



26TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

Deeds As Contrasted to Words

One of the teachings of last Sunday's first reading was "God's ways are not our ways". This is clear in today's first reading when people perceived God's ways as unjust. How would God deny heavenly reward to a righteous person who goes astray once but grants it to a sinner who has just repented? Then Ezekiel encouraged people to keep doing God's Will without tiring as God shows his mercy by welcoming and rewarding a sinner who renounces evil to reconstruct his life (Ezk 18:25-28). Today's gospel is a parable of two sons who say one thing to their father and do another. The first one was contacted to work in the vineyard and he refused, but later he reconsidered the decision and he went. The second son accepted the father's request but did not go for the work. Then, who did the father's Will? The first son did. Jesus' ministry had been an invitation to people to repent and believe the Good News. Prostitutes and tax collectors positively responded to the invitation (Lk 5:27-33; Lk 7:36-50) as opposed to religious leaders, scribes and Pharisees who knew God and his law. These prostitutes and tax collectors are likened to the first son who didn't have fine words but good deeds; whereas the scribes and Pharisees had fine words but no corresponding good deeds. Which of the two sons am I? Our society has members who profess no faith, yet they publicly condemn injustices and corruption, they donate to the poor and homeless, they help during calamities like floods, earthquakes, famine, and others. They have good deeds. Then we have believers who only keep saying, "Alleluia, Amen". Surprisingly, they have no concrete actions to support the Will of God. They only have words but no deeds. To which side do I belong? **Fr. Bonaventure CSSp**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 26 SEPTEMBER — 04 OCTOBER 2026

Sat 26	18.30: Tim Ryan – Ints (<i>M Tett</i>)
Sun 27	09.00: Dec'd Mems of Angelica De Stasio & Family (<i>F D'Agostino</i>), June Lee - RIP Months Mind 11.00: Anthony Chan – RIP (<i>CY</i>), Rose Undason WB (Novena Mass) 18.00: People of the Parish
Mon 28	09.30: Michael Hosey - RIP, Seujan (God's blessing and protection).
Tues 29	<u>Feast of the Archangel Michael, Raphael & Gabriel</u> 09.30:P & Mary Hosey & Family - Ints 19.00: Annie Peters – RIP (<i>D Kidd</i>)
Wed 30	St. Jerome 09.30: Rosary Anthony – RIP (<i>L Rosary</i>) 19.00: Jim Maynard – RIP, 1 st Ann (<i>E Intranova</i>)
Thurs 01	St. Therese of the Child Jesus 07.00: Freda Cantwell - Wellbeing (<i>J.Dunseath</i>), 09.30: Anne Martin - BD, Vivian Iweka (Private intentions)
Fri 02	The Holy Guardian Angels 07.00: John Walsh - RIP (<i>J.Dunseath</i>) 09.30: Rajani Reginald, Thresiamma Matthew (RIP)
Sat 03	09.00: Susan Walsh—RIP (<i>JD</i>)(<i>J.Dunseath</i>)
Sat 03	18.30: Bill Mulchay – RIP (<i>D Mulchay</i>)
Sun 04	09.00: 11.00: Anne Groves, Rosemary Durkin & all the Dec'd Mems of the Franciscan Fraternity of the Holy Cross 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:

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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 manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. 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 18:25-28

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25(24):4-5b. 6-7. 8-9. R6a

Remember your compassion, O LORD.

O LORD, make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation. **R**

Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.

Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.

In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. **R**

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. **R**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-5

Brothers and Sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Cf. John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia. My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord, and I know them, and they follow me. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterwards he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

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: Grateful for the mercy by which God continually calls us back to Himself, let us bring before our heavenly Father the needs of the Church and of the whole world.

Reader: For the Church, that she may call all people to conversion and faithful obedience to the Father's will.

Lord, in your mercy.

