

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 30th April 2023



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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

As sheep willingly follow their own shepherd, whose voice they recognize and who calls them by name, we willingly follow the Lord Jesus, for we know his voice and he calls us each by name. Gathered together on this Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray that we become more attuned to his voice so that we may more effectively continue his mission in the world. Peter echoes the words of John the Baptist in the first reading – "Repent and be baptised" though he can also tell the people that they will receive the Holy Spirit. In his letter, he encourages us to look to Christ as an example when we suffer for doing what is right and good. In the Gospel, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, describes himself as the gate through which we can find life abundant and eternal. Let us look to the Lord as our shepherd, who provides all that we shall need, all that we shall want.

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 29th April

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#### The Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Joseph the Worker

Athanasius

Philip & James

6.30pm Macrina Ige

8.30am Rosario & Carmela Tona

11.30am Fr Agostino Gonella & Carlo Sorenti RIP

6.30pm People of the Parish

10.00am David Willis RIP

10.00am Julie Sematya - Thanksgiving

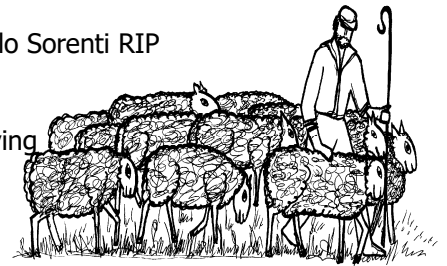
10.00am Cindy Pereira RIP

10.00am Tolu Ige

10.00am Mary Covington RIP

8.00pm The King and The Nation

6.30pm David Rice RIP



### TODAY'S READINGS:

Acts 2:14.36-41

Psalm 22

1 Peter 2:20-25

John 10:1-10

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 32

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

### 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:** Rosaria Sorce, Filippo Bavetta, Steve Tulk, Antonietta Federico,

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:**

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £879.02, plus the Regular Standing Orders.**

### THE PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

Today 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 after all the Masses this 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 **2** men are studying in Rome, also from our Diocese and **2** in Valladolid. Last year **5** 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](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations). Thank you for your generosity.

### THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

The Bishop's Conference has asked that we have three days of prayer for the King as he assumes his responsibility. They have said there will be prayer cards available for a Triduum of Prayer from Wednesday to Friday. We will conclude with a Mass for the Nation and the King at 8.00pm on Friday evening.

We will live stream the King's Coronation to the large Screen in the Hall in the Parish Centre. The Hall will be open on Saturday from 9.00am for those who wish to come. Please bring your own picnic!

### **CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION**

Bishop Paul will be here, today, Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **BAPTISM THIS WEEK**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 11.30am – Michael Delaney

### **AFTERNOON TEAS**

The Afternoon Teas will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 2.00pm in the Main Hall 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**

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.

### **200 CLUB WINNERS – APRIL 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> No. 10 Aine Griffin;                      2<sup>nd</sup> No. 27 Eileen Fleming;                      3<sup>rd</sup> No. 128 Shelagh Booth

### **BROXBOURNE FOODBANK**

Broxbourne Foodbank would like to thank the parish for their food donations. June 2021 – July 2022 the total amount was £2,890.00, weight in food was 1055.69; June 2022 – April 2023 the total amount £1,900.00 weight in food 565.45. Your food donations help so many families and they want to say a big Thank You!

### **COVID SPRING BOOSTERS NOW AVAILABLE IN WALTHAM CROSS – NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED**

Get your Covid spring booster jab at a new 'pop up' vaccination clinic in Waltham Cross. No appointment needed, just drop in! This spring booster vaccination session is for anyone aged 75 or older. Please help us spread the word and encourage parents, grandparents or friends who are eligible to top up their protection against new strains of the Covid virus. Drop-in vaccination sessions take place at Waltham Cross Health Centre, Stanhope Road, Waltham Cross, EN8 7DJ on: Thursday 11 May, 9.30am – 3.30pm; Thursday 25 May, 9.30am – 3.30pm.

If you would prefer to book an appointment for your booster at a pharmacy or a local GP practice you can do so online at [www.nhs.uk/covid-boosters](http://www.nhs.uk/covid-boosters) or by calling 119. More information can be found on our website: <https://hertsandwestessexics.org.uk/covid-19>

### **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](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](mailto:schooloffice@stjosephs351.herts.sch.uk)

### **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

All are invited to join the Diocese of Westminster's annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> 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 arrangements, must confirm this in writing to the Pilgrimage Office by 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **RETRouvaille: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES**

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 13-15 October 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)