



23RD SUNDAY YEAR A

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Fraternal Correction and Guidance

The first reading has the background of a town's watchman who sees enemies coming and has to blow a horn to warn the people of an impending danger. If he doesn't, then he is responsible for the ruin and death of people. In the same way Ezekiel calls all believers to do the same for a neighbor who is straying from God's ways. If not, then a believer is responsible for the consequences of such a neighbor. St Paul, in the second reading, urges us to use love as the motivation of all we do for our brethren. Led by the same fraternal spirit, Jesus in the gospel gives guidance on how to handle corrections among believers. The first attempt is to meet on a one-on-one to avoid humiliating a neighbor by blowing out the issues. If it fails to work, involving another two or three can be opted for so that again it remains an issue of a few people. It's only when all these attempts fail that such a member is brought to the whole community. It is hoped that these stages would enable such a member to convert or else if s/he fails, such a person is to be treated as a tax collector. We all make mistakes and end up being condemned according to our community norms. How often have we used these steps of love to bring back to communion any members going astray? Then, how many of us who have offended the community have been humble enough to heed to the procedures? Surprisingly, Jesus was always closers to sinners and tax collectors working for their conversion, for instance Levi (Mt 9:9-13), Zacchaeus (Lk 19:1-10) and others. Accordingly, the church's sacrament of reconciliation is for all of us whether within the community or outside. May we use it always since we are all wounded sinners. *Fr. Bonaventure CSSp.*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 6 SEPTEMBER — 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

- Sat 05 18.30:** Catherine Yap - WB. Mary Kelly – RIP (*D Dixon*)
- Sun 06 09.00:** Collette & Martin Spice - 45th Wedd Anni (*G Murray*)
11.00: Renee Barry – RIP, 3rd Anni & WB of Barry Fam (*C Stevens*) Jackson Sentongo – RIP (*Martha*)
18.00: People of the Parish
- Mon 07 09.30:** Edward Murphy – RIP (*P Grogan*)
The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Feast
- Tues 08 09.30:** Bill Mulcahy – RIP (*OLI Parish*)
19.00: Clive & David Thomas – RIP (*A. Price*)
- Wed 09: 09.30:** Annie Peter – RIP (*OLI Parish*)
19.00: Chioma Paul—Enidom (healing mercies).
- Thurs 10: 07.00:** Janaki Gandhimathi – RIP (*Mary & Suresh*)
09:30: Anthony Chan – RIP (*OLI Parish*)
- Fri 11: 07.00:** Vivian Iweka (private intentions)
09:30: Audra Wamsteker (Healing and wellbeing).
- Sat 12: 09:00:** Ruby Rumbidzai Vezha (Healing and wellbeing).
- Sat 12: 18.30:** Bill Mulcahy – RIP (*D Dixon*)
- Sun 13: 09.00:**
11.00:
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, Michael Orbell, 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 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. 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

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95(94):1-2. 6-7b. 7c-9. R7c, 8a

O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts.'

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R**

O come; let us bow and bend low.

Let us kneel before the Lord who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;

when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

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: Loving Lord, today we are reminded where two or three are gathered in your name, there you are amongst us. Gathering here, as a church community, we

give thanks for your presence today. Hear the prayers we bring before you.

Reader: We pray for the Church: That she may courageously proclaim truth and charity, guiding all in mercy. *Lord hear us.*

Reader: We pray for leaders and nations: That public officials may seek the common good and protect the vulnerable with wisdom. *Lord hear us.*

Reader: We pray for schools, colleges and universities at the start of the new academic term. We pray for teachers and pupils to relish the opportunity to learn together, to enrich one another and achieve the best outcomes for the year ahead. *Lord hear us.*

Reader: We pray for those experiencing severe loneliness and isolation. In a world that is so busy, help us to turn our attention and care to those that need companionship. *Lord hear us.*

Reader: We pray for all our dead especially Bill Mulcahy, Annie Peter, Anthony Chan 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: Loving Lord, help us to build strong connections and relationships. Help us to live and love fully so that where we invest our love, we invest our life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Offerings

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 41: 2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Prayer after Communion: Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Mission Sunday will be on the weekend of 20th September. It is a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands, and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. The Second Collection on this weekend is to support the work carried out by the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate. Through the Mission Directorate, we support our Church in a wide field of service and mission here in England and Wales. Please hold this important work in your prayers and give as generously as you can. Thank you." (Archbishop John Wilson).

Fr. Michael is back to the parish from his retreat in Nigeria. Thanks for all your support, kindness and prayers for him during his absence. May God bless you all. **A very big thank you to Fr. Bonaventure for his pastoral leader-**

ship of the parish during Fr. Michael's absence.

