25TH OCTOBER, 2026

30TH SUNDAY YEAR A

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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

Which is the Greatest Commandment?

Today's Word of God is answering a question raised by a Pharisee lawyer, "Which is the great commandment in the law?" The answer is two-fold; love of God and love of neighbor. In the Old Testament, all the Jews had to cram the stipulation, "You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all soul, and all your strength" (Deut 6:5). Accordingly, they knew this as the greatest commandment. They fulfilled it through observance of the Sabbath, prayers at the beginning and end of the day, sacrifices, fasting, and others. Then the second part of the commandment which is love of neighbor is clearly explained by the first reading. At that time, neighbor only referred to fellow Israelites. However, in the New Testament, Jesus extended this to include even one's enemies (Mt 5:43-48). This broader meaning of a neighbor helps us to understand the categories of people emphasized by the first reading; strangers, widows, and orphans. The Israelites were forbade from mistreating strangers since they too had lived as strangers in Egypt (Ex 22:20). They were also forbade from treating widows and orphans harshly since God is their protector, Father and defender (Ps 68:5). As a result, they had considerate practices like a farmer would not return to the farm after the first harvest but leave the rest for strangers, orphans and widows (Deut 24:19-22). Finally, no pledges would be demanded in lending money to the poor (Ex 22:24-25). All these categories of people and their appropriate treatment demonstrate to us one's neighbor. How have I fulfilled my love of God and neighbor? It is often easy to assess the love of God (through our prayers, observance of commandments, sacraments, reading of scriptures and the like) unlike the love of neighbor. Are there times when I have taken advantage of the weak, defenseless, the poor, the homeless, widows, orphans, the elderly, and strangers? The concern and care for a neighbor is another form of loving God. ***Fr. Bonaventure CSSp***

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS: 24 OCTOBER — 01 NOVEMBER 2026

Sat 24 **18.30:** Peter & Joseph Campbell – RIP *(M Campbell)*

Sun 25 **09.00:** People of the Parish, Tony Cook (RIP).
11.00: Anthony Chan – RIP *(CY)*
18.00: God's protection & Liberation on Mr. Uchechukwu & Ugochi family (Novena Mass)

Mon 26 **09.30:** Catherine Yap (Wellbeing).

Tues 27 **09.30:** Frances Powell - RIP *(Powell)*
19.00: Monica Tett and family (wellbeing)

ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE, APOSTLES - FEAST

Wed 28 **09.30:** Lynette Confait - Thanksgiving, Cameron Cottee (RIP)
19.00: Rosa Undasan (RIP)

Thurs 29 **07.00:** Deceased members of the Iweka family.
09:30: Zenaidaa

Fri 30 **07.00:** Elizabeth Ann Gedling - RIP
09:30: Rosary Anthony - RIP *(L Rosary)* Thressamma Matthew - RIP

Sat 31 **09:00:** Holy Souls

ALL SAINTS - SOLEMNITY

Sat 31 **18.30:** Nancy & Noel Ryan - RIP *(Monica Tett)*

Sun 01 **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, 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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 **Exodus 22:21-27**

Thus says the Lord: 'You shall not wrong a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall not mistreat any widow or fatherless child. If you do mistreat them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry, and my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children fatherless. If you lend money to any of my people with you who is poor, you shall not be like a money-lender to him, and you shall not exact interest from him. If ever you take your neighbour's cloak in pledge, you shall return it to him before the sun goes down, for that is his only covering, and it is his cloak for his body; in what else shall he sleep? And if he cries to me, I will hear, for I am compassionate.'
Reader: **The word of the Lord**
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: 18(17):2-3a. 3b-4. 47, 51ab. R/2
I love you, Lord, my strength.
I love you, Lord, my strength;
O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. **R**
My God, my rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my saving strength, my stronghold.
I cry out, 'O praised be the Lord!'
and see, I am saved from my foes. **R**
The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock!
May the God of my salvation be exalted.
The Lord gives great victories to his king,
and shows merciful love for his anointed. **R**

