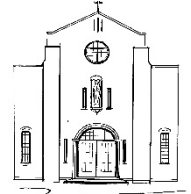
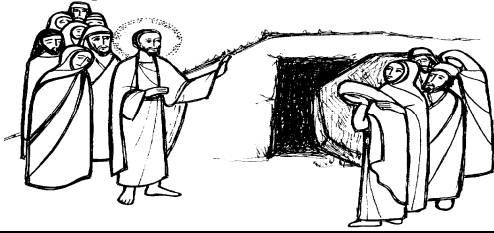


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 26th March 2023



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

On this final Sunday of Lent before Palm Sunday, we hear Jesus call Lazarus forth from the tomb. Jesus calls us as well, calls us forth from our tombs of sin and death, where our harmful habits and attitudes separate us from God, from life. He is the resurrection. He is the life. Jesus' words to Martha then are his words to us now: Do you believe this? Do you believe that God can bring life out of death? Do you believe that God can free us from the burial bands of sin? Let us recover that faith within us and so prepare ourselves to witness the Resurrection.

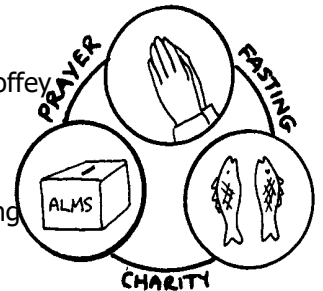
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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 25th March
Sunday 26th March

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

6.30pm Pasquale Neglia RIP
8.30am People of the Parish
11.30am Foundation Mass
6.30pm Angela Coffey RIP & Quey Coffey
Jimmy Doherty & Family
10.00am Timothy Cullinane RIP
10.00am Tom Nugent RIP
10.00am Sharon Apoene - Thanksgiving
10.00am Mary Holmes - Thanksgiving
10.00am Pamela Okeke RIP
6.30pm Leonardo Noto RIP



Monday 27th March
Tuesday 28th March
Wednesday 29th March
Thursday 30th March
Friday 31st March
Saturday 1st April

TODAY'S READINGS:

Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 129
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 21
Philippians 2:6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

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, Gladys Asare, Natasha Papet, Mimmo Santagata, Rodney Imbert, Lisa Thorogood,

For those who have died recently: Ethel Sutton, Carmela Viola, Pietro Castronovo, Delia Cavaciuti, Desmond Powell, Remegia Longman

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Pasquale Neglia, Philip MacNamara,

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: The Faith Sharing Groups will continue on Tuesday 28th March at 9.00pm on Zoom, and Thursday 30th March, at 10.30am in the Meeting Room. For the morning meeting, just turn up. For the Zoom meeting, please contact Eucharis 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 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 £899.15, 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 Delia Cavaciuti will be celebrated on Monday 27th March at 11.30am.

WARM SPACES PROJECT 2023

This is the last week of the Warm Spaces and we would like to thank all those who volunteered and so generously gave their time every Monday over the last five months.

AFTERNOON TEAS

The Afternoon Teas will be on Monday 3rd April at 2.00pm – 3.30pm. All Welcome.

RCIA

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation will continue on Thursday 30th March at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

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.

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!

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. You can give using the envelopes in the Church, 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). If you can let us know by Friday 31st March.

HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war in their country with people in the catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have a room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then they would love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

All are invited to join the Diocese of Westminster's annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21st to 28th July 2023, led by HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Book now to avoid disappointment as places are limited via the Tangney Tours portal at: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/westminster-lourdes>

If you have previously indicated 'St Frai Pilgrim' on an Expression of Interest Form, or know of someone with significant medical and mobility needs who intends to come to Lourdes, contact the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173 immediately, so the Medical Team can look into assisting with requirements and care. Visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage web page <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided that it is now safe for people to receive Communion under Both Kinds (to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice, as well as receiving the Host), as we did before the start of COVID Pandemic. Their intention is that we should resume offering the Chalice at the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, and then at every Mass thereafter. But before we take this step, we need to know what people think about this proposal.