



24TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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HOW MUCH IS 10,000 TALENTS ANYWAY?

Have you ever been deeply in debt? I'm not talking about owing your Mum £10 for an Uber you split last weekend. I mean, really in deep with a debt that you can never repay! Talent is a measurement of money used in the Roman empire. Depending on how you calculate it, a talent could be around 3 million pounds sterling and 10000 talents will be around 30 billion pounds. With that much money then, the Roman Emperor could pay its wages, build streets, bridges, aqueducts and industries. Plenty would still be left over. No one could owe that much! It must have raised laughter when Jesus said a peasant owed that much. Though, the servant kneels and asks for more time, this is an impossible and completely unrepayable debt and is about forgiving the unforgiveable. He can never in his lifetime repay the debt. A talent is equal to around 6000 denarius, and a denarii is the wage for a day's labour. So, to pay off one talent, you would have to work 6,000 days; and to pay off 10,000 talents, you would need to work 60 million days! Compare this to what the servant owes the other servant. What he owes is worth around £10. This parable would have outraged and bothered the audience. It cuts through their claim of merit before God. Just like the audience, we believe that we did something to earn what God gives to us. We believe that we don't owe God anything. What we owe God is so much more than our 160,000 years of service can ever pay back. Consequently, if you have been forgiven such an enormous debt up here, then no £20 debts of grudges, dishonesties, greed, selfishness and meanness of others should affect you. Our failure to forgive others mocks and dishonours God; who has stupendously blessed and forgiven us a lot. May we be forever grateful and forgiving in an unforgiving world that is filled with an unmerited sense of entitlement. **Fr. Michael**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 6 SEPTEMBER — 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Sat 12	18.30: Bill Mulcahy – RIP (<i>D Dixon</i>), Francis Emmanuel (RIP)
Sun 13	09.00: Mary Flynn – RIP (<i>P Grogan</i>) 11.00: Edward Murphy – RIP (<i>Sarah</i>) 18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 14	09.30: Romeo Tinio Abello – RIP (<i>J Hodgson</i>)
Tues 15	09.30: Jeanie Beatty – WB (<i>OLI Parish</i>) 19.00: Rose Undason (Wellbeing).
Wed 16	09.30: Catherine Yap (wellbeing). 19.00: Vivian Iweka (Private Intentions).
Thurs 17	07.00: Holy Souls 09.30: Annie Peters (RIP).
Fri 18	07.00: Clement – 19 th BD & TG (<i>Mary & Suresh</i>) 09.30: Pelimon Buenafe – RIP (<i>J Espiritu</i>)
Sat 19	09.00: Francis Emenike (RIP)
Sat 19	18.30: Tommy McNulty and Patrick Friel – WB (<i>Friel</i>)
Sun 20	09.00: Younoos Jeetoo ((RIP ANN) (<i>Kay</i>), Clara and family WB (<i>L Ko</i>) 11.00: Kathy & Bob – Wedd Anni (<i>Jankowski</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, 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:

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Cf. Sir 36: 18

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: Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. 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

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Anger and wrath, these are abominations, and the sinful man will hold them fast. The one who seeks vengeance will be paid vengeance from the Lord, and he who keeps a record will have his own sins recorded. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does one person harbour anger against another and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy towards someone like himself and yet pray concerning his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, who will make atonement for his sins? Remember the end of your life and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High and overlook error.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12. R

The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **R**

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,

who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R**

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. **R**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions. **R**

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Brothers and Sisters: None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia. A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

At that time: Peter came up and said to Jesus, 'Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. 'Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, "Pay what you owe." So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.'

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 loves each one of us more than we can possibly imagine and so we confidently offer our prayers for our own needs and for those of our fragile, beautiful world.

Reader: We pray for Pope Leo and for all religious leaders as they challenge humanity to rediscover forgiveness and mercy. May we imitate Jesus, who forgave us our faults and failings even from the Cross.

Reader: We pray for our families, friends and communities. May Jesus' message of love and forgiveness be the light on our journey through life and the song in our heart.

Reader: We pray for all those people who feel themselves crushed by war, injustice, violence and discrimination. May they discover joy and hope in their darkness and compassion in their suffering.

