



27TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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Patience is love.

God loves us foolishly and is very reckless with his patience. This is seen in his patience as the owner of the vineyard in the Gospel. The tenants were supposed to take care of the vineyard for the owner, but instead they thought the vineyard belonged to them and treated it as theirs. However, the landowner's attempt to correct it through love yields no result, still, the landowner was unrelenting in his patient love. Rather than arrests or evicts them, he shows more love by sending his own son. This is the height of foolishness and a patient love. Patience is the foundational action of love. It turns endurance into a safe space where others can survive and grow. It involves the ability to look at the thorn and see roses, to look at the night and see daylight and to look at winter and see summer. This is because true love demands not instant perfection, rather, it allows the other time, grace, and space to make mistakes and grow at their own pace. It never gets tired and it never gives up. It does not care about being smart and efficient but about the people in the vineyard. Patience remembers that people can be annoying, frustrating and may disappoint us but we still love them because patience is not based on the behaviour of the other but the depth of our own love. Patience does not see people's behaviors as an inconvenience but an opportunity to love them and see their eternal values. In order to love someone, we must rate higher that person's eternal value more than we value our own temporary convenience. People may cost us valuable minutes, but their souls are priceless. This week, try looking for opportunities to practice patience; pause before reacting, listen first rather than rushing to be right and embrace interruptions with joy. Remember patience is a virtue and practice make it perfect. **Fr. Michael**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 03 OCTOBER - 11 OCTOBER 2026

Sat 03	18.30: Bill Mulchay – RIP (<i>D Mulchay</i>)
Sun 04	09.00: Bill Mulcahy – RIP (<i>T Rutter</i>), Isaac Makenda (birthday thanksgiving) 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
Mon 05	09.30: Nathan Louis – RIP (<i>Louis Family</i>), Thresiamma Matthew (RIP).
Tues 06	09.30: Brian McCluskey – RIP (<i>L Jones</i>) 19.00: Mathilda Fernandes (<i>J Fernandes</i>)
Wed 07	Our Lady of the Rosary 09.30: Desmond Mulcahy – WB & Ints (<i>T Rutter</i>) 19.00: Catherine Yap (wellbeing), Vivian Iweka (private intention).
Thurs 08	07.00: Private Intentions 09.30: Private Intentions (<i>L Confiat</i>)
Fri 09	St. John Henry Newman 07.00: Holy Souls 09.30: Felimon Buenafe
Sat 10	09.00: James & Hilda Powell (<i>FM</i>), & M.V. Thomas – RIP, 11 th Ann (<i>Roy & Bindu</i>)
Sat 10	18.30: Bill & Lucy Mulchay – RIP (<i>D Mulchay</i>)
Sun 11	09.00: John & Kathleen Doyle (<i>Doyle/Hall Families</i>) 11.00: Anthony Chan – RIP 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 and Moira Woodworth.

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

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 80(79):^R Isaiah 5:7a
The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.
It stretched out its branches to the sea;
to the River it stretched out its shoots. **R**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by the way.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore;

look down from heaven and see.

Visit this vine and protect it,
the stock your right hand has planted,
the son you have claimed for yourself. **R**

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
Bring us back, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine forth, and we shall be saved. **R**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:6-9

Brothers and Sisters: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise: think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practise these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Cf. John 15:16

Alleluia, alleluia. I chose you out of the world, says the Lord, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Matthew 21:33-43

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence round it and dug a wine press in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than at first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance." And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the Scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes"?' Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.'

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 our Father, in our prayers today we ask you to grant us the courage to face those things that worry us, the wisdom to know what we can do about them, and the faith to know that we don't face anything alone.

Reader: As he continues his ministry of leading the Church, we remember Pope Leo in our prayers. We ask that his words about peace, unity and human dignity will reverberate around the world, challenging and inspiring all people – both those with faith and those without. **Lord, In your Mercy.**

Reader: We ask God to touch those places caught up in war and violence with lasting peace. We remember in prayer those who have been displaced and those in need of food, shelter and safety – asking the Holy Spirit to protect, provide for and comfort them. **Lord, In your Mercy.**

Reader: We bring before God all those who are sick, anxious, grieving or exhausted, or who are stuck in destructive cycles. May they find community and comfort, and know the presence of the Holy Spirit. **Lord, In your Mercy.**

Reader: We pray for all our dead especially Thresiamma Matthew, Francis Xavier Emmanuel and those whose anniversary occur at this time especially M. V. Thomas and Nathan Louis. 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 the intentions we carry in our hearts. (*Silence*).

Reader: We ask our blessed Mother Mary, The Queen of the Rosary to intercede for us as we pray. Hail Mary....

