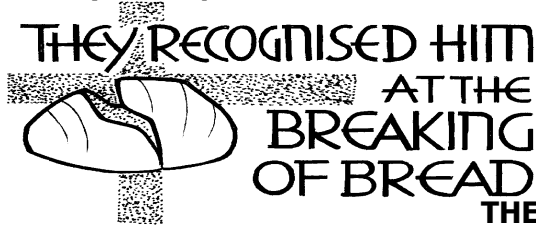


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 23rd April 2023



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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

As we continue our celebration of Easter, we praise God for this miracle that brings new life to us all, and we pray that we will continue to grow in understanding of the many ramifications of this event. Today we hear the story of how two disciples making their way back to Emmaus slowly grow in understanding until the moment the stranger they'd met on the road breaks bread with them. Suddenly they recognize the Lord in their midst. May we always be open to recognize the Lord in our midst as well.

Luke tells us one of the most beautiful stories of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection in his account of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Though they do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them, they realize at once that their hearts had been burning within them as he broke open the scriptures for them on their journey. May the scripture we hear today set our own hearts aflame as we take in the wonder and triumph of the Easter event.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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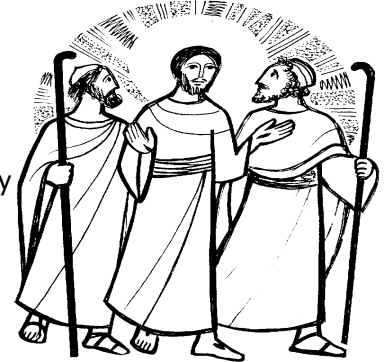
The Third Sunday Of Easter

Monday 24th April
Tuesday 25th April
Wednesday 26th April
Thursday 27th April
Friday 28th April
Saturday 29th April

George
Mark

Peter Chanel

6.30pm Brian Ward RIP
8.30am Hetty Hollis RIP
11.30am Anna Cicero RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish
10.00am Martin Ward and the Ward Family
10.00am John & Elizabeth Griffin – Int.
10.00am Margaret Oteng - Int
10.00am Agatha Miranda RIP
10.00am Philomena McInnerney – Int.
6.30pm Macrina Ige



TODAY'S READINGS:

Acts 2:14.22-33
Psalm 15
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 2:14.36-41
Psalm 22
1 Peter 2:20-25
John 10:1-10

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, Agnes Curtis,

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

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Brian Ward, Anna Cicero, Patrick McDonagh,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £879.61, plus the Regular Standing Orders.

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Sunday 23rd April at 1.30pm – Elaina McDonagh
Saturday 29th April at 4.00pm – Michael Delaney

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Rosaria Sorce will be celebrated on Monday 24th April at 1.00pm.

THE PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday, the day we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood. The annual collection for the Priest Training Fund will take place next weekend. This fund pays for the priestly formation of men for the Catholic priesthood. There are currently **48** men studying at Allen Hall seminary, **14** of whom are from our own Diocese, and two men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese. Last year **8** men who studied at Allen Hall were ordained to the priesthood to serve as our future priests. This fund also supports the ongoing enrichment and formation of our ordained priests. Your generous donation helps ensure we can support these men who are called to be like Christ the Good Shepherd. Donation envelopes are available on the benches in the church. Please take one home, read the information, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. Please continue to pray for vocations and for our priests. You can use the QR code to make your donation online or visit www.rcdow.org.uk/donations. Thank you for your generosity.

RCIA

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

This Parish is part of the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee Charity No. 233699

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The Final Confirmation Preparation session will be on Thursday 27th April at 8.00pm in the Church. Bishop Paul will be here next Sunday, 30th April, at 3.00pm to Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young people. Please pray for our young people their families and their Catechists.

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

NAPIER BARRACKS: THE INHUMANE REALITY REPORT LAUNCH

The Jesuit Refugee Service UK have a special ministry to accompany, serve and advocate for asylum seekers who find themselves destitute because of government policies and those held in immigration detention. As part of this work, JRS UK worked with people placed at Napier Barracks for two years from when it was repurposed as asylum accommodation in autumn 2020. JRS UK's new report Napier Barracks: the inhumane reality gives insight into conditions in this setting and its effects upon people who have fled hostilities, abuses and life-threatening situations. You are invited to join them for the launch of the report in Our Lady Help of Christians, Catholic Church Hall in Folkestone on Thursday 27th April at 6pm. You are welcome to book a ticket to attend in person or online: Napier Barracks: the inhumane reality Tickets, Thu 27 Apr 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite

SUPPORT JRS UK AT THE LONDON MARATHON

Four runners will be taking on the London Marathon today, Sunday, 23rd April, on behalf of JRS. For anyone who is in London, you are warmly invited to come cheer them on. If you're unable to come support the runners in person, please donate to their fundraising pages if you can. The money they raise will help support JRS UK to accompany destitute asylum seekers and support them as they live in a hostile environment. You can find the fundraising pages and information on cheer points on their website.

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. 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.