



29TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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Whose face Do You Bear?

At the funeral service of late Queen Elizabeth the Second, before the body was taken to the grave for burial, the staff of office was removed, then the scepter, the crown followed and all valuables were removed and placed at the altar. Even, his title Queen was removed and she was called “our Sister Elizabeth.” At that instance, the truth of the Gospel appeared in a very powerful way; the Queen of England has surrendered her crown and cast it before the throne of Jesus Christ. That heavy, spectacular, sparkling, priceless crown has now been surrendered for an even more beautiful crown of eternal glory, reminding us that our true value lies only in God. However, we are constantly managed and trapped by transient crowns of the world. We check our looks in the mirror, bank accounts, wardrobe, social media, likeability and many others but we rarely check whose image that is permanently imprinted in us. We obsess over earthly worries, treating ourselves as Caesar's coin and judging our values by temporary and worldly standards. However, Jesus reminds us that our true value is anchored in God, we belong to the one who created us in his image. God, rather than the world has the final claim over us and our life purpose must be to live for him alone. This is our primary identity and the standard against which we must measure all our choices. Jesus reminds us that, though, we live in this transient world, however, to never give our soul to money, power, selfishness but to God. Also, He reminds us that the image of God in us is indestructible, no material condition or brokenness can ever affect it. God will never let go of us. The coin bears the transient face of Caesar and an expiring empire while we bear the likeness of God that is permanent and does not rub off, rust, or expire. Although, sometimes this image may be difficult to recognize in certain different others or situations, however, remember, this image is indelible, unaffected by what we wear or drive or eat, how we live and others’ opinions. Recognizing this changes how we live our life and see others, for we are called to recognize the image of God in others and treat them with love and respect. **Fr. Michael**

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 18 OCTOBER — 25 OCTOBER 2026

- Sat 17 18.30:** Mrs Isabel Fernandes – RIP (*Rita*)
- Sun 18 09.00:** People of the Parish, Vivian (birthday Blessings).
11.00: Rosa Undasan (RIP), Fr. Michael Ezenwammadu (birthday blessing)
18.00: God’s protection & Liberation on Mr. Uchechukwu & Ugochi family (Novena Mass)
- Mon 19 09.30:** Amanpour Family Ints & Healing in Honour of St. Pio (Padre)
- Tues 20 09.30:** Mary & Nick Price—Wellbeing (K. Jankowsla)
19.00: Fr Michael Ezenwammadu – Ints & Birthday (*Denise*)
- Wed 21 09.30:** Catherine Buzon - RIP
19.00: Arann Robinson & family (Private intentions)
- Thurs 22 07.00:** Joseph Antonisamy – RIP (*Mary & Suresh*)
09.30: Cornilius O’Driscoll - RIP
- Fri 23 07.00:** Alice Tumilty – RIP (*FM*)
09.30: John Bredl – RIP (*T Bredl*), Vivian (birthday Blessings)
- Sat 24 09.00:** Catherine Yap (wellbeing and Blessings)
- Sat 24 18.30:** Peter & Joseph Campbell – RIP (*M Campbell*)
- Sun 25 09.00:**
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. Moira Woodworth & Eldad Zak.

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: Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of 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

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: 'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other.'

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c. R7b

Ascribe to the Lord glory and power.

O sing a new song to the Lord;

sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Tell among the nations his glory,

and his wonders among all the peoples. **R**

For the Lord is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.

For the gods of the nations are naught.

It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of peoples,

ascribe to the Lord glory and power;

ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name.

Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R**

Worship the Lord in holy splendour.

O tremble before him, all the earth.

Say to the nations, 'The Lord is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R**

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our

God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Philippians 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

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: Heavenly Father, today we are reminded that we belong totally to you and to give you our all. Hear our prayers we bring before you.

Reader: We pray that Pope Leo's recovery and treatment will go well. May he find the health, courage, expertise and support that he needs to quickly return to caring for those entrusted to him. **Lord hear us.**

Reader: We pray for peace in our troubled world. We pray for all those affected by war and violence, may world leaders turn away from hatred and revenge, choose dialogue over conflict, and work together to build a lasting peace. **Lord hear us**

Reader: On this World Mission Sunday, we pray for missionaries, priests, religious and lay people who share their love of Christ across the world. May they be strengthened in their faith, protected in their work, and encouraged to bring hope to those who feel forgotten or alone. **Lord hear us**

Reader: We pray for migrants, refugees and all who seek safe-

ty. May those who are suffering find safety, compassion and welcome, and may nations work together to protect the vulnerable. **Lord hear us**

Reader: We pray for our parish community, especially the sick, the lonely and the bereaved. May God's healing mercy and comfort be upon them. **Lord hear us**

Reader: We pray for all our dead especially Rosa Undasan 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, hear the prayers we offer to you. Strengthen our faith, deepen our love for one another, and help us to be witnesses to your Gospel through our words and actions. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer over the Offerings

Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion: Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

November is a month dedicated to praying for the dead.