Reader: On Home Mission Sunday, we pray to be shown how we can play our part in sharing the beauty and joy of knowing Jesus Christ. **Lord, in your mercy.**

Reader: For world leaders, to choose diplomacy and justice and protect the vulnerable and oppressed. **Lord, in your mercy.**

Reader: For the suffering, hungry, and displaced, that they may find just sharing of resources and compassionate help. **Lord, in your mercy. Lord, in your mercy.**

Reader: For families and our local community, to nurture love, mutual respect, and generous service. **Lord, in your mercy.**

Reader: For those far from God or doubting His forgiveness, that they may experience His boundless mercy.

Lord, in your mercy

Reader: We pray for all our dead especially Thresiamma Matthew, Bill Mulcahy and those whose anniversary occur at this time especially June Lee and Jim Maynard. 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, hear the prayers we place before you today, and grant that our words and lives may become a faithful "yes" to your will. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you and
that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid
open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 118: 49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort
when I am brought low.

Prayer after Communion: May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday is Rosary Sunday. Our Blessed Mother Mary's Procession will take place this weekend after

the 11am Mass to celebrate October as the month of the Rosary. Please, inform your friends and families so that we all can come and honour our Mother Mary.

The Second Collection this Weekend is for the Parish Development Fund to help with our Church repairs and our second collection next weekend is for CAFOD Harvest fast day. Thanks for your kindness and generosity. **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.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2027: Sacrament of Confirmation 2027. If you have a son / daughter in year 9 or above, they have made their First Holy Communion, and you attend Mass regularly in OLI, they can be considered for Confirmation next year (the course is aimed at Year 9 young people as that fits in best with school related activities / exams, but someone in years 10 or 11 may still apply). The application is on the parish website. Closing date for applications is 1st November (late received applications will not be accepted).

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.

SIGNING OF SECONDARY SCHOOL SUPPLEMENTARY FORMS: Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th September from 2pm-4pm. Kindly use the following link to make an appointment <https://koalendar.com/e/secondary-school-supplementary-signing-appointment-5> Also, Thursday 1st October from 3.30pm-6.30pm here: <https://koalendar.com/e/secondary-school-supplementary-signing-appointment-4>

in the Presbytery. Please, try and come within this time. Thank you.

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.

News of Death: Our parishioner, Lucy Binoy lost the Mum, Thresiamma Matthew. May her 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 nightclub was opened beside a church to the fury of believers. They could do nothing since it was licensed. They decided therefore to pray against the club. A few days later, a ferocious thunderstorm completely wrecked the club house. Knowing how the believers had prayed, the owner sued the church for damages. His lawyer claimed that their prayers had caused the destructive thunder. The church hired a lawyer and disputed the claims. During the trial the judge declared: "Whatever the outcome of this case, what is clear is that the owner of the nightclub is the one who really believes in prayer while the church members do not!"

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £289. 59

Non-Gift-aid: £669.98

Total: £959.57

Second Collection (Home mission): £

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.**

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Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Novena Prayer: My dearest Mother Mary, behold me, your child, in prayer at your feet. Accept this Holy Rosary, which I offer you in accordance with your requests at Fatima, as a proof of my tender love for you, for the intentions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in atonement for the offenses committed against your Immaculate Heart, and for this special favor which I earnestly request in my Rosary Novena: (Mention your request). I beg you to present my petition to your Divine Son. If you will pray for me, I cannot be refused. I know, dearest Mother, that you want me to seek God's holy Will concerning my request. If what I ask for should not be granted, pray that I may receive that which will be of greater benefit to my soul. I offer you this spiritual Bouquet of Roses because I love you. I put all my confidence in you, since your prayers before God are most powerful. For the greater glory of God and for the sake of Jesus, your loving Son, hear and grant my prayer. Sweet Heart of Mary, be my salvation. *This novena is to be said along with a daily Rosary.*

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CHIEF	PRIESTS	ELDERS
OPINION	SONS	VINEYARD
SECOND	FIRST	TAX
COLLECTORS	KINGDOM	PATTERN

