15th NOVEMBER, 2026

33RD SUNDAY YEAR A

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Our Lady Immaculate RC Church, Tolworth

Talents are opportunities to reject fear.

The devil is the untruth and uses fear to deceive us. Fear gives us what is not ours and takes what belongs to us. It takes away our gifts, abilities and even our beautiful future and gives darkness, anxiety and worries. Fear is the darkroom where negatives are developed and the grave where our positives are buried. Where there is fear, nothing is accomplished and nothing grows. May we never allow fear to rob us of God's glorious opportunities, peace and joy. If one have done it before and failed, never give up, try again for failure is neither fatal or final; what matters is the courage to continue. In the Gospel's story of the parable of the talents, Jesus explains that to "watch!" is to see life as an opportunity for service and doing good. Some think about the parable of the talents as talking about money, ability and a reference to the reward for service. These understandings are influenced by the modern understanding of "talents" in a material way. However, talents represent opportunities that God gives us that we must make to count. Talent is an invitation for us to grow, thrive and excel in God's presence. It is a call to serve God and others. Success's secret lies in understanding opportunities as abundant and a gift from God. Failure too is an opportunity to understand more, never give up and grow. Sometimes, we are too afraid to make mistakes, consequently, we never attempt anything. Out of fear, we become afraid to love or do anything. Remember, if one stays in one place, their life will stay stagnant. Step out, and grab your opportunities, God is there for us. A proverb says "Cowards die many times before their death". It is better to make mistake than not to make any move at all. It is better to try and fail than to sit down and do nothing. Remember that fear is the greatest enemy of faith. They are opposites that should never meet. The enemy uses fear to make us lose opportunities of life. Remember, when one have faith, one can dare the devil, cross boundaries and break chains. Fear strikes at the heart of our self-confidence and tell us that we are nothing. Hence fear acronyms are ***False Expectation Appearing Real*** and ***Forget Everything And Run***. It tells us that we are alone and God is not with us. Ignore your fears now and always, for faith reminds that "God is with us." **Fr. Michael**

Mass Times & Intentions: 14th November — 22nd november 2026

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)*

Mon 16 **09.30:** Lucy & Ralf Smallwood – 65th Wedding Ann & Tommy Thompson - RIP, Felicia, Celestine, Maureen & Evas Iweka –RIP

Tues 17 **09.30:** Diocese Safeguarding Team – WB *(M Tett),* Deceased members of the Salami family.

19.00: Paul Fernandes – RIP *(J Fernandes)*

Wed 18 **09.30:** Mr J. P. Louis *(Louis Family),* Nallapillai—RIP *(Madona)*

19.00: Fr Saju Pinakkattu – Ints *(B Roy)*

Thurs 19 **07.00:** Emerita Buenaventura - RIP

09:30: Rev Fr Bruno Daniel – RIP *(Louis Family)* Deceased Members of Ayomos Family

Fri 20 **07.00:** Prim Gallifant – RIP *(Eilish & Laurie)*

09:30: Miguel Daroy - RIP, Pushpam Thankarathinam RIP *(Madona).*

Sat 21 **09:00:** Rob & Roselle Donald – 23rd Wedding Ann *(Donald Family)*

Sat 21 **18.30:** Tony Leonard – RIP *(Willey Family),* Victor—RIP (*Madona).*

Sun 22 **09.00:** Mary-Ann Malloy – RIP, 2nd Ann *(Frances)*

11.00: Jack Hoey – RIP *(M Hoey)*

18:00: Marco & Henry 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 & Bridie Kirley

