah was called for the prophetic work in Jerusalem just around the time preceding the destruction of the city by the Babylonians. The spiritual life was empty, false and deceptive. Jeremiah was sent to denounce these with threat of immediate destruction if people would not convert. This provoked a violent persecution against him by the king and other leaders and he thus cried to God who called him. In the gospel, Jesus clearly announces his suffering i.e persecution, death and on the third day be raised (Mt 16:21). Peter didn't believe that Jesus as Messiah could undergo suffering. The popular Jewish expectation of a Messiah was one who could bring instant glory to Israel in terms of military success, wealth and prosperity. Thus, Peter rebuked Jesus saying, "This must never happen to you" (Mt 16:22). In reaction, Jesus called Peter Satan who was blocking God's Will. The gospel of Christ is like a coin with two sides; the cross and the crown. Thus, Jesus who had called all the weary to him to give them a rest (Mt 11:28) is the same who has called them to take up their crosses and follow him. This is because, "those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (Mt 16:24-25). If Jesus who was God had to endure the cross what about his followers? The blessed Virgin Mary experienced at least seven sorrows including a sword piercing her soul. There are also countless saints who carried the cross (persecutions) as a way to attain divine glory, for instance St. Andrew, St. Maria Gorreth, St. Paul, and others. Let's not look at our disappointments, bereavement, sickness, and sufferings with the question of "why me?" but as necessary conditions for the future glory. Just like Mother Mary, let our prayer be, "May God's Will be done" in our lives. *Fr. Bonaventure, CSSp.*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 30AUGUST — 6 SEPTEMBER 2026

Sat 29	18.30: Chris & Eileen Furlong – Special Int (<i>Scymanski Fam</i>)
Sun 30	09.00: Bridie Connor – RIP (<i>M Harding</i>) Rosary Anthony – RIP (<i>L Anthony</i>)
	11.00: Audrey Ford - RIP (<i>J Lambert</i>) Irene & Joseph Boffa – RIP (<i>K Gogin</i>)
	18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 31	09.30: Amanpour Family – WB & Ints
Tues 01	09.30: Kevin – TG (<i>M Sebastian</i>)
	19.00: Edward Murphy – RIP (<i>OLI Parish</i>)
Wed 02:	09.30: Rajani Reginald
	19.00: Anne – TG (<i>M Sebastian</i>)
	<u>St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor - Feast</u>
Thurs 03:	07.00: Benedict Ritto – RIP, 3 rd Anni (<i>Rita</i>)
	09.30: Eric William Powell – RIP (<i>Powell</i>)
Fri 04:	07.00: Holy Souls
	09.30: Private Int (<i>M Sebastian</i>)
Sat 05:	09.00: Holy Souls
Sat 05:	18.30: Catherine Yap - WB
Sun 06:	09.00: Collette & Martin Spice - 45 th Wedd Anni (<i>G Murray</i>)
	11.00: Renee Barry – RIP, 3 rd Anni & WB of Barry Fam (<i>C Stevens</i>)
	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:	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:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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: God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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

Jeremiah 20:7-9

O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughing-stock all the day; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm; Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9. R2b

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

I have come before you in the sanctuary,

Cf. Ps 85: 3, 5

to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **R**

For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-27

At that time: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.'

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: Lord, you call us to know you more closely and to be shaped by your friendship. We offer you our prayers and crosses, asking you to transform our lives and the world in which we live.

Reader: We pray for Pope Leo and all Church leaders. Give them the courage they need to challenge injustice and to help the people to recognize God's presence.

Lord in your mercy.

Reader: We pray for all civil leaders. May they search for truth and practise integrity in the relationships and situations that challenge their conscience. *Lord in your mercy.*

Reader: We pray for those who are suffering from the effects of earthquakes, droughts, floods and wildfires. May they find the encouragement and support they need. *Lord in your mercy.*

Reader: We pray for all young people, parents and teachers as the new academic year begins. May life be an adventure of discovery, learning and companionship in the days that lie ahead. *Lord in your mercy.*

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: Lord of hope, fill us with your love. Show us the joy to be found in living with you and for you. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Offerings

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 30: 20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Prayer after Communion: Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. 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 this Weekend – 30th August, 2026 is for PDF.

The Second Collection Next Weekend – 6th September, 2026 is for World Youth Day.

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

SAFEGUARDING: We welcome Lucy Nyaga-Gitari, David Mulholland and Phil Townsend as new Safeguarding Representatives to join Monica Tett in the Parish. They will focus on Data Protection, Social Media and Volunteer Training (mandatory) in the next few months. We are grateful for them being willing to share their qualifications and expertise for the good of the whole Parish.

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.

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.

Monday 7 September 8.30pm Old Chapel: Bible Study
Tuesday 8 September 9.30am Old Chapel: 'Stay & Play' - Toddlers' group

Friday 11 September 6.30pm by Zoom: Bible study for young people 13 to 17 years old.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR JAM JAR DONATIONS

Jennifer appreciates everyone who has donated clean, empty jam jars for the charity jam-making project. She kindly asks that you continue collecting clean jars, as more will be needed. You can drop them off at the back of the church or hand them in at the Presbytery. Thank you once again for your support.

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

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Praying Through St. Monica's Intercession

Dear St. Monica, troubled wife and mother, Many sorrows pierced your heart during your lifetime. Yet you never despaired or lost faith. With confidence, persistence and profound faith, you prayed daily for the conversion of your beloved husband, Patricius, and your beloved son, Augustine. Grant me that same fortitude, patience and trust in the Lord. Intercede for me, dear St. Monica, for (*mention your petition here*) and grant me the grace to accept his will in all things, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Praying for those facing Challenges

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION ON 23/8/2026

	Offertory	Second Collection
Gift-aid	£ 289.00	£ -
Non-Gift-aid	£ 607.75	£ -
Total	£ 896.75	£ -

TOTAL COLLECTION FOR JULY 2026

	Cash / Cheques	Contactless Machines
Gift-Aid	£ 1,697.57	£
Non Gift-Aid	£ 2,837.72	£
Total	£ 4,535.29	£ 1,256

Standing Orders / Bank Transfers

Gift-Aid	£ 4,125.50
Non Gift-Aid	£ 200
Total	£ 4,325.50
Monthly Grand Total	£ 10,116.79



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***

Need Help? Contact Lance Louis

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

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