



St. Paul's Church, Cheshunt

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1 JANUARY 2023

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD YEAR A

Saturday	31st	5.00 pm		The Demski Family
Sunday	1st	9.00 am		Tony Saunders
		11.00am		People of The Parish
Monday	2nd	9.30 am	St. Basil	Mary Cawley
Tuesday	3rd	9.30 am	Feria	Sherly Thomas
Wednesday	4th	9.30 am	Feria	Crystal Family
Friday	6th	9:30 am	Benediction & Epiphany Mass	Dorley Family
		7.30 pm	Mass for Epiphany	
			Baptism of the Lord Year A	
Saturday	7th	5.00 pm		
		9.00 am		
Sunday	8th	11.00 am		
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-pm or telephone the presbytery for an appointment				

We pray for the sick in our Parish especially Barbara Bassett, Barbara Alexander and for those who have no one to care for them. We pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed especially for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Numbers 6:22-27 A new-year prayer for God to bless and protect his people

Second Reading: Galatians (4:4-7) The distance between God and man has been bridged, so we can call God "Abba! Father!"

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:16-21 The shepherds visit the manger. Later, Jesus is circumcised and named

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK- A woman of strong and simple faith

At the Council of Ephesus (451), the mother of Jesus was solemnly proclaimed as Mother of God or Theotokos, acknowledging the Godhead of her Son, Jesus Christ. Under this noble title she is still honoured by most Christians around the world, and today's feast invites us to place our hopes and plans for the new-starting year under her motherly care. We can entrust to her our personal concerns and those of our era, the conflicts the glaring injustices, the unequal wealth and opportunity, the instability across the globe; in short, all that troubles peace and fairness in our world at this time.

WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK

The Westminster Year Book for 2023 is now available from the back of the Church priced £4.50. Get a copy for yourself. **Visit the crib today. Donate at the crib for Catholic Children Society.**

APPRECIATION

Thank you for your continuous support to the Parish in these challenging times. especially to our stewards and all of you, for your generous giving to the Parish. Thank you for the personal cards and gift to me. Happy New Year to you all.

CHRISTMAS MEAL AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

The Parish is hosting a Christmas meal for its Senior Citizens and the housebound on Saturday 14th January 2023 at 1.00pm. If you would like to attend or know of anyone who would like to come along, please give names and details to the Parish Office before Wednesday 4th January 2023. If you would like to help on the day with preparing, cooking or serving the meal, please contact the St Joseph's Parish Office 01992 623156.

VISIT THE REPOSITORY TODAY

The church Repository, in the room to the left of the 'crying room', **will be open after 11.00 am Mass this weekend** It has been restocked with a range of Sympathy and Mass cards and calendars. Lyn Brillus will be on hand to take orders for items such as rosaries, statues, candles etc which can be seen in a catalogue. Please note that payment can only be made with cash.

WARM SPACES PROJECT

St Joseph's church are providing a warm space in the Meeting Room in the Parish Centre each Monday. It's open from 10.00am –3.30pm. They are offering hot drinks as well as a soup and sandwich lunch. They still need volunteers to help prepare the refreshments and to chat with the people who come along. There are three volunteer sessions each day. 9.30am –12 noon; 11.30am – 2.00pm; 1.30pm – 4.00pm. If you are able to help please contact the Parish Office at St Joseph's on 01992 623156 or email walthamcross@rcdow.org.uk.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL NURSERY

The school has spaces in their Nursery for mid-year admissions. They now take children from the term after they turn 3 years old. For more information, please contact the school office admin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk or 01992 635060.

CATHOLIC PRIMARY ADMISSIONS 2023

St Pauls Catholic Primary School, Park Lane, Cheshunt, EN7 6LR website: <https://stpauls-herts.secure-dbprimary.com> and St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Royal Avenue, Waltham Cross, EN8 7EN website: <https://www.stjosephsherts.uk>

For both schools, you must apply for a school place online. The online application process for Under 11s (Reception) commenced on Tuesday 1st November 2022 and will close on **Sunday 15th January 2023** on the following website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Reception 2023 applies to children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019.

As well as applying online to Hertfordshire you need to complete a **Supplementary Information Form** which should be sent into the office of the schools to which you are applying together with any supporting documentation.

ST PAULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2024-25

The Governing Body of St Paul's Catholic Primary School and Nursery is currently determining proposed admission arrangements for admissions to the school in **September 2024**, they are required to consult on these arrangements and are inviting comments. A copy of the proposed admissions policy is available on their website at <https://stpauls-herts.secure-dbprimary.com/herts/primary/stpauls/site/pages/importantdocuments/admissions/admissions2024-2025>.

There are changes to the oversubscription arrangements. If you wish to comment on the proposed admissions arrangements, please send your response in writing for the attention of Mrs Worton-Geer either by post or emailadmin@stpauls373.herts.sch.uk by 20 January 2023.

MARRIAGE CARE

Willing to help couples forge a lifelong loving relationship? Marriage Care is a charity that runs marriage preparation courses for couples marrying in a Catholic church, and is looking for new course facilitators. Training is provided and volunteers will join the local Centre. More information can be found at: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/mpcf/>

NOW ACCEPTING CONTACTLESS DONATIONS

You will find our new DIGITAL COLLECTION PLATE, contactless terminal in the church. Just use your contactless debit/credit card or smart phone/ device to make a donation. There is also a link for donating to the Parish on our website <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/cheshunt/>

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