



25TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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It is all of Grace.

A man from Tolworth dies and meets Peter at the pearly gates of heaven. Peter informs this man, “you need three hundred points to enter this place. What good have you done in your life? Well, he answers, I was a faithful husband and father. Good, that is worth three points. I attended church as often as I could and usually gave money to help the poor. Good, that is worth another three points. What else? Well, I worked hard and tried to treat my co-workers with respect. Oh, good, you get another two points. You only need two hundred and ninety-two more. What?! The man says. But that’s impossible! It will only be by the grace of God that anyone earns that many points! Peter says, “Yes!” and immediately opens the pearly gates to let him enter the kingdom of heaven. Jesus reminds us in the Gospel that all is of grace. God’s gifts are given not because we earned it but simply because God is a gracious God. He does not give his graces according to human logic but through divine justice. However, this divine justice is not understandable to us. Whatever we have is grace, for none of us can say we earned them by ourselves. Hence, our response to grace must always be gratitude. In the face of grace, we must look up to heaven, in order to give gratitude. If we look sideways, we will fall into the danger of comparison for there will always be someone that seem better than us and that can lead us to envy. Envy is the sorrow that we feel for other’s good rather than seeing other’s gifts as beneficial for us. If we look down, we will be filled with pride and entitlement for there will always be someone that we are better than. Many times, we feel that we are labourers that started at the earliest hour, however, when we examine our lives thoroughly, we usually find that we are among the last. So much of God’s graces and forgiveness have been given to us. When we complain, get envious, proud, selfish, feel entitled and exclude others, it shows that we have forgotten that all is grace. Look well and rejoice, it is all of grace. **Fr. Michael**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 19 SEPTEMBER — 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

- Sat 19** 18.30: Tommy McNulty & Patrick Friel – WB (*Friel*)
- Sun 20** 09.00: Younoos Jeetoo – RIP, ANN (*Kay*), Clara & Family (*L Ko*)
11.00: Kathy & Bob – Wedd ANN (*Jankowski*)
18.00: Rosa Undason - Wellbeing and Healing (Novena Mass)
- Mon 21** St. Matthew (Feast) 09.30: Tom Delany RIP, 15th ANN (*Delany Family*), Stephen Ideh (40th Birthday Thanksgiving)
- Tues 22** 09.30: Fabian Nagendran – RIP (*C Nagendran*)
19.00: Varghese Joseph – RIP, ANN (*R Lukose*)
- Wed 23** Padre pio 09.30: John Bredl – RIP (*T Bredl*)
19.00: Thomas Kane & Family – RIP (*K Jankowski*)
- Thurs 24** Our Lady of Walsingham (feast) 07.00: Kitty Hasmi (Special intentions).
09.30: David Louie – BD & WB (*L Ko*), Rachel Igunbor (18th Birthday)
- Fri 25** 07.00: Bill Mulcahy RIP, (*Kit*), *People of the Parish*
09.30: Dec’d Mems of D’Souza Family (*P Fazal*)
- Sat 26** 09.00: Annie Peters – RIP (*M Tett*)
- Sat 26** 18.30: Tim Ryan – Ints (*M Tett*)
- Sun 27** 09.00: Dec’d Mems of Angelica De Stasio & Family (*F D’Agostino*)
11.00: Anthony Chan – RIP (*CY*)
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:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R18a

The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The Lord is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured. **R**

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 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

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Cf. Acts 16:14b

Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too." 'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

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 as-

cended 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: Brothers and sisters, the generous mercy of the Lord exceeds all that we might ever deserve: grateful for his great love, we ask him now to hear our prayers.

