Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 9th April 2023



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THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Rejoice! This is the day that the Lord has made. God's love and mercy have been poured out for all and to all. By his sacrifice on the cross, Jesus has conquered sin and defeated death. No longer do sin and death have power over us. A new day dawns, for new life has dawned for all of us: a life in God's tender loving care that survives sin and overcomes death. Jesus has shown us the way to the Father. The crosses we carry our fears and our struggles, our sorrows and our traumas are united with the cross of our Lord, which did not end in pain and death but with joy and life. May the promise of the Resurrection fill us with hope, enliven our lives, and lead us to life eternal. Alleluia!

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

8.00pm People of the Parish

Saturday 8th April Sunday 9th April

Monday 10th April

Thursday 13th April

Saturday 15th April

Tuesday 11th April Wednesday 12th April

Friday 14th April

EASTER SUNDAY

8.30am Thanksgiving 11.30am The Fallon & Sanelli Family 10.00am Maria Cirino RIP

10.00am M & M Ige RIP 10.00am Antonia Ige

10.00am Nancy Carney RIP

10.00am Friends of Maureen Hollebrand

6.30pm People of the Parish



TODAY'S READINGS:

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 10:34.37-43 Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 117 Psalm 117 Colossians 3:1-4 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:1-9 John 20:19-31

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, Ann Shipwright, Laurel Reeve, Julia Barrett, Annie Lutwack, Richard O'Reilly, Rosalie Olayokun, Barbara Alexander, Emily West, Linda Tank, Lily Barber, Gladys Asare, Natasha Papet, Rodney Imbert, Lisa Thorogood,

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:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you to all those people who have continued to support the Parish financially. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for last week's offertory collection, which came to £1,257.57, plus the Regular Standing Orders **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.

EASTER OFFERINGS

It has always been the case that people's Offering on Easter Sunday and on Christmas Day are your gift to the Clergy, and not a donation to the Parish as such. For those people who normally donate by Standing Order, there are Easter Envelopes available at the entrances to the Church.

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Saturday 15th April at 1.00pm – Dominic Aboagye

200 CLUB WINNERS - MARCH

1st No. 54 Renaldo Gracias;

2nd No. 68 Michael Slattery;

3rd No. 28 Cathie Wheeler

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 12th April at 10.30am in the Church.

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.

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

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.



He is Risen! Happy Easter!