1st NOVEMBER, 2026

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY YEAR A

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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

Why am I not happy?

To be honest, not only is the world filled with unhappy people, but the church is too, hence the importance of reflecting on the beatitudes. Blessed is translated as "makarious" in the Greek Bible. Makarious describes a kind of joy which is perfectly fulfilling, self-contained and unaffected by the chances and changes of life. However, no English word matches it. The English word "happiness" has at its root "hap" which means chance and denote something out of our control, for happiness that is connected to external things dissipate when hard times come. It chases transient pleasures rather than permanent fix. However, the word blessed, as Jesus uses it, is unchanging, complete, beautiful and eternal. It remains steady through trials and temptation. The beatitude speak of a joy, peace and contentment that nothing can touch, a joy that can see us through pain, troubles and grief, a joy that nothing – not even death – can take away. We can lose all our fortunes and good health but we can never lose this joy rooted in God. Human life is a very fragile thing, but Christian joy rooted in the beatitude is solid and dependable, both for the now and for the future. The Beatitudes do not speak of what might be, rather they say to us that this should be our experience now, and if we are not experiencing this deep joy now, then we need to ask ourselves why – what is stopping us from knowing the joy that Jesus talks about. What is dragging us down? It asks us to reorder our goals to seek relationship with God first and allow him to fulfil the deeper longing of joy in us that transient things cannot satisfy. Remember, that life becomes a tale told by an idiot full of sound and fury signifying nothing, if not founded in God. You are truly blessed as you live out your Christian life in the love and presence of God, and this blessing and joy will sustain you through all adversity. **Fr. Michael**

Mass Times & Intentions: 31 October — 08 November 2026

Sat 31 **18.30:** Nancy & Noel Ryan – RIP *(M Tett)*

Sun 01 **09.00:** Renato Austria – RIP, 2nd Ann
11.00: Anthony Chan – RIP *(CY)*
18.00: People of the Parish

Mon 02 **All Souls**
7am: Deceased Parishioners. **09.30:** Joseph Antonisamy, Janaki Gandhi mathi & Jebamalai Muthu *(Mary & Suresh).* **7pm:** Holy Souls

Tues 03 **09.30:** Dec'd Mems of the Byrne, Rutter & White Families *(T Rutter)*
19.00: Wreighlyn Anne Hodgson & San Juan – WB *(J Hodgson)*

Wed 04 **St. Charles Borromeo.**
09.30: Philip & Sandra – 20th Wedd Ann
19.00: Antonisamy, Jebmalai & Janaki – RIP *(Mary & Suresh)*

Thurs 05 **07.00:** Cameron Cottee – RIP
09:30: Gemma & Derek Murray – 15th Wedd Ann

Fri 06 **07.00:** Catherine Yap (wellbeing).
09:30: Michael White – 90th Bday & WB *(T Rutter)*

Sat 07 **09:00:** Ivan Flanagan – RIP

Sat 07 **18.30:** Bill Mulcahy – RIP *(J Lambert)*

Sun 08 **09.00:** People of the Parish
11.00: Alexius Yap – RIP *(CY)*
18:00: Sevrine & Xavier Rodrigues – RIP *(Rodrigues Family)*

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, Michael White & 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, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long. 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 **Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14**

I, John, saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, 'Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.' And I heard the number of the sealed, one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?' I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'
Reader: **The word of the Lord**
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24(23):1-2. 3-4b. 5-6. R cf. 6
Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world, and those who dwell in it.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the rivers he made it firm. **R**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The clean of hands and pure of heart,
whose soul is not set on vain things. **R**

Blessings from the Lord shall he receive,
and right reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the people who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R**

Second Reading **1 John 3:1-3**

Beloved: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.
Reader: **The word of the Lord**
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: **Matthew 11:28**

Alleluia, alleluia. Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, says the Lord, and I will give you rest. **Alleluia.**

Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12a**

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'
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 for-

giveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **Amen**

Bidding Prayers

Priest: Today, we join our prayers with all the saints in heaven, who are our great cloud of witnesses, interceding for us at the right hand of the Father. Let us now ask the Lord with renewed faith, for the needs of our Church and world.