We will erect a memorial Altar in our Lady's chapel with the pictures of your dead loved ones - Please give the pictures to any of the clergy or to the Parish office before the end of the month.

Cemetery Visits: The details for the Blessing of Graves

are: On Sunday 1st November 2024 at 2pm at Surbiton Cemetery & 3pm at Kingston Cemetery. Fr. Michael and Fr. Bonaventure will be there to pray with you and bless the grave of your loved ones.

Candlelight Mass for our departed loved ones will be on Friday, 20th of November at 6pm. It will be a powerful opportunity to light a candle within the Mass and pray for your loved ones. Names of our loved ones will be called out as we light a candle for them.

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 will be an online meeting of the Social media team on Wednesday, 21st of October at 18.00pm. Members of the group are reminded to attend.

Congratulations to Elspeth Casey on being elected the Chair of Governors at Richard Challoner school. May God continue to guide and bless you.

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 next OLI Youth Ministry Event is taking place on Sunday 18th October, 12.30-1.45pm, in the main hall. There will be free pizza and snacks. The event is open to young

people aged 12-21.

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 this Weekend is for Missio, to support foreign missions in poor countries and next Sunday collection is for the Parish Development fund. 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.

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.

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.

Lost Car Keys: One of our parishioners lost their car keys on Sunday 27th September. They may have left them in the driver's door from 10.45-12.00. If found, please drop them through the Presbytery letter box. Thank you.

Obituary: Rosa Undasan; We announce the death of our beloved parishioner. Her funeral will be on Friday, 20th of November. Time will be announced later. May his soul rest in peace.

Obituary: Thresiamma Mathew, the mother of Lucy, recently passed away. Her memorial service will be in OLI on Saturday, 31st of October at 15.30pm. May her soul rest in peace.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

OLI WYD PROJECT 2027

LENTEN PROJECT 2027 – CHARITY NOMINATIONS OPEN

Nominations for the **2027 Parish Lenten Project** are now open. We invite you to submit a nomination.

The **eligibility criteria** are as follows:

*Charities must be **small**, providing **direct help**—not through intermediary agencies or government bodies.

*They should be **Christian-based**, with confidence that donations will be directly and transparently used for charitable purposes.

*Priority will be given to **small charities with low overheads** that offer strong value for money.

*A **connection to someone in the OLI parish or school** is required and is prepared to be involved in the fundraising campaign.

Submit Your Nomination by **Friday 6th November, 2026**

Nomination forms are available in the Narthex, on the parish website, or send an email to tolworthlentenproject@rcaos.org.uk requesting for one. Completed forms should be returned to the Parish Office or placed in the dedicated box at the back of the church.

OLI WYD PROJECT 2027

Overview of the program:

o 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:

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

***Employer to applicant: "In this job we need someone who is responsible."** Applicant: "I'm the one you want. On my last job, every time anything went wrong, they said I was responsible."

***"Young man, do you think you can handle a variety of work?"** "I ought to be able to. I've had ten different jobs in four months."

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £298.20

Non-Gift-aid: £669.76

Total: £967.96

Weekly Collections

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.

NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH VAILANKANNI

(A Nine days novena prayer for any time of the year.)

O Most Holy Virgin! You were chosen by the Most Adorable Trinity from all eternity to be the most pure Mother of Jesus. O tender Mother of the afflicted! grant me under my present necessities a special protection. Relying on the infinite mercies of Your Divine Son, and penetrated with confidence in your powerful prayers, I most humbly entreat you to intercede for me. I beg you to obtain for me the favours which I petition for in this Novena, if it be Holy Will of God to grant them; and if not, ask for me whatever graces I stand most in need of (**here specify your requests**) O Mother of God, accept my salutations in union with the respect and veneration with which the Angel Gabriel first hailed you "full of grace". (**Recite the Hail Mary – 9 times**). I beseech you, O Comfortress of the Afflicted to obtain for me the favours and graces which I have now implored through your powerful intercession. For this end I offer you my good works I do and sufferings I endure. I most humbly entreat you for the love of the Amiable Heart of Jesus, with which yours was ever so inflamed to hear my humble prayers and obtain my requests. **Amen.**

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PHARISEES	TRAP	DISCIPLES
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MALICE	TAX	HYPOCRITES
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