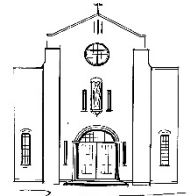
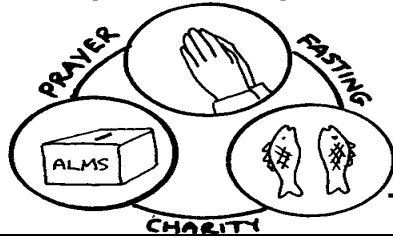


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 19th February 2023



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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Called by the Holy Spirit, we gather together today in praise and thanksgiving to worship the Lord. We sing 'Alleluia' as an acclamation of joy to greet our Lord as he speaks to us in the Gospel. But in just a few days we will pause this joyous exclamation. On Wednesday, Lent will begin and we will take our annual opportunity to focus on our sinfulness, our need for forgiveness, and the sacrificial suffering and death of our Lord. May the joy of our faith in the risen Lord sustain us during the coming penitential season.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 18th February

Sunday 19th February

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday 20th February

Tuesday 21st February

Wednesday 22nd February

Peter Damian

Ash Wednesday

Thursday 23rd February

Friday 24th February

Saturday 25th February

Polycarp

6.30pm Derek Loftus RIP

8.30am Rose Slattery RIP

11.30am Brenda Cullen RIP

6.30pm People of the Parish

10.00am Ganna Debono RIP

10.00am Salva Jean Grech RIP

10.00am Maureen Hollebrand RIP

8.00pm People of the Parish

10.00am Sean Walsh RIP

10.00am Maureen Hollebrand RIP

6.30pm Rosa Da Silva RIP

TODAY'S READINGS:

Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18

Psalms 102

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Matthew 5:38-48

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

Psalms 50

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

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,

LENTEN PRAYER AND PRACTISES

There will be Stations of the Cross in the Church each Friday morning at 10.35am, after the morning Mass, and at 7.00pm in the evening.

This Year, the Diocesan Faith Sharing Resource for Lent is called Enlarging the Space of Our Tent. It is an invitation to reflect with fellow Christians on issues which are at the heart of the kingdom in 2023: Poverty, the impact of the cost of living, homelessness, racial justice, the care of creation, the welcome we extend to migrants and refugees, and peace-making. It is suitable for use by individuals or by Groups. There are two Faith Sharing Groups, one will begin on Tuesday 21st February at 9.00pm on Zoom, the second Group will begin on Thursday 2nd March, at 10.30am in the Sacristy. For the morning meeting, just turn up. For the Zoom meeting, please contact Eucharica on 07984 153877.

LENTEN ALMS

The Collection Box near the Statue of St Anthony will be used for the collection of your Lenten Alms Donations. You can also make donations on line, just put Lenten Alms as the reference. We will be using the donations to support the Broxbourne Food Bank.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2023 Funds raised this year will be shared between the four pillars of the Cardinal's Lenten Appeal: Marriage & Family Life; Youth & Evangelisation; The Education Service and Caritas Westminster. The effects of the pandemic, followed by the cost of living crisis, are still making daily life harder for all. Price rises last year meant many families faced an impossible choice: HEAT or EAT? And this crisis is far from over. The Church continues to respond, with thousands of people putting their faith into action by serving those in need. Cardinal Nichols has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. And for those who can't give financially, your time is a priceless commodity – please see the posters on how you can volunteer in the diocese and help those in need. Please take a donation envelope today, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Thank you for last week's Offertory collection, which came to £751.55, 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 Baby Joseph McDonagh will be celebrated on Thursday 23rd February at 12.00 noon.

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.**



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 22nd February 2023.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation will continue on Thursday 23rd February at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 25th February at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

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.

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.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 13th May 2023 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2023. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND

21st to 23rd April 2023: Sion Community, Brentwood, A healing ministry for those who have suffered from divorce, separation or loss of a spouse Contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

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>.

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.