Reader: For the holy Catholic Church, that she may proclaim the Gospel with confidence and joy, inviting all people to discover the beauty of knowing Jesus Christ and the eternal life He offers. **Lord, hear us.**

Reader: On this Home Mission Sunday, for the work of evangelisation throughout England and Wales, that Catholics may have the courage to speak naturally of their faith, to invite others to Christ, and to make our homes, parishes and communities places where people can encounter Him. **Lord, hear us.**

Reader: For those who struggle with jealousy, comparison or discouragement, that they may recognise the generosity of God, rejoice in the blessings given to others, and grow in gratitude for the graces they themselves have received. **Lord, hear us.**

Reader: For the sick, the lonely, the unemployed, and all who feel forgotten or overlooked, that they may know that no one is forgotten by God, and that Christ continues to call each person by name into His Kingdom. **Lord, hear us.**

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

Reader: In silence, let us pray for those whom we especially long to see come closer to Christ, and for the intentions we carry in our hearts. **Silence.**

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

Priest: God our Father, your thoughts are higher than our thoughts and your generosity exceeds all that we deserve. Hear the prayers we offer. Give us grateful hearts for the gift of faith, make us joyful witnesses to your Son, and draw into your vineyard all who seek truth, hope and eternal life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118: 4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Prayer after Communion: Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come

to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend is the Home Mission Sunday. It is a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands.

The Second Collection this Weekend is for the Home mission Sunday and our second collection next weekend is for the Parish Development Fund. Thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Our young people raised the sum of £786.98 from their Biryani sales towards sponsoring the trip for the World Youth day. Thank you so much for your kindness.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027 FORMS are available at the back of the church. The first parent's meeting will be **Monday 5th October at 7.30pm** in the hall. **It is mandatory for every parent** to attend the meeting. The children do not need to attend. The deadline for the submission of registration forms is on the 18th October. Please drop the forms to the Presbytery or bring it to the meeting. Thank you.

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATIONS: The preparations for Baptism (i) for children of 7 plus and (ii) for teenagers will start on Saturday 26th September in the Old Chapel at 10.30am.

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.

OLI SCHOOL WILL JOIN THE 9.30AM MASS, MON 21ST SEPTEMBER for their New School Year Mass. May we kindly ask parishioners to move to the back of the church after Morning Prayer to create space for the children.

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.

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

Obituary: Our parishioner Edward Michael Murphy recently passed away. His funeral will be On Wednesday, 23rd of September at 11am. May his soul rest in peace

Obituary: Our parishioner Bill Mulcahy passed away on 28th/8/2026. His funeral is on Monday, 28th of September at 12 noon. May his soul rest in peace.

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

LENTEN PROJECT 2026

Lenten Project Boxes Raise Over £2,000

A huge thank you to everyone who took home a Lenten Project box this year and filled it with donations throughout Lent. Together, our Lenten Project Boxes raised a fantastic £2,017.76, including Gift Aid, which will go towards supporting this year's chosen charities. Every box and every contribution has made a difference. Thank you once again for your generosity and continued support of the Lenten Project.

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.

A family was in a hospital waiting room and the doctor comes in and tells them their relative is in critical condition. The only thing that will save him is a brain transplant. The doctor explains that fortunately their insurance will cover the costs of the operation, but they have to buy the brain themselves. Surprised, they ask the doctor how much a brain cost. "It depends," he tells them, "whether it is the brain of a woman or a man. A man's brain costs five thousand dollars, but a woman's two hundred." The men try to suppress their smiles. Some were even laughing. Finally, one of them asks, "Why does a man's brain cost so much more?" "Easy," says the doctor. "They are practically like new, because the men never use them!"

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £463.64

Non-Gift-aid: £671.49 **Total:** £1135.13

Second Collection : £243.45

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.*

Prayers For Your Child As They Go Back To School

Dear God, as my child walks into school, I pray that Your strength and peace will cover them each and every day. Remind them they can turn to You when they feel scared or discouraged, and You will give them exactly what they need. I humbly ask that You will remind them that they don't have to do this life alone because You are always with them. No matter what obstacles come their way, I pray they will find strength and courage in You alone. Please empower and remind my child to be kind to every single person they encounter at school. Lord, please clothe them with Your mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience so they will glorify You. I pray they will show kindness to their classmates and the staff. If a time comes when kindness is not shown to them, may they feel Your presence all around them enabling them to be a light for You even when it is difficult.

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