

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 16th April 2023



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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Today, we celebrate God's everlasting mercy, which heartened the Chosen People again and again over many centuries, found its purest expression in the sacrifice of God's only Son, and will continue to overflow into our world and all God's creation until the end of time. Conscious of both God's mercy and Jesus' command to do for the least of our brothers and sisters what he has done for us, we pray that we may be merciful and forgiving to others, sharing that most precious gift God gives us.

Today we hear the familiar story of doubting Thomas, who refused to believe until he saw the risen Lord with his own eyes and touched his wounds with his own hands. However, as soon as he did see Jesus and hear his voice, he immediately realized that his friends' incredible testimony was true. May Jesus' words to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed," touch us as we struggle with doubt and uncertainty ourselves.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 15th April

Sunday 16th April

**The Second Sunday
Of Easter**

Monday 17th April

Tuesday 18th April

Wednesday 19th April

Thursday 20th April

Friday 21st April

Saturday 22nd April

Alphege

Anselm

6.30pm People of the Parish

8.30am Thea Curson RIP

11.30am Mary Basti & Family

6.30pm Richard Cruz RIP

10.00am Helen Anthony - Thanksgiving

10.00am John Finn RIP

10.00am Angela Cunningham RIP

10.00am Remedia Longman RIP

10.00am Josie Curtin RIP

6.30pm Brian Ward RIP



TODAY'S READINGS:

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 117

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 2:14.22-33

Psalm 15

1 Peter 1:17-21

Luke 24:13-35

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 Easter, we are asked to pray for: New Members of the church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; The Church; Human work.

For those who are ill: Nicola Harker, Annie Lutwack, Linda Tank, Lily Barber, Natasha Papet, Rodney Imbert, Lisa Thorogood, John Ball,

For those who have died recently: Desmond Powell, Luciano Ricotta, Maria Zeolla, Mimmo Santagata, Rosaria Sorce,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Angela Cunningham, Brian Ward,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your very generous Easter Offerings last week, which came to £2,467.87, and also for the Offertory Collection of £506.00, and for the Holy Places Collection on Good Friday, which came to £638.25. Plus the Regular Standing Orders.

Thank you, too, for your donations to Cafod during Lent. We have sent off a cheque for £871.20.

The Collection Box near the statue of St Anthony raised £1,000.00 for the Lenten Alms Donations. This money will be given to the Broxbourne Foodbank this week. A HUGE THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral for the late Maria Zeolla will be celebrated on Friday 21st April at 12.00 noon.

RCIA

The RCIA Group 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 20th April at 8.00pm in the Church.

The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 22nd April at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation course will be on Saturday 22nd April 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

Please collect your new sets of Offertory Envelopes after Mass at the weekend. 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.

READERS ROTA

The New Readers Rota is now available in the Sacristy and also on our Website.

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 26th April 2023.

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!

A CAFOD WORD OF THANKS

Shukla is a mum in Bangladesh who has been very worried about her children's nutrition. After joining a community project in Bangladesh, which is supported by CAFOD, Shukla has a productive garden and can grow food for her son. Shukla says, "worry has completely disappeared now." People support us in so many ways – giving in church, giving to us by direct debit, or leaving us a gift in their will. This generosity and compassion reaches hard-working mothers like Shukla. Thank you. To read Shukla's story, go to cafod.org.uk/GiftInWill

APF THANK YOU

'During 2022 people in the parish raised over £2000 for the APF through our Red Boxes and donations. Thank you! Our parish community here at Waltham Cross is part of a national and international network supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance. Your support for Red Box projects around the world make it possible for people to live and thrive in a safe environment. It feeds the hungry and allows the important missionary work in England and Wales to support the global Catholic Church. We couldn't do it without your help.'

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

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 and can look into assisting with requirements and care. Similarly, all individuals or groups intending to travel independently to join Westminster in Lourdes, by making their own travel and accommodation arrangement, must confirm this in writing to the Pilgrimage Office by 30th April 2023 as well as submit payment towards the Pilgrims' Levy at £35 per pilgrim. Visit the Lourdes Pilgrimage web page <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or contact Elizabeth at the Pilgrimage Office on 0207 798 9173.

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.

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.