Reader: For the Church on earth, may the saints in heaven be an example for all Christians, that they may serve God in the way he wishes. **Lord, hear us**.

Reader: For peace on earth, that those in authority may follow the example of the saints who worked for peace and love**. Lord, hear us**

Reader: For those in need, and those who care for them, that they may see in the saints who suffered the love of Christ for them. **Lord, hear us**

Reader: For those who have died in the hope of new life, may Christ bring them to share his glory with the Saints. We pray especially for Rosa Undasan, Tony Cook and Polina Athayee and those whose anniversary occur at this time especially Renato Austria. 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, we pray with the saints, to God our loving Father. (pauses) We pray with Mary, Queen of the Saints: Hail Mary...

Priest: Lord almighty, we bring before you all our needs, trusting that you will hear and answer them, as we pray with all the saints. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Offerings: May these offerings we bring in honour of all the Saints be pleasing to you, O Lord, and grant that, just as we believe the Saints to be already assured of immortality, so we may experience their concern for our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion: As we adore you, O God, who alone are holy and wonderful in all your Saints, we implore your grace, so that, coming to perfect holiness in the fullness of your love, we may pass from this pilgrim table to the banquet of our heavenly homeland. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

De Profundis. (For our dead).

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.
If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you
My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord
Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.
Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord.
And let your perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen

November is a month dedicated to praying for the dead. Please give the pictures of your loved ones to any of the clergy or to the Parish office to be placed in the memorial altar.

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Parish financial account for the year 2025 is at the back of the Church. Thanks to the parish finance team of Allison, Lance, Steffica and Maria. Any inquiries or feedback can be directed to them or Fr. Michael.

Congratulations to Philip and Sandra as they celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary, **Gemma and Derek** as they celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary and **Michael White** as he celebrates his 90th birthday. May God bless you all with his love and grace.

The Toddler Group will resume on Tuesday 3rd November at 9.30am in the Old Chapel.

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 .

The second collection this weekend is for the World Youth Day to support our young people in their pilgrimage to South Korea. 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.

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: Tony Cook recently passed away. May his soul rest in peace.

Obituary: Polina Athayee, a relative of one of our parishioner recently passed away. 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".

o **Upcoming events:**

o Christmas Raffle ticket sales - 17th Oct - 28th Nov

o Stall at Christingle

o Stall at Christmas Carol Concert

A very wealthy man finally passed away and showed up at the Pearly Gates carrying a massive suitcase. St. Peter stopped him and said, *"Hold on. You can't take that in here."* The man begged, *"Just let me look inside, it's my greatest treasure!"* St. Peter sighed and cracked it open. Inside were solid gold bars. St. Peter looked at the man with utter bewilderment and said, *"You brought pavement?*

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £397.03
Non-Gift-aid: £747.06 **Total:** £1144.09
Second Collection :Parish Development Fund: £321.90

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.*

Prayer for Departed Loved Ones;

God our Father, Your power brings us to birth, Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command, we return to dust. Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end. I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone. In company with Christ, Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away. Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen.
Cemetery Prayer of Commendation for a Loved one.
I commend you, my dear (name) to almighty God, and entrust you to your Creator. May you rest in the arms of the Lord who formed you from the dust of the earth. May holy Mary, the angels, and all the saints welcome you now that you have gone forth from this life. May Christ who was crucified for you, bring you freedom and peace. May Christ who died for you admit you into his garden of paradise. May Christ, the true Shepherd, embrace you as one of his flock. May he forgive all your sins, and set you among those he has chosen. May you see your Redeemer face to face, and enjoy the vision of God, forever. Amen.

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CROWDS HILL HAPPY
POOR SPIRIT GENTLE
HERITAGE HUNGER MERCY
PURE HEART REWARD

