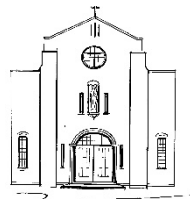
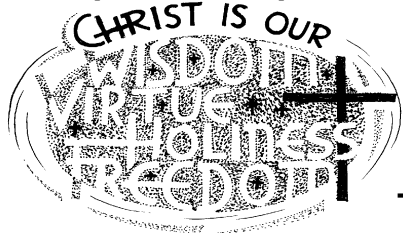


# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 29th January 2023



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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

We gather each Sunday to give praise and thanks to God, to greet the Lord in each other, to hear the Lord through God's word, and to receive the Lord in the Eucharist. We humbly ask God for forgiveness and for the grace to forgive our neighbour and ourselves for the wrongs we do to each other, trusting that the Lord looks with favour on the humble and merciful.

Ordinary Time gives us the opportunity to focus on the ordinary aspects of our faith and realize their continuity through history. Take the value of humility. Centuries before Jesus, Zephaniah told the people of Judah to seek humility. In the early years of Christianity, Paul explained that God chose the lowly to show that the arrogant are nothing before God. Finally, we hear Jesus teach his disciples that the meek and lowly will inherit the land. Now two thousand years later may God's word call us to humility as well.

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 28th January		6.30pm Sean Walsh
Sunday 29th January	<b>The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am People of the Parish
		11.30am Paul Bloomfield RIP
Monday 30th January		6.30pm Maura O'Connell
Tuesday 31st January	John Bosco	10.00am Funeral Anthony Burke RIP
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February		10.00am Maureen Hollebrand RIP
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	The Presentation of the Lord	10.00am Mary Ann Herrera RIP
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Laurence	10.00am Michael Thompson – Int.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February		10.00am Cindy Pereira RIP
		6.30pm Anthony Burke RIP

<b>TODAY'S READINGS:</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:</b>
Zephaniah 2:3;3:12	Isaiah 58:7-10
Psalms 145	Psalms 111
1 Corinthians 1:26-31	1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 5:13-16

### 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, Jack Flannery, Maureen Hollebrand,

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:**

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Thank you for last week's Offertory collection, which came to **£1,036.04**; plus the Regular Standing Orders.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

### FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Anthony Burke will be celebrated on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am.

### 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. **Your New Numbers are on the Noticeboards and also on the Parish Website.**

### AFTERNOON TEAS

The Afternoon Teas will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

### RCIA

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



### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for the First Communion parents on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am 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.

### 3rd WALTHAM CROSS BEAVERS AND CUBS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help needed to assist Beaver and Cub Leader (Volunteer), Monday 6:15-7:45 Term time; 3rd Waltham Cross Beavers and Cubs numbers are rising and we need help. Training given, and plenty up support available. If you have a few hours available on a Monday night please contact Sabina on 07867 487 341

### 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.

### ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE

St Ignatius College, Enfield, is recruiting for: Exam Invigilator; Rate of pay: £12 per hour. Start date: February 2023. Please contact the College on 01992 717835 or email recruitment@st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk for further details.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – FIND OUT MORE WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY

CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking people join their volunteers in the Westminster diocese. Could you help them raise awareness about their work across the developing world tackling poverty and injustice. Find out by joining their meeting this Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 2.30-430pm in Oakwood, North London, N14 4HE. 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.

### ROYAL VOLUNTARY SERVICE

The Royal Voluntary Service offers a number of services in Hertfordshire which can help you get out and about. Their Community Transport Scheme is run by local volunteers, and is there to help with getting to medical appointments, picking up shopping or visiting friends & family. They cover the areas of Broxbourne, Cheshunt, Wormley, Waltham Cross, Hoddesdon, Ware and Hertford.

Calling All Volunteers - becoming a Volunteer. Can you offer the gift of your time, your talents and life experience? In return you will experience the satisfaction of helping others, gaining confidence, and making new friendships. Please get in touch for an informal chat. All training and support will be provided

To use this service or to find out more please get in touch by calling them on 01992 534 269/552 069 or 07764 816 147, or email them on [hertfordgn@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk](mailto:hertfordgn@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk)

### PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Visit our Lady of Lourdes with the Diocese of Westminster on 21<sup>st</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023. Pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Contact Elizabeth Uwalaka for more information. 0207 798 9173; email [lourdes@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:lourdes@rcdow.org.uk); web [rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/Lourdes](http://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/Lourdes).

### CHOICE FOSTERING – THINKING OF FOSTERING

Making the decision to foster a child is a huge commitment, but one which can change a child's life for the better and be deeply rewarding. How to become a Foster Carer. Being a Foster Carer is one of the most rewarding jobs in the world; here's how to become one. Phone 0800 949 4262 for an informal chat or email [foster@choicefostering.com](mailto:foster@choicefostering.com) or request a call back – visit: [www.choicefostering.com](http://www.choicefostering.com).



### CANDLEMAS

For most of us, Christmas is now a distant memory, apart from maybe having to pay off the credit card bills! But for the Church it's February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Presentation of the Lord, that officially closes the season 40 days after the feast itself.

The Presentation of the Lord is also known as Candlemas. In the liturgy of the day Christians recognise Jesus as the light that came into the world to enlighten all the nations and guide them on their way to God. It's the epilogue to Christmas and as we carry our candles the liturgy invites us to seek that light and be that light for our world today.