Priest: God of compassion, receive our prayers. Guide us as to how we can be channels of peace, courage and compassion. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Offerings: Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion: Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This 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. May individuals and families remember to say their Rosaries every day.

Our parish will be sending a group of young pilgrims to World Youth Day 2027. The OLI WYD Pilgrims are aiming to raise £10,000 to support their pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea next August. These funds will help cover part of their pilgrimage costs. The pilgrims are running fund-raising events across the parish, and we warmly invite you to support them — through donations, taking part in activities, or keeping them in your prayers. You can also donate at any time using the contactless machines in the church by selecting "World Youth Day 2027".

The OLI WYD Pilgrims are organising a 14-mile (21km) sponsored walk around the seven churches of our Kingston Deanery on 31st October. The group will set off from OLI in the morning and return by late afternoon. To join the walk, full or part, please email tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk. If you cannot take part, please consider sponsoring the pilgrims and praying for them.

The Spiritans Youth Concert is back for its third year this year on Saturday 24th October, in London. OLI Youth Ministry will be going, with St Joseph New Malden's Youth Group and we'd love for more people to join us for this uplifting day of music, faith and community. If you are interested in attending and travelling with the group, please email the Tolworth Youth Inbox (tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk)

The Second Collection this Weekend is for CAFOD Harvest fast day 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.

News of Death: Our parishioner, Lucy Binoy lost her Mum, Thresiamma Matthew. May her 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 2026 Raises an Amazing £19,219

We are delighted to announce that, thanks to the extraordinary generosity and enthusiasm of our parish community, the **2026 Lenten Project raised £19,219**, up from **£17,614.28** last year.

This fantastic result means that **each of our 5 chosen charities will receive £3,850**:

- De Paul Care Home (India)** – supporting the care and treatment of abandoned elderly men.
- Empowering Vulnerable Children (Uganda)** – providing toilets and rainwater tanks for a new nursery.
- Cottolengo Filipino Inc. (Philippines)** – providing residential care and therapy for children with disabilities.
- Suburban Vicariate Mental Health Initiative (Trinidad & Tobago)** – delivering community mental-health awareness workshops.
- Holy Ghost Hospital (Nigeria)** – supporting the provision of a CT scanner to diagnose injuries and illness in children.

From our sponsored walk and Lenten Project boxes to cultural evenings, young people's initiatives, local business support and the many individual donations made throughout the year, **every contribution has helped us reach this remarkable total.**

A huge thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, organised an event, sponsored an activity or simply came along and supported us. **£19,219 is a tremendous collective achievement for our parish community, and one we can all celebrate.**

A little boy asked his dad for a dollar to give to a little old lady in the park. His father impressed by his son's kindness, gave him the dollar. "There you are my son," said the father. "But, tell me, isn't the little lady able to work any more?" "She sells candy" was the boy's reply.

On the way to preschool, the doctor had left her stethoscope on the car seat, and her little girl picked it up and began playing with it. Be still, my heart, thought the doctor, gee, my daughter wants to follow in my footsteps and be a doctor! Then the child spoke into the instrument: "Welcome to McDonald's. May I take your order?"

A couple are sitting in their living room, sipping wine. Out of the blue, the wife says, "I love you!" "Is that you or the wine talking?" asks the husband. "It's me," says the wife. "Talking to the wine."

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND: 27TH SEPTEMBER, 2026

Gift-aid: £455

Non-Gift-aid: £636.07

Total: £1091.07

Second Collection (Home mission): £236.98

Revised World Youth Day Collection: £ 811.98

Weekly Collections

Total Collection For September 2026

Cash / cheques – £5,182.60

1. Gift-Aided – £1,835.91

2. Non-G/A – £3,346.69

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £4,66.00

1. Gift-Aided – £4,276.00

2. Non-G/A – £190.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,453.50

Total = £11,165.70 (Last month £11,102.10)

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 to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots: Mother of fair love, Mother who never refuses to come to the aid of a child in need, Mother whose hands never cease to serve your beloved children because they are moved by the divine love and cast your compassionate eyes upon me and see the snarl of knots that exist in my life. You know very well how desperate I am, my pain and how I am bound by these knots. Mary, Mother to whom God entrusted the undoing of the knots in the lives of His children, I entrust into your hands the ribbon of my life. No one, not even the evil one himself, can take it away from your precious care. In your hands there is no knot that cannot be undone. Powerful Mother, by your grace and intercessory power with Your Son and My Liberator, Jesus, take into your hands today this knot: (insert your prayer request here) I beg you to undo it for the glory of God, once for all, You are my hope. O my Lady, you are the only consolation God gives me, the fortification of my feeble strength, the enrichment of my destitution and with Christ the freedom from my chains. Hear my plea. Keep me, guide me, protect me, o safe refuge! Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for me. Amen.

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