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

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: Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. 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 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.
Reader: **The word of the Lord**
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128(127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R1a
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.
Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper.
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.
Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table.
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.
Indeed thus shall be blessed
the husband who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life!
Blessed are all who fear the Lord.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.
Reader: **The word of the Lord**
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4a, 5b
Alleluia, alleluia. Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21
At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." '
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, trusting in the generosity of our Heavenly Father who entrusts us with His gifts, let us bring our needs and prayers before Him with confidence.
Reader: For the Church: That all members of the Church may use the gifts, talents, and faith entrusted to them by God to build up His kingdom and serve others with courage and dedication. **Lord hear us.**
Reader: For world leaders and civil authorities: That they may govern with wisdom, justice, and a preferential care for the poor, the marginalized, and the vulnerable in our societies. **Lord hear us.**
Reader: For those who feel buried by fear, isolation, or despair: That the light of Christ's salvation may break

through their darkness, and that Christian communities may stand beside them with practical help and genuine friendship. **Lord hear us.**
Reader: For our local parish community: That we may be generous stewards of our time, talent, and treasure, ready and awake to recognize the face of Christ in our neighbors. **Lord hear us.**
Reader: For the sick, the housebound, and the bereaved: During this month of remembrance, may those who carry physical, mental, or emotional pain find comfort, healing, and peace. **Lord hear us.**
Reader: For our faithful departed, 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 be welcomed into the eternal wedding feast of heaven. Also, we pray especially for 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, we pray to God our loving Father. (pauses) We pray with Mary, our refuge in grief: Hail Mary...
Priest: O God, our strength and our shield, hear the prayers we place before you with trusting hearts. Grant what we ask in faith, through Christ our Lord.

Prayer over the Offerings: Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion: We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. 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 at the 6.30pm, 11am amd 6pm 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)
If you are aware of any Parishioner who is sick, housebound or in a nursing home, and is not visited by the clergy, it is important to please give their name to one of the clergy or send an email to the Parish office.
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.
OLI Youth Ministry: The next OLI Youth Ministry Event is taking place on Sunday 22nd November, 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. Any questions, please send an email to tolworthyouth@rcaos.org.uk.
UCM – Remembrance 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, & 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 share this to anyone who might wish to attend.
No Flowers In Advent: The season of Advent begins on Sunday 29th November.
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.
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.**
AGM – Change of Date: The Lenten Project AGM, originally scheduled for 9th November, has been rescheduled to Monday 23rd November The venue and time remain unchanged: Venue: Old Chapel. Time: 7:30pm.
The Second collection next weekend is for the Catholic youth service. It supports Diocesan youth work.
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.
Daily Reflection for Advent: As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a daily reflection on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up - here is the link http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv or you can take a look at their website www.southwarkdsc.org.uk and click on the box marked ADVENT REFLECTIONS.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS

OLI WYD SPONSORED WALK

£446 HAS BEEN RAISED!

Our Walkers covered nearly 15 miles in just over 4 hours.

We have currently raised £446 towards our £2000 target

Please, go to JustGiving and sponsors us. Thanks so much for your kindness.

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 tolworthbereavment@rcaos.org.uk.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

LAST WEEKEND:

Gift-aid: £310.40
Non-Gift-aid: £716.92 **Total:** £1027.32
Second Collection :World Youth Day Fund: £214.81
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**.
Thank you once again for your continued support.

Prayers for those mourning the loss of a loved one

Loving God we pray for the many who in recent times have known loss, of partner, family member, friend, and now they look ahead with tears, struggling to see beyond their grief. Be close, embrace them in your arms and give them both peace and hope. This life is a gift, memories remain, and no one is forgotten by you, Lord. Bless those who mourn, and fill their emptiness with pleasant memories, the sound of laughter, sunshine and happier days. Heal their brokenness with the soothing balm of your gentle touch, that they might know wholeness and peace. Immerse them in your love and lead them through this darkness into your arms, and light. Fill each heart with love and embrace all those whose hearts today overflow with grief, unanswered questions and such a sense of loss. Grant them space to express their tears. Hold them close through the coming days. Amen

This guy was watching TV as his wife was out cutting the grass during the hot summer. He finally worked up the energy to go out and ask his wife what was for supper. Well, his missus was quite irritated about him sitting in the air-conditioned house all day while she did all the work, so she scolded him. "I can't believe you're asking me about supper right now! Imagine I'm out of town, go inside and figure dinner out yourself." So he went back in the house and fixed himself a big steak, with potatoes, garlic bread and tall glass of iced tea. The wife finally walked in about the time he was finishing up and asked him, "You fixed something to eat? So where is mine?" "Huh? I thought you were out of town."

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COINS COUNTRY MASTER
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