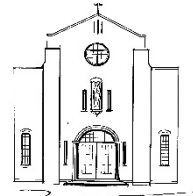
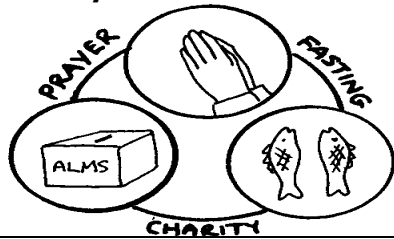


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 5th March 2023



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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

As we continue this forty-day journey through Lent, we do not want to lose sight of what the future holds for Jesus in the Gospel and for us in our own lives. Jesus will suffer greatly and will be put to death and laid in a tomb. But on the third day he will be raised and will ascend to the Father in glory, opening the way to eternal life for us all. We mark this season with prayer and fasting, almsgiving and repentance, knowing that our destiny lies in eternal life with the Lord. Let us worship him, for he has transformed our destiny.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 4th March

Sunday 5th March

The Second Sunday of Lent

Monday 6th March

Tuesday 7th March

Wednesday 8th March

Thursday 9th March

Friday 10th March

Saturday 11th March

Perpetua and Felicity

John of God

Frances of Rome

TODAY'S READINGS:

Genesis 12:1-4

Psalms 32

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Matthew 17:1-9

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalms 94

Romans 5:1-2.5-8

John 4:5-42

6.30pm Christina Bowland RIP

8.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Tony Morreale RIP

6.30pm Angela Cunningham RIP

10.00am Brendan Nelson RIP

10.00am Sauveur Debono RIP

10.00am Sr Theresa RIP

10.00am Vincenza Hawryluk RIP

10.00am Derek Loftus RIP

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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,

For those who have died recently: Maureen Hollebrand, Clive Randall-Wood, Ethel Sutton, Carmela Viola, Pietro Castronovo,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Angela Cunningham, Tony Morreale, Vincenza Hawryluk,

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 7th March at 9.00pm on Zoom, the second Group will continue on Thursday 9th 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 £995.81, plus the February Standing Orders £4,688.00; Online Donations £95.00; Contactless £305.00.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 5th March at 1.00pm – Jayden Aponsah

Saturday 11th March at 1.30pm – Layla Cejku

Sunday 12th March at 12.45pm – Rocco Guglielmucci

AFTERNOON TEAS

The Afternoon teas will continue on Monday 6th March at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

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.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 8th March at 10.30am in the Church.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation will continue on Thursday 9th March at 8.00pm 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.

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.

AA MEETINGS

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

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. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Join the pilgrimage/retreat to the Holy Land, led this year by Bishop John Sherrington and Fr John Farrell OP.

Dates: Sunday 19th November to Monday 27th November. Route: Galilee – Jerusalem – Bethlehem. Flying from Heathrow on BA. Cost is for full board £2265 per person sharing a room, £682 single room supplement. Travel insurance essential. You can book online at <http://www.tangney-tours.com/WHL> or call Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886666 or Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage office 0207 798 9173.