Reader: We pray for all who have been affected by this year's floods, wildfires, drought, earthquakes and other natural disasters. May they laugh, even through their tears, as they rebuild their lives and livelihoods.

Reader: We pray for the many children and young people who are starting the new academic year, and for their families and teachers. May their learning be an adventure of discovery, interest and friendship.

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: Lord of joy and hope, be with us. Stay with us. Teach us to love and forgive. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Look with favour on our supplications, O Lord, and in your kindness accept these, your servants' offerings, that what each has offered to the honour of your name may serve the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 35: 8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Prayer after Communion: May the working of this heavenly gift, O Lord, we pray, take possession of our minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not our own desires, may always prevail in us. Through Christ our Lord. **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 there will be a second collection for it next weekend. **The Second Collection this Weekend** is for the Catholic Education Service. Thanks for your kindness and generosity.

WATER BALLOON BASH FUNDRAISER TAKING PLACE THIS WEEKEND

To raise funds for the OLI pilgrims going to World Youth Day 2027, our youth have arranged a water balloon bash for young people and a biryani sale for adults on 13th September after the 11am mass. As you may know it costs approximately £3,000 per person to go on this pilgrimage, your donations will help the OLI pilgrims on their journey. Let us support them."

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Are you curious about what Catholics believe and how we live?

Our parish runs the *Evangelium* (RCIA) course every Autumn. This welcoming programme is designed for: Unbaptised adults seeking to enter the faith. Christians of other traditions wishing to be Received into the Roman Catholic Church or Catholics who missed the Sacrament of Confirmation or want to deepen their faith. Full details on dates and times will follow shortly. If you are interested in joining the next course, please contact the Parish Office via email to register your interest.

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

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.

Obituaries: Our parishioner Bill Mulcahy passed away on 28th/8/2026. His funeral is yet to be announced. May his 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 24th October 2025 in the Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George - Southwark. Please, keep them in your prayers.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Volunteering in OLI

NEW ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED!

We urgently need a large number of altar servers, to help with all our Sunday Masses. We need at **least 20** new servers if at all possible to help cover all the masses. The only requirement is that you must have made your First Holy Communion. The Training Course for new servers begins on **Sunday 4 October at 12.30** in the Sacristy and will last for about 45 minutes. The course will run for up to 7 weeks. The course enables those wishing to serve at Mass to get a basic understanding of the Mass itself and to get familiar with all the actions and skills required. All would be servers must complete the course before being admitted to the serving team. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact our Parish Master of Ceremonies Jacques Lambert at jacqueslambert@rcaos.org.uk and he will be only too happy to help you." Any former server who wishes to re-join the group will be equally welcome just turn up for the first session on 4 October at 12.30 pm.

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.

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

One morning, Father Buckley noticed there was a jackass lying dead in the middle of his front lawn. He promptly called the local police station. The conversation went like this: "Good morning, this is Sergeant Jones, how might I help you?" "Good morning, this is Father Buckley at St. Patrick's. There's a jackass lying dead in my front lawn. Would you be so kind as to send a couple of your men to take care of the matter?" Sergeant Jones, considering himself to be quite a wit, replied mockingly "Well, Father, it was always my impression that you people took care of last rites!" There was dead silence on the line for a long moment. Father Buckley then replied: "Yes, it's certainly true, but we are also obliged to notify the next of kin."

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £359.38

Non-Gift-aid: £696.04 **Total:** £1055.42

Second Collection : £257.40

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: **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 my Children's friends. Thank You for the precious gift of my children. Thank You also for the friends You have brought and will bring into their lives. Please surround them with Your love, protection, and grace. Give each of these young people a deep sense of their own worth and identity in You. Help my children and their friends choose paths that lead to life and goodness. Give them the strength to stand firm against negative peer pressure and the courage to walk away from harmful situations. May their friendships be built on mutual respect, honesty, and compassion. Teach them how to encourage one another, forgive quickly, and speak words that build each other up. Help my own children to be good and faithful friends in return—showing Your light, love, and grace to everyone they spend time with. Amen.

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