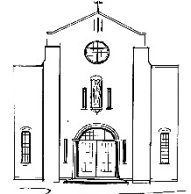


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 12th February 2023



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

During this brief period between the seasons of Christmas and Lent, we are invited to learn from Jesus the Teacher. This is the third of four consecutive Sundays when we hear passages from his Sermon on the Mount. Picture the scene: Jesus has gone up the mountain and sat down, and his disciples have gathered around him. We too are disciples of the Lord and we have gathered here to be with him. Let us take this opportunity to be enlightened by his teachings. God's law takes centre stage today, as we hear ways to understand it more deeply. Ecclesiasticus points out that we all have free will, so we can choose to obey or disobey God's commands. St Paul speaks of God's wisdom, which informs God's law. Jesus, the fulfilment of the law, takes four commands from the Torah and broadens each one, teaching that obeying the letter of the law is not enough. May what we hear today inspire us to live according to the spirit of God's law.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 11th February

Sunday 12th February

**The Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

Monday 13th February

Tuesday 14th February

Wednesday 15th February

Thursday 16th February

Friday 17th February

Saturday 18th February

Cyril

6.30pm Derek Loftus RIP

8.30am John Maher RIP

11.30am Salvatore Cicero RIP

6.30pm People of the Parish

10.00am Claire Newman – Int.

10.00am Derek Loftus RIP

10.00am Maureen Hollebrand RIP

10.00am Sola Ige

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6.30pm Derek Loftus RIP

TODAY'S READINGS:

Ecclesiasticus 15:15

Psalms 118

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Matthew 5:17-37

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

Psalms 102

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

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, Gladys Asare, Natasha Papet,

For those who have died recently: Maureen Hollebrand, Derek Loftus, Vincent Nobrega, Derek Cole, David Willis,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: John Maher, Mary Forni,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Thank you for last week's Offertory collection, which came to £950.44; 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 Service for the late Vincent Nobrega will be celebrated on Thursday 16th February at 1.30pm.

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

It's not too late to join - 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. **Your New Numbers are on the Noticeboards and also on the Parish Website.**

200 CLUB WINNERS – JANUARY 2023

1st No. 17 Una Griffin;

2nd No. 100 Tony Cipullo;

3rd No. 104 Santina Taibi



RCIA

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation Course will take place on Saturday 11th March 2023 at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre. If you have an infant to be baptised please see Fr John.

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 22nd February 2023.

HAVE YOU SIGNED A GIFT AID FORM?

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the Tax that you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying tax please would you contact the Parish Office on 01992 623156 so that we don't ask for the tax if you haven't paid it.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

We are preparing to issue the new sets of Offertory Envelopes. If you no longer use your Offertory Envelopes or wish to move from Envelopes to a Standing Order, can you please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

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.

CAFOD SYRIA-TURKEY EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

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/>

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

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Visit our Lady of Lourdes with the Diocese of Westminster on 21st – 28th July 2023. Pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Contact Elizabeth Uwalaka for more information. 0207 798 9173; email lourdes@rcdow.org.uk; web 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 or request a call back – visit: www.choicefostering.com.

FR JOHN

Fr John is on Holiday until Monday 27th February. Fr Tom Forde will be looking after the Parish while Fr John is away.