

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 16th September 2018



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THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Our faith is a consolation, but it is also a challenge. We know this intuitively, but sometimes we are not conscious of it. Our faith demands that we stand up for what we believe, and sometimes that is difficult. Our faith demands that we reach out to those in need. Our faith demands that we make sacrifices. Our faith demands that we take up our cross. Every Sunday, we begin our celebration with the sign of the cross; may it remind us of what Jesus asks us to do. Today is Home Mission Day. Let us pray for ways in which we can be a reconciling presence in the world.

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SPONSORED WALK

This Year the annual Sponsored Walk in the Lea Valley Park will be on Sunday 23rd September, starting at 2.30pm. All monies raised will be used to help defray the start-up costs to the Parish for the setting up of the Winter Night Shelter in January and February 2019. We need Walkers and Sponsors. The Sponsorship Forms are at the entrances to the Church. In recent years the number of walkers has dropped off, so this year can we make a special effort in support of the Night Shelter.

HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY VISIT

This service is completely **free** and it could save your life. They will supply and fit **free** smoke detectors where necessary. There are forms available at the Main Entrance to the Church. Please print your details in the form and return the completed form to the red box at the back of the church.

CAFOD SPEAKER FROM ZAMBIA

CAFOD will be hosting a supporter's information afternoon with a special guest speaker, Sr Clara, who has first-hand experience of delivering our work in Zambia. Listen to the inspiring Sr Clara explain, how CAFOD is helping communities, thanks to your support. The meeting will take place on 19th September from 2.30pm – 4.30pm at CAFOD's volunteer centre, 1st floor, Catholic Church of Christ the King, 29 Bramley Road, London N14 4HE. Bookings taken on 0208 449 6970 or e-mail westminster@cafod.org.uk

THE GRACE OF THE PRESENT MOMENT

A morning of reflection with Sr Regina McGarry OP & Monika Cleaver. Give your spirit time as another month unravels and allow God's grace to sooth you. Thursday 27th September (10am-12:30pm) Suggested donation £6; registrations welcome. Niland Conference Centre, Rosary Priory, 93 Elstree Road, Bushey Heath WD23 4EE. Information nilandcentre@gmail.com

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

Apostleship of the Sea invites you to a Mass in honour of our patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea. Come pray for the work of Apostleship of the Sea and for the seafarers on Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Victories Church, 235a Kensington High Street, London, W8 6SA. Bishop John Wilson will celebrate the Mass, followed by a reception. All invited. Please RSVP by email to roland@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2018

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here after Easter. If you attend Mass here in the parish and are in year 10 at secondary school, or older, you are eligible for Confirmation here at St. Joseph's. The preparation will begin later in the year. If you wish to be prepared speak to Father John. For all those who attend Mass at St Paul's in Cheshunt, please speak to Fr. Clement.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL BISHOPS STORTFORD OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 26th September from 6.00pm – 8.30pm Headteacher's address 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the Hall. All parents with Catholic children currently in Year 6 are very welcome to tour the classrooms and talk to our students and staff.

ST ANNE'S OPEN EVENING

Monday 1st October from 6pm to 8pm; Headteacher's address at 6.00pm and 7.00pm. All are welcome to tour classrooms and talk to our students and staff.

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 18th September from 5.30pm to 8.00pm; Headteacher's address at 6.15pm and 7.15pm. All are welcome to tour classrooms and talk to our students and staff.

ALTAR SERVERS

If you have recently celebrated your First Holy Communion, or have recently moved into the parish and would like to join the Altar Servers in the Parish, please speak to Father John.

FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the food bank. They are in particular need of tinned meat and long life milk.

This Parish is part of the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee Charity No. 233699

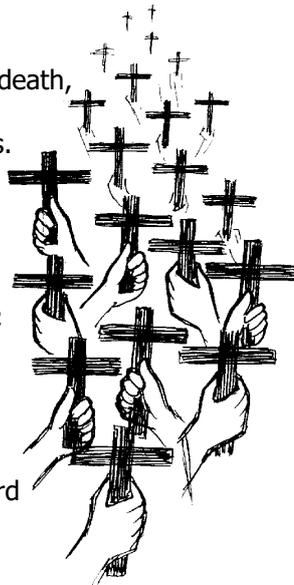
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with the anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just,
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me.

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord;
no one can come to the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 50:5-9
Psalm 114
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Wisdom 2:12.17-20
Psalm 53
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Mass Times

SUNDAY	THE TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Monday	Robert	10.00am
Tuesday		10.00am
Wednesday	Januarius	10.00am
Thursday	Andrew Kim Tae-gon	10.00am
Friday	Matthew	10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	THE TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation –
Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45am.

Offertory Last Week £1,718.69. Plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

If you are not already a Catholic or have been away from the Church for some time, or just did not get around to celebrating one of the Sacraments at the 'right age' or would like to discover more about the Catholic Church, then there are a series of meetings just for you. The meetings will start on Monday 24th September. For further details, please see Fr John.

MARIAN GROUP

The Marian group meets on Tuesday mornings at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

SVP GROUP

The SVP group will meet on Monday 17th September at 8.00pm in the Upper Hall in the Parish Centre.

AFTERNOON TEA IN THE PARISH CENTRE

The monthly afternoon teas in the Parish Centre will recommence on Monday 24th September from 2.00 - 3.30pm. All are very welcome.

COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2018

The photographs for this year's Communion and Confirmation are still available online. If you have mislaid the details, contact the photographer on 07951241136.

WHO PICKED MY TEA?

Great news – we've just heard that Twinings have become the second biggest UK tea brand to publish their list of suppliers from Assam - a key demand of our campaign. We wouldn't have got to this point without you! We now need to push the remaining four UK tea brands to publish their lists of Assam tea estates in full. More than seven thousand people have sent in 'Who picked my tea' postcards. Postcards are available at the back of the church.

QUIZ NIGHT

There will be a Quiz night in aid of Broxbourne Winter Night Shelter, at Goffs Oak Village Hall, on Saturday 22nd September at 7.00pm. Teams of 6-8 people. Tickets £10 per person, which includes a ploughman's meal. Please bring your own drinks. Tickets from Elaine, please contact her on 01992 428926.

KERALA FLOODS: AN SVP APPEAL

Kerala is the most Christian state in India. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), is very active there and they are helping the victims of the flood. However, they desperately need funds. Please contribute to the SVP's Kerala appeal. To donate visit www.svp.org.uk, telephone 020 7703 3030 or send cheques made out to SVP (write 'Kerala appeal' on the back) to SVP, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.

SHOTOKAN KARATE

New beginners class starting on Tuesday 25th September from 8.00-9.00pm in the Parish Centre, Main Hall. Try a free introductory lesson. Juniors: 8-16 years Adults: All ages. Please wear loose clothing. Further information 07956 893 802

BROXBOURNE WINTER NIGHT SHELTER

Churches Together in the Borough of Broxbourne will be running a Night Shelter for eight weeks during January and February 2019. We will be hosting Tuesday Nights in the Parish Centre.

Full details are given on the Sheets which are available at the Church Entrances, and also on the Parish Website. On the sheet there is a slip to be returned if you are able to assist in any way. For further details please speak to Fr John on the Parish phone no. or Tom Burke on 07807 341953.

Would people who have offered their help please put Thursday 22nd November in their diaries. There will be training sessions that day, in the afternoon and repeated again in the evening here in the Parish Centre.

We still need more people who are able to take a turn in staying overnight and helping with the breakfast.

The next order of bricks will be sent off at the beginning of November. Brick forms are available at both entrances of the church.

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Churches Together in the Borough of Broxbourne, supported by the national charity, Housing Justice, (which grew out of the Catholic Housing Aid Society), will be running a Night Shelter for eight weeks during January and February 2019. The Borough of Broxbourne, sadly, comes 21st out of 300 areas for people identified as being homeless, and 1st for the number of people living in temporary accommodation. The same group of eight guests, who will be referred by the Council's Housing Department, will stay with the shelter throughout the winter. The individual needs of each guest can then be addressed and, through the use of external agencies, they can be helped to find permanent accommodation. The Shelter will be more than just a drop in centre and a place to sleep. It will be open from 7.00pm each evening to about 9.00am the next morning. Our guests will be "low support" single people who for various reasons ended up sleeping rough. Low support means that our guests haven't got severe mental health issues or drug/alcohol problems. The number one cause of homeless is relationship break up. The guests are welcomed, and after a cooked evening meal, shared by guests and volunteers alike, pass the evening. After a night's sleep and breakfast, the guests depart.

Seven different Churches will act as host on one night each week. We will be hosting the Shelter here in the Parish Centre on a Tuesday night. It will be at St Augustine's RC Church in Hoddesdon on a Sunday, Waltham Cross Baptist Church on a Monday, Wormley Free Church on a Wednesday, Elim Life Church, Hoddesdon on a Thursday, St Cuthbert's Hoddesdon on a Friday and St Augustine's C of E Church, Broxbourne on Saturdays.

For the project to succeed, all of the churches need volunteers, and if you are not free on a Tuesday, you will be more than welcome at another Church. There are several roles and times to be covered, and you do not need to attend every week. Some may volunteer once in the eight weeks, others might be willing and available to do more. There are a number of different roles to be filled:

- To set up the Shelter, making up the beds and laying out the table for the meal.
- To meet and greet the guests
- To prepare and cook the evening meal
- To stay overnight (awake) to ensure that our guests are safe and accounted for.
- To prepare and serve a simple breakfast in the morning.
- To tidy up and send the beds on their way to the next venue.
- To launder the sheets and pillow cases in preparation for the following week.

Volunteer Training will be held later in the autumn, towards November time. Much of it is common sense, but the more we have trained, the more professional we will be. Spread the word – anyone can volunteer, faith or no faith.

Every volunteer will need to fill in a simple application form, giving one referee, but there will be no need for DBS checks, as no-one should ever be alone with a guest. The Red Cross will also be offering us basic First Aid Training.

If you are interested in helping, please complete the slip overleaf and return it to the Parish Office. If you require further information, please speak to Fr John, or Tom Burke 07807341953



NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ACTIVITY/TIME	Weekly? / Fortnightly? / Occasionally?
Late afternoon set up	
Preparing and serving the evening meal	
Meeting, greeting and dining with the guests (7.00pm -10.00pm)	
Staying Overnight (10.00pm -7.00am)	
Preparing and Serving Breakfast (7.00am – 9.00am)	
Tidying Up (7.00am –9.00am)	
Laundry	

