8th NOVEMBER, 2026

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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

Am I Prepared for the Lord's Coming?

A lady was waiting for her boyfriend for an outing. He got delayed and she disappointingly changed all her dressing to ordinary. After two hours, someone knocked on the door and on opening the door, her boyfriend was shocked and asked, "Even after two hours of late coming you are not yet prepared!?" Today's readings lead us into the wisdom of waiting readily for the Lord's return. These readings are not only appropriate for this period towards the end of the liturgical year but also during this season of praying for the faithful departed (November). They remind us of the preparation for the journey that can come anytime. In the gospel, the ten virgins symbolize the church awaiting the return of the Lord. Five of them are vigilant, and attentive to their oil, while the others are not. Probably they are concerned about their dresses, jewels, perfumes, hairstyle, and others. Oil here represents a spiritually meaningful life that one lives on earth based on prayers, sacraments, reading scriptures, acts of charity and others. So it cannot be exchanged or shared with another person. Yet in all this, God allows the good and evil to live side by side just like how the good grain and darnel were allowed to grow together (Mt 13:24-30), or the good and bad fish in the same net (Mt 13:47-50). It is through these ways that God gives an opportunity to those on the wrong side to amend and be like their counterparts before judgement time. How am I waiting for the Lord's coming at an unknown time? Am I having oil in my lamp or my attention is on pleasure, feasting, power, injustice, wealth, and so on? As the first believers used to repeat regularly, "The Lord is coming", if he comes today, am I ready to receive him? Am I keeping enough oil in my lamp? ***Fr. Bonaventure, CSSp***

Mass Times & Intentions: 07 November — 15 november 2026

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)*

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast

Mon 09 **09.30:** Lynette Confait - Intentions

Tues 10 ***St. Leo the Great (Memorial)***

09.30: Sheila Emmanuel – RIP *(C Nagerendan),* Celestine & Felicia Iweka-RIP

19.00: Marie Britto – 79th Bday *(Rita)*

Wed 11 ***St. Martin of Tours (memorial).***

09.30: T/G *(M Sebastian),* Paththinathar Sundralingam –RIP *(Madona).*

19.00: Dec'd Mems of Mekkattuparambil Fam *(B Roy)*

Thurs 12 ***St. Josaphat (memorial).***

07.00: Dec'd Mems of Thottathil Fam *(B Roy)*

09:30: Rayappu & Family *(Anita),* Soosaithas Murukeshu - RIP *(Madona).*

Fri 13 **07.00:** Rasa Sivagananam - RIP *(Madona)*

09:30: Tony Fazal – RIP *(P Fazal)*

Sat 14 **09:00:** John Bredl – RIP *(T Bredl)*

Sat 14 **18.30:** Anne Davis – BD *(R Tibbs),* Regina Sellammah - RIP *(Madona)*

Sun 15 **09.00:** Francis Sebastian – RIP *(C Nagerendan)*

11.00: People of the Parish

18:00: Veronica & Marian D'Cruz *(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 & Margaret Mitchell.

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 and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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 **Wisdom 6:12-16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. He who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for he will find her sitting at his gates. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and he who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.
Reader: **The word of the Lord**
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 63(62):2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8. ℟2b
For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I seek you;
for you my soul is thirsting.
For you my flesh is pining,
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

I have come before you in the sanctuary,
to behold your strength and your glory.
Your loving mercy is better than life;
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

I will bless you all my life;
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet;
with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise you. **R**

When I remember you upon my bed,
On you I muse through the watches of the night.
For you have been my strength;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R**

Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by the word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.
Reader: **The word of the Lord**
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: **Matthew 24:42a, 44**

Alleluia, alleluia. Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Alleluia.

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise answered, saying, "Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he answered, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'
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: As we wait with watchful hearts for the coming of the Lord, let us bring our needs and the needs of the whole world to our heavenly Father.
Reader: For the Church: May she remain wise, faithful, and

watchful, keeping the lamp of her faith burning brightly so that all people may be drawn to the light of Christ. **Lord, in your mercy…**

Reader: For world leaders and those in authority: May they be granted wisdom, integrity, and compassion in their decisions, working tirelessly for justice, peace, and the protection of the vulnerable. **Lord, in your mercy…**

Reader: For readiness in our daily lives: May we cultivate a spirit of attentiveness, recognizing Christ in the ordinary moments of each day and caring for the needs of those around us. **Lord, in your mercy…**

Reader: For the sick and suffering: For all who are ill, hospitalized, or burdened by hardship, that they may experience God's comforting presence and the loving support of their community. **Lord, in your mercy…**

Reader: For our faithful departed, especially during this month of November: May all our deceased loved ones whose pictures are in our memorial altar, whose names are in the November list, whose memories are in our heart, and those who have given their lives in conflict and service for the peace of others, be welcomed into the eternal wedding feast of heaven. Also, we pray especially for Rosa Undasan and Polina Athayee, those whose anniversary occur at this time, especially Sheila Emmanuel. 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 to God our loving Father. (pauses) We pray with Mary, our refuge in grief: Hail Mary...

