



28TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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Invitation to the Banquet

In the scriptures banquets were not only social events but they also had a religious significance. Many covenants were sealed by eating a meal (Ex 24:1-11). In the gospels, Jesus uses banquets (table fellowship) to reach out to sinners for conversion (Mt 9:10-17; Lk 19:1-10). In the first reading, Isaiah used a banquet to give hope of consolation to the exiled Jews. The banquet in today's gospel is a wedding feast. Unfortunately the invited guests disappointed the king by putting personal projects (farms, businesses) as excuses. These remind us of the Old Testament prophets who prepared Israel to welcome the Messiah. As the invited guests didn't turn up, the king resorted to all people from the roads and marketplaces. These included the bad and good, clean and dirty people. This symbolizes the church as people of God from all walks of life. Surprisingly, the King expects each of the guests to have a wedding garment irrespective of where s/he is drawn from. We were all provided a wedding garment (a white cloth) on our happy day of baptism. We are thus expected to have it on all the time of our life whether at home, along the roads, in the train, in the office, markets, and so on. It means being a follower of Christ by words and deeds every time of our life. Guided by the recent Sunday readings we have reflected that there is no holiday in doing God's Will. It is God's invitation whenever we feel our hearts calling us to pray, to attend to a person in need, to do an act of charity, but how do we respond? In every Mass God is inviting us to the banquet of the Eucharistic meal to feed us for the salvation of our souls. How do I respond to all these invitations? *Fr. Bonaventure CSSp.*

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 10 OCTOBER — 18 OCTOBER 2026

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, Rose Undason Wellbeing (Novena) 18.00: Birthday Blessings for Joanne Anthonette Christeta & Hodson San Juan
Mon 12	09.30: Annie Peters – RIP (<i>S Varanat</i>)
Tues 13	Saint Edward the Confessor (Feast) 09.30: Private Intentions, People of the Parish. 19.00: John Peter – RIP (<i>A Savarimuthu</i>)
Wed 14	09.30: Anne McIntyre (Birthday thanksgiving) 19.00: Monica Sewell (KF)
Thurs 15	St. Theresa of Avila (Memorial) 07.00: David Kelly (KF) 09.30: Dec'd Members of the Furlong Family
Fri 16	07.00: Catherine Yap (Wellbeing). 09.30: Welfare for Alida O'Driscoll
Sat 17	St. Ignatius of Antioch (memorial) 09.00: Sister St. Joseph (SSJ) - Wellbeing (E. Zaks).
Sat 17	18.30: Mrs Isabel Fernandes – RIP (<i>Rita</i>)
Sun 18	09.00: 11.00: 18.00: Rita & Angelo – 23 rd Wedd Anni

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:	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: May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.' For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6. **R1**
In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul. **R**

He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name.
Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.
Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the LORD'S own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. **R**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation:

Cf. John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. *Alleluia.*

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-10

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' " But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.'

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: Gathered at the Lord's table and grateful for his invitation to share in the heavenly banquet, let us bring our prayers before him.

Reader: For Pope Leo and Church leaders throughout the world: that they may faithfully proclaim God's love for all people, regardless of their status and differences. **Lord, In your Mercy.**

Reader: For world leaders and those in authority: that they may work for peace, justice and the dignity of every person, especially those who are poor, displaced, forgotten or the targets of discrimination. **Lord, In your Mercy.**

Reader: For those who feel excluded, rejected or unworthy, especially Prisoners and their families: that they may find the compassion and support that they need to rebuild their lives and relationships. **Lord, In your Mercy.**

Reader: For our parish community: that we may generously care for the people around us especially the sick, elderly, vulnerable, special needs, mental illness, and radiate God's love through our helpfulness. **Lord, In your Mercy.**

Reader: We pray for all our dead especially Francis Xavier Emmanuel and those whose anniversary occur at this time. 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*). Let us ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us as we pray. Hail Mary....

Priest: Heavenly Father, you invite us to share in the joy of your kingdom. Hear the prayers we offer in faith and grant them according to your will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion: We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

This weekend is Prisoner's Sunday, please remember them and their families in your prayers.

There will be a rosary procession after the 9.am Mass next Sunday. Please, inform family and friends. May we come to honour Mother Mary.

Our annual anointing of the sick and the elderly will take place in all Masses of 24/25th of October. Please, inform those who may be interested in receiving this Holy anointing.

There will be a meeting of all Catechists, including the children liturgy on Wednesday, 21st October immediately after the evening Mass. Please, inform Fr. Michael or Winny if you are not able to come.

There is a form at the back of the Church for any children & young people interested in being part of a nativity play. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to create unforgettable memories, share their faith and serve our parish community. The Nativity will include music and singing, allowing the children to share in the joy of telling the beautiful story of Jesus' birth. **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)

Bible Study for Adults: Every Monday evening (during school Term) from 8.30pm to 9.30pm in the Old Chapel. Just come and see!

Bible Study for Young people (13 to 17 years old) are welcome to attend the Zoom Bible groups on alternate Fridays from 6pm to 7pm (school Term). Please fill in the form at the back of the church and return it in sealed envelope addressed to OLI Bible group through the Presbytery door.

Toddlers' Group, "Stay and Play", every Tuesday from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Old Chapel. Parents/guardians can relax and share their anxieties, hopes and joys with a cup of tea, keeping an eye on their little ones with the help of a few parishioners with experience of children. Just come and see.

Singing in Care Homes. "Melody Memories"

We bring back memories of old songs and more to Care Home Residents on Saturday afternoons, 2.30pm to 3.30pm. To apply, fill in the form at the back of church or email: tolworthple@rcaos.org.uk.

The Second Collection for next Weekend is for Missio, to support foreign missions in poor countries. Thanks for your kindness and generosity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026/2027 FORMS are available at the back of the church. The second parent's meeting will be Monday 19th 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.

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.

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.

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.

Obituary: Francis Xavier Emmanuel, the brother in Law of Antoinette and Joe, recently passed away. His funeral and burial of his ashes will be on Tuesday, 13th of October at 11am. May his soul rest in peace. Amen

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

OLI WYD PROJECT 2027

Overview of the program:

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 fundraising 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".

Upcoming events:

- Sponsored Walk - 31st October
- Christmas Raffle ticket sales - 17th Oct - 28th Nov
- Stall at Christingle
- Stall at Christmas Carol Concert

SALSA EVENING AT RICHARD CHALLONER:

Join Friends of Challoner at Richard Challoner School on Friday 16 October at 7.30pm for an evening of fun, dancing and laughter. Bring your family and friends! Led by experienced salsa instructor Simon Mascarenhas. All ages and abilities welcome. £12 per adult | £6 per child | BYOB | Snacks & soft drinks available.

Join the OLI Family: Our Lady Immaculate is an inclusive and diverse School that provides an excellent education for every pupil. School is shaped by Catholic values but welcome all faiths to join our School family. To Book your School tour visit our website or email admin@oli.school.

At a bus station, a young woman randomly requests some people to respond to her survey. "Excuse me sir, I am doing a quick survey. Can I ask you a few questions?" she requested. "Sure," he permitted. "Would you give up your seat if there were no seats available?" "No" he responded. "What if she was pregnant?" "No," he objected. "What if she was an elderly woman, would you give up your seat then?" "No," he answered. "You are such a selfish man. You have no manners. Who do you think you are?" He answered, "I am the bus driver."

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £356.9

Non-Gift-aid: £777.34

Total: £1034.27

Second Collection: Cafod £113.55

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 to Our Lady of Knock

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find". Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now and at the hour of my death. Amen

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