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10**

Brothers and Sisters: You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.
Reader: **The word of the Lord**
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: **John 14:23** **Alleluia, alleluia.** If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him. **Alleluia.**

Gospel **Matthew 22:34-40**

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'
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: Brothers and sisters, called to love the Lord our God with all our heart and our neighbour as ourselves, let us bring our prayers before Him with confidence.
Reader: For the Church, that she may lead God's people

in love and in faithful service of those entrusted to their care. **Lord, hear us.**
Reader: For the nations of the world and those entrusted with authority: that they may protect the poor, the stranger, the vulnerable and all whose dignity is easily forgotten or exploited. **Lord, hear us.**
Reader: For our parish community: that our love for God may be seen in patience, generosity, forgiveness and practical care for those around us, especially those most in need. **Lord, hear us.**
Reader: For those burdened by sickness, anxiety, poverty, loneliness or grief: that they may know the compassion of Christ and receive the help, friendship and support they need. **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 a moment of silence, we bring before God our personal intentions (Silence). Let us ask our Blessed Mother to intercede for us as we pray. **Hail Mary….**
Priest: Merciful Father, You command us to love You with our whole heart and our neighbour as ourselves. Hear the prayers we make before You, fill us with Your grace, and teach us to recognise and serve Christ in all those You place before us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Prayer after Communion: May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.
All Souls day Masses will be at 7am, 9.30am and 7pm. The Masses will be offered for our dead loved ones.
Please, remember to pray and book Holy Masses for your deceased loved ones. Saying Masses for the one is a work of mercy and love. They need our prayers. **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. All who attend will also be welcome to light a candle as we pray for their departed loved ones. I t will be a powerful opportunity to light a candle within the Mass and pray for your loved ones. **NB:** Please, send names with dates of death to the parish office or add the names to the list in the Narthex by 27th November (2pm)
All Day Adoration: You are warmly invited to join us in Adoration all day on Friday 6th November, an opportunity to pray for our dearly departed loved ones, friends, and parishioners. The day's devotions will conclude with Sung Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 6:00 pm. Please feel free to come for any part of the day or stay for the full devotion. All are welcome. **The second collection this weekend is for the Parish Development Fund. Next weekend's second collection is for the Archbishop's appeal Fund.** It supports key mission areas of youth evangelization, faith in action and clergy care and formation. Thanks for your kindness.
Fr. Michael thanks everyone for their wonderful wishes, gifts, prayers and kindness during his birthday. May God bless you all abundantly.
Forms are 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.
There will be no Bible Study for Adults on Mon, 26th Oct, 2026.
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.
There will be no Toddlers' Group next week because of half term break.
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.
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 .
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.
Obituary: Tony Cook recently passed away. May his 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".

o **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

My uncle bought a piano from Nigeria. So, he brings it home and hires a guy to come and tune it. The piano tuner struggles with it and after five minutes says, "Lemme guess… West African piano?" Yeah, how did you know?" my uncle responds. "Well, West African pianos are notoriously hard to tune," he says, "not like North African pianos, they are Tunisia."

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £411.85
Non-Gift-aid: £680.70 **Total:** £1092.55
Second Collection (Missio): £160.84

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 tolworthgac1@rcaos.org.uk or call **07851 070036**.
Thank you once again for your continued support.

THE NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

(It is a nine days novena prayer)

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, splendor of heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God and Mother of mine, support me by your never failing love and help and protect me. Show me that you are my Mother. May I, unworthy as I am, come one day to exchange your scapular that I had the privilege to wear for the wedding garment of heaven, and dwell with you and all the saints of Carmel in the kingdom of your Son. *(Here make your petition)*
Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your loving hands. O Mary, my Mother, I consecrate myself to you forever. I offer you my body with all its miseries, my soul with all its imperfections, and my heart with all its affections and desires. I offer you all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings, my struggles and especially my death with all that it will entail. I unite all of these, Mother, with your own joys and sufferings. **Amen.**
Queen and Beauty of Carmel, **pray for us.**

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