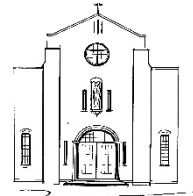
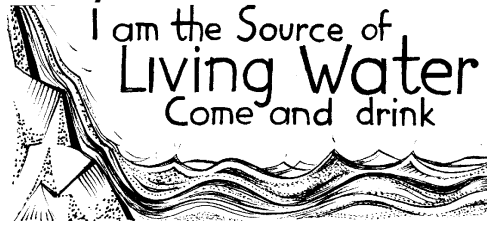


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 12th March 2023



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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

We hear the Chosen People grumble in today's first reading, for they are thirsty and have no idea how long their journey through the desert will last. "Is the Lord with us, or not?" they complain. Here in their place, where we gather with God's people to worship the Lord, to listen to God's word, and to receive the Lord's body and blood, we can be assured that the Lord is in our midst. Jesus has quenched our deepest thirst with living water, with water welling up to eternal life. Together let us give witness to our faith that God remains always in our midst.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

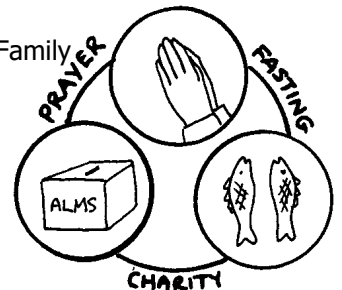
Saturday 11th March
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The Third Sunday of Lent

6.30pm Derek Loftus RIP
8.30am Sherian Longstaff RIP
11.30am Guglielmucci & Ferragamo Family
6.30pm People of the Parish
10.00am Mary Kerr RIP
10.00am Martin O'Toole - Intentions
10.00am Derek Loftus RIP
10.00am Kevin Lewis – Intentions
10.00am Maureen Lavelle RIP
6.30pm Charlie & Mary Kerr RIP

Monday 13th March
Tuesday 14th March
Wednesday 15th March
Thursday 16th March
Friday 17th March
Saturday 18th March

Patrick



TODAY'S READINGS:

Exodus 17:3-7
Psalm 94
Romans 5:1-2.5-8
John 4:5-42

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13
Psalm 22
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

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 Lent, we are asked to pray for: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

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, Mimmo Santagata, Rodney Imbert,

For those who have died recently: Clive Randall-Wood, Ethel Sutton, Carmela Viola, Pietro Castronovo, Delia Cavaciuti,
And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:

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 continue on Tuesday 14th March at 9.00pm on Zoom, the second Group will continue on Thursday 16th March, at 10.30am in the Meeting Room. 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 online, 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 £1,196.37, plus the Regular Standing Orders.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Sunday 12th March at 12.45pm – Rocco Guglielmucci

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral for the late Carmela Viola will be celebrated on Monday 13th March 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.

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 16th March at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 18th March at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

WEDDING THIS WEEK

Saturday 18th March at 2.30pm – Jack Bonner & Monique Goosen

200 CLUB WINNERS – FEBRUARY 2023

1st No. 88 Joseph McKay;

2nd No. 46 Julie Harrington;

3rd No. 90 Margarita Minster

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.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Darren Sylvester, a Solicitor from DJS Law, will be offering free legal advice surgeries. The Surgery Sessions are 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 29th March 2023.

AA MEETINGS

The AA Meetings are on Sunday evenings at 8.00pm in the Meeting Room, in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

THANK YOU FROM THE HOLLEBRAND FAMILY

The family of Maureen Hollebrand are humbled by the very generous contribution given in her memory for four of her favourite charities. We also thank all her friends and parishioners for their help and support over the last few weeks. A Mass will be offered for your Intentions.

THE CORONATION CEREMONY IN MAY

We will be able to live stream the King's Coronation to the large Screen in the Hall in the Parish Centre. The Hall will be open on the day for those who wish to come. Please bring your own picnic!

CARETAKER REQUIRED AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary school is seeking to appoint a Caretaker to commence as soon as possible. Full details of this job vacancy can be found at https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,caretaker_81554.htm
If you are interested or require further information, please contact the school office on 01992 629503 or email schooloffice@stjosephs351.herts.sch.uk

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

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

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Ireland from London Heathrow, 15th May 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.