The Second Collection this Weekend – 6th September, 2026 is for World Youth Day and the Second Collection Next weekend – 13th September is for the Catholic Education Service. Thanks for your kindness and generosity.

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

Annual Mass Count 2026 will be from the weekend of 12/13th September to the weekend of 10/11 October. Counting will be done immediately after Holy Communion.

Children liturgy returns back next weekend at the 10am Mass and thank you so much to Elspeth and the children catechists

SAFEGUARDING: The Archdiocese of Southwark will be holding their annual service for those that have been harmed by abuse on the 30th September 2026, at 6.30pm at St George's Cathedral led by Archbishop John Wilson. Please attend if you are able.

Eucharistic Ministers will meet with Fr. Bonaventure on Wed. 16th Sept, 2026 after evening mass in the Old Chapel. This is a very important meeting.

Mass Managers will meet with Fr. Bonaventure on Wed 23rd Sept, 2026 after the evening mass in the Old Chapel.

The Parish Bible study group will meet on Monday 7th September 8.30pm in the Old Chapel.

'Stay & Play' - Toddlers' group will meet on Tuesday 8th September 9.30am in the Old Chapel

Bible study for young people of 13 - 17 years old will take place on Friday 11 September 6.30pm by Zoom.

Forms are at the back of the church to sign for registration. Please return them to the presbytery, thank you.

Obituaries: Our parishioner Bill Mulcahy passed away on 28th/8/2026. His funeral is yet to be announced. May his soul rest in peace.

Annie Peter, the mother to our parishioner Sheba, passed away in India on 2nd/9/2026. Her funeral was on Thursday last week. May her soul rest in peace.

Anthony Chan, the husband of Maria and brother in law of Catherine Yap recently passed away. His funeral will be on Tuesday, 15th of September at 11am in our Church. May his soul rest in peace. **Amen.**

New extraordinary Eucharistic Minister will be commissioned on Saturday 11th October 2025 in the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George - Southwark. Please, keep them in your prayers.

Archdiocesan Day for Catechists will be on Saturday 3 October 2026 at the Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, Southwark, SE1 6HU. For booking and details - <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/day-for-catechists-2026>. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

How do we pray? How do we build a better, more fulfilling relationship with God? You are invited to join an experiential programme called Teach Us to Pray facilitated by Southwark Diocesan Spirituality Commission, online on Tuesdays, starting 6th October from 7pm to 8.15pm. It will conclude with an in-person Reflection Day in a Diocesan Retreat Centre on 5th or 12th December. For details/ to sign up see <https://aecsouthwark.churchsuite.com/events/tnpn4hqd> or email spirituality@rcaos.org.uk

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

Parents' Prayer at the New School Year

Heavenly Father, the world is filled with opportunities to sin against you; we pray that our children will remain steadfast amid trial and temptation. May they choose the eternal over the temporary and call out to you for deliverance when facing temptations of any kind. Remind them that you offer grace, mercy, and forgiveness when they disobey and stray from your path of righteousness. Our children hear so many voices throughout their day; guide them to tune in as you speak to their hearts. We pray they make decisions with help from the Holy Spirit, clearly understanding your will and direction. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for teachers, and administrators

Dear God, I pray for teachers, educators, and school administrators as they begin the new school year. Thank you for the men and women who have dedicated their careers to teaching and leading. I pray that the classroom and school buildings can be places where love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control flourish. I pray for teachers who have to manage and engage online and physically present learners. May they all have the energy, creativity, and an abundance of compassion. Protect their mental and physical health as they work hard to create safe places of learning. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £404.50

Non-Gift-aid: £645.67 Total: £1050.17

Second Collection : £273.03

Weekly Collections

Total Collection For August 2026: £5571.20

Cash / cheques –

1. Gift-Aided – £2123.04

2. Non-G/A – £3448.16

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £4051.00

1. Gift-Aided – £3876.00

2. Non-G/A – £175

C. Contactless Machine – £1543.50

Total = £11165.70 (Last month £10116.79)

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** 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 for your continued support.



A great tightrope walker, Charles Blondin once gathered people at Niagara Falls. He stretched a rope over the falls and the crowds cheered. He asked whether they believed he could walk across on it and they all shouted in assent. He asked whether they believed he could walk on it blindfolded. There was booming cheers. "What about doing it while pushing a wheelbarrow?" they cheered the more. He then asked the most cheering man, "Will you get onto the wheelbarrow that I push?" The man cringed.

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