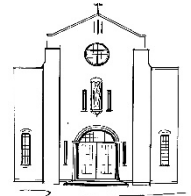
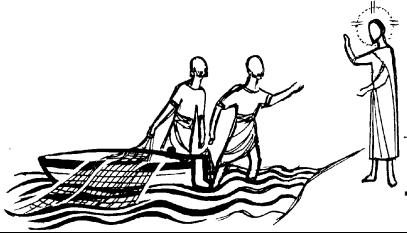


# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 22nd January 2023

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Today we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God, recognizing the centrality of God's word in the life of the Church. Saint Jerome, who translated most of the Bible into Latin in the fourth century, wrote, 'Ignorance of the scriptures is ignorance of Christ.' Every time we come to Mass we listen to the words of scripture, conscious that God's word is a living word, speaking to us in our age as powerfully and relevantly as when it was written. Let us resolve to make God's word a guiding force in our lives.

On this Sunday of the Word of God we hear a dramatic example of how words written in one era come alive centuries later in a new context. Isaiah saw that Judah's king had turned his back on his own people, but also saw a day when God's ultimate triumph would be realized. Eight hundred years later, Matthew noted that Jesus came from the same region Isaiah mentioned, giving new meaning to the 'great light' who overcame the darkness. Listening to God's holy word, let us reflect on how the light of Christ continues to overcome the darkness.

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

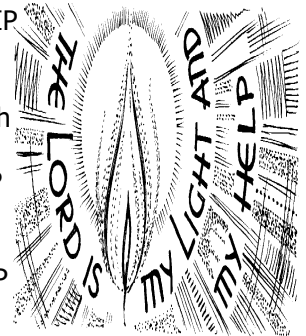
Saturday 21st January  
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**The Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

Monday 23rd January  
Tuesday 24th January  
Wednesday 25th January  
Thursday 26th January  
Friday 27th January  
Saturday 28th January

Francis de Sales  
The Conversion of Paul the Apostle  
Timothy & Titus  
Angela

6.30pm Michael Delaney RIP  
8.30am Jack Staunton RIP  
11.30am Rose Slattery RIP  
6.30pm People of the Parish  
10.00am David Willis – Int.  
10.00am Martin Fleming RIP  
10.00am Noel Feeney – Int.  
10.00am Carol Sembatya  
10.00am Fermina Gomez RIP  
6.30pm Sean Walsh



### TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 8:23-9:3  
Psalm 26  
1 Corinthians 1:10-13  
Matthew 4:12-23

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13  
Psalm 145  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

### LIVE STREAMING FROM THE CHURCH

The live stream runs twenty-four hours a day, so you can 'visit' the Church whenever you wish. There is a link on the Parish Website and it is also accessible at <http://www.churchservices.tv/walthamcross>.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

During Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for: Peace on earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; Racial Justice; The Unemployed.

**For those who are ill:** Nicola Harker, Ann Shipwright, Laurel Reeve, Julia Barrett, John Fleming, Annie Lutwack, Richard O'Reilly, Rosalie Olayokun, Barbara Alexander, Emily West, Linda Tank, Lily Barber, Michelle Herity, David Willis,

**For those who have died recently:** Anthony Burke, Ihor Kozak,

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** Michael Delaney, Jack Staunton, Bridget Barker, Martin Fleming,

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Thank you for last week's Offertory collection, which came to £848.38; plus the Regular Standing Orders. This year's Crib offerings to the Catholic Children's Society were £121.28. Thank you.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Saturdays from 10.30 – 11.00am and from 5.45pm – 6.15pm.

### BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Saturday 28th January at 1.30pm – Joshua Ekpe

### WARM SPACES PROJECT 2023

We are providing a warm space here in the Meeting Room in the Parish Centre each Monday. It's open from 10.00am – 3.30pm. We are offering hot drinks as well as a soup and sandwich lunch.

### 200 CLUB 2023

The Application Forms for 2023 are available as you exit the Church, they are also available on our Website. The more people who join, the more is given in prizes. The First Draw will be at the end of January. **Please pick up your application form so you don't miss the First Draw.**

### RCIA

The RCIA meets on Monday evenings at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.



### FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Darren Sylvester, a Solicitor from DJS Law, will be offering free legal advice surgeries. The Surgery Sessions will now be back in the Parish Office, just ring the doorbell at the Presbytery. If you would like free, independent, impartial and confidential advice, (for example) debt, employment, housing, consumer rights (the list is not exhaustive) then come along on the last Wednesday of every month between 7.30pm – 9.00pm. Next session is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation will continue on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

### CALLING APF RED BOX HOLDERS

It is time for the end of year collection for the APF. At the back of the church you will find a box containing envelopes with the names of all the APF box holders in the parish. Please take home the APF envelope with your name, fill it with the contents of your APF box, and return the envelope to the parish office next Sunday. The APF is the charity that helps Catholic missionaries to continue to work in countries across the world. We thank you for all the money you give to this important work. If you have any questions, please contact Terry O'Sullivan – thrums55@googlemail.com.

### COUNTING THE PARISH'S MONEY

We have a very loyal group of people who open the offertory envelopes and count the money and prepare it for the bank each week. The group has become smaller and we need some new people to help. If you are able to help please let the Parish Office know.

### AA MEETINGS

The AA Meetings have restarted in the Parish Centre in the Meeting Room on Sunday evenings at 8.00pm. Please feel free to come along.

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION – VOLUNTEERING FOR CAFOD

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to join them in their mission here in the Westminster diocese. Could you volunteer and help them raise awareness in either parishes or schools about their work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out more by joining their volunteer meeting in North London on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. Please contact Tony at CAFOD for further details. westminster@cafod.org.uk or 0208 449 6970.

### CARITAS - - LATEST UPDATES - GRANTS TO HELP PAY OFF ENERGY DEBTS

People who are in debt to their energy supplier might be able to get a grant from a charitable trust to help pay it off. More details on this link – plus links to several advice providers <https://fuelpovertyresource.org.uk/focus-on/fuel-debt-and-trust-funds/>

### ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Joseph's School is looking for one of the more Senior Members of the Parish who would like to come and talk to the Reception Class children about their past experiences e.g. school life, growing up, work conditions, etc. If you are interested please contact the school on 01992 629503.

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2022

<u>Income</u>	£		<u>Expenditure</u>	£
Offertory	115,909		Clergy Salaries	10,687
Tax Refunds	21,902		Staff Salaries	27,460
Catechetics	1,898		Travel	1,608
Candles & Repository	9,733		Supply Priests	1,851
Parish Centre	30,063		Housekeeping	2,915
Rent	2,105		Catechetics	1,246
Christmas, Easter, & Masses	21,747		Liturgical Expenses	7,982
Parish Activities	2,575		Candles & Repository	4,313
Specific Donations	22,158		Repairs & Maintenance	19,185
Third Party Collections	7,608		Heat, Light & Water	7,863
			Council Tax & Insurance	7,373
			Parish Centre	1,945
			Office & Admin	2,767
			Parish Activities	1,818
			Mass Stipends Distributed	240
Balances at 1 January 2022	£232,223		Donations & Grants	2,756
Balances at 31 December 2022	£230,867		Miscellaneous	518
			Fixed Assets	86,869
			Diocesan Assessment	39,690
			Deanery Expenses	359
			Third Party Collections	7,608
				<u>£237,053</u>