Priest: Almighty and ever-living God, hear the prayers we place before you with confidence, and grant us the grace to remain watchful for your coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer over the Offerings: Look with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion: Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. 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

NEW AND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

November is a month dedicated to praying for the dead. 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.

Parish bereavement group will meet every Monday in the Month of November in the old chapel at 7pm. Helen Emmett and Anastasia will speak in all the Masses this weekend about bereavement.

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 20th 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.

A big thank you to Steffica for decorating our November Memorial Altar. May God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Bonaventure will be away for his annual mission leave from the 17th of November to the 18th of December. We wish him a safe journey and a refreshing holiday.

Congratulations to our parishioners, who were recently installed as Eucharistic Ministers. May God bless them in their ministry.

UCM – Remembrance Mass: Mass will be offered for all deceased members of the Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM) on Thursday 26th November at 9:30am (please note the time). This will be followed by tea, biscuits, and fellowship in the Old Chapel until 1:00pm. If you are unable to attend the Mass, you are most welcome to join us for the refreshments afterwards. The gathering is open to all former members and friends—including husbands, if they are brave enough! Looking ahead, we hope to establish a permanent Foundation Mass to continue remembering UCM members in the future. Please pass these details on to anyone who might wish to attend.

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.

A very big thank you to the 9am tea for their donation to both the Parish development fund and the World Youth day pilgrimage. May God bless them.

Red Missio Boxes: Please bring the contents of your **Red Missio Boxes** to the church during the month of November, so that the money can be counted and sent to **Missio,** where it is very much needed. Any queries, please contact Mary C Taylor or the parish office. **Many thanks for your continuing generosity.**

The second collection this weekend 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 at 10.45. May her soul rest in peace.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

LENTEN PROJECT 2027 –

Lenten Project – Charity Nominations & AGM Update: Thank you to everyone who submitted charity nominations for the 2026/27 Lenten Project. The nominations will now be compiled, with the full list published in next weekend's newsletter.

AGM – Change of Date: The Lenten Project AGM, originally scheduled for 9th November, has been rescheduled to Monday 23rd November due to the Chair's availability. The venue and time remain unchanged: Venue: Old Chapel. Time: 7:30pm.

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:**
- Christmas Raffle ticket sales - 17th Oct - 28th Nov
- Stall at Christingle
- Stall at Christmas Carol Concert

Bereavement Group: If you are grieving the loss of a loved one, you do not have to walk this journey alone. Our Church Bereavement Support Group offers a safe, confidential, and compassionate space to share your sorrow, find comfort in faith, and connect with others who understand your pain. All are welcome, no matter where you are in your journey of grief. There is no need to book in advance—you can just turn up. If you would like more details, please email us in tolworthbereavement@rcaos.org.uk.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £386.50

Non-Gift-aid: £669.31 **Total:** £1055.81

Second Collection :World Youth Day Fund: £218.34

Weekly Collections

Total Collection For October 2026

***Cash / cheques* – £4,851.62**

1. Gift-Aided – £1,628.06

2. Non-G/A – £3,223.56

B. Standing Orders / Bank Transfers – £3,415.00

1. Gift-Aided – £3,225.00

2. Non-G/A – £190.00

C. Contactless Machine – £1,342.

Total = £9,608.62 (Last month £11,147.10)

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**.

Prayer for the Souls in Purgatory.

O Divine Heart of Jesus, I ask You to grant eternal rest to the souls in Purgatory, the final grace of salvation to those who shall die today, true repentance to sinners, the light of faith to unbelievers, and Your goodness, blessings, and favors to me and to all my loved ones. To You, O most compassionate Heart of Jesus, I commend these souls ***(Here state the names of your departed loved ones).*** I offer You, on their behalf, all the graces granted for deeds of holiness, love and sacrifice, together with the spiritual merits of Your most Holy Mother Mary, and of all the saints and angels, and all the sacrifices of the Holy Mass, Communions, prayers and good works, which shall be accomplished today throughout the world. **Amen.**

Why Engineers go to Heaven. An engineer died and was mistakenly sent to hell. Fairly quickly, he had redesigned the place. Hell cooled down considerably thanks to the air conditioning he built and installed. The escalators and elevators worked just fine. God looked down one day and noticed all the changes. He called down the devil to ask how these improvements came about. The devil replied, "That engineer you sent me." "What engineer? You're not supposed to have an engineer. Send him back up here!" The devil's answer was simple… "No." "If you don't send that engineer back right now, I'm going to be very angry. In fact, I'll sue you!" The devil replied, "And… where are you going to get a lawyer?"

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TEN BRIDESMAID LAMPS
FIVE BRIDEGROOM FOOLISH
SENSIBLE WEDDING OIL
DOOR AWAKE HOUR

