

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 21st May 2023



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THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

As we approach the end of the Easter season, we recall the joy we felt on Easter Sunday, a month and a half ago. More recently we celebrated the Ascension, Jesus' glorious return to the Father in heaven. At the time, the disciples returned to the upper room and "devoted themselves with one accord to prayer." We strive to do the same ourselves, as one people, one Church, praising and thanking God, for our Lord has conquered sin and defeated death.

We who are created in God's image are always able to turn to God in prayer. This is what the first disciples did after Jesus ascended to heaven. This is what Jesus himself did when he knew that his hour had come. Today's Gospel passage consists of Jesus praying to the Father for himself and his disciples on the evening before he would be arrested, sentenced, and crucified. May today's readings remind us that we can turn to God whatever our needs and whatever our circumstances.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 20th May

Sunday 21st May

The Seventh Sunday Of Easter

Monday 22nd May

Tuesday 23rd May

Wednesday 24th May

Thursday 25th May

Friday 26th May

Saturday 27th May

Rita of Cascia

Bede

Philip

6.30pm Thomas Kandathil RIP

8.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Special Intention

6.30pm Ross Haggart

10.00am Mary Ann Ekeoma

10.00am Sarah Egan RIP

10.00am Michael Darling

10.00am Mary Wilson RIP

10.00am Maura O'Toole - Birthday

6.30pm Alan & Elizabeth Simpson RIP



TODAY'S READINGS:

Acts 1:12-14

Psalm 26

1 Peter 4:13-16

John 17:1-11

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 2:1-11

Psalm 103

1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13

John 20:19-23

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, Agnes Curtis, Tina Figueria, Margaret Reynolds,

For those who have died recently: Filippo Bavetta, Steve Tulk, Antonietta Federico, Grazia Di Piazza, Carmelo Di Piazza, Nello Charles, John Ball, Agostino Andrade, Anthony Chukwuma,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Thomas Kandathil,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,389.14, plus the regular Standing Orders.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Antonietta Federico will be celebrated on Friday 26th May at 11.30am.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 21st May at 1.00pm – Kingston Ibe

Saturday 27th May at 1.00pm – Acacia Crawley-Watson

ANNUAL FOREIGN MISSION APPEAL

This year the Holy Family Sisters of the Needy will be making the Annual Appeal on behalf of the Catholic Mission Union of England and Wales. They are a Religious Institute founded in Nigeria in 1983 by Late Rev Fr Denis Mary Joseph Ononuju (CSSP). They have different missions in several parts of the world. In their mission, they dispense God's love among the needy and the marginalised in the society. They will be here in our parish today and there will be a second collection at all the Masses.

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 31st May 2023.

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 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-booster or by calling 119. More information can be found on our website: <https://hertsandwestessexics.org.uk/covid-19>

MUSICANS NEEDED

The Choir at the 6.30pm Mass are looking for a Guitarist. If you are interested please speak to the choir before or after Mass. Thank you!

CANCER UK-SALONE CHARITY PROSTATE CANCER CAMPAIGN

On Sunday, 4 June Tina Davies, from Cancer UK, will be hosting the Cancer UK-Salone Charity's Prostate Cancer Campaign in the Main Hall after the 11:30am Mass, to distribute leaflets and raise awareness. This campaign aims to raise awareness about prostate cancer, the most common cancer affecting men in the UK. The leaflets will provide information about the disease, its symptoms and the importance of early detection. We invite you to join us in this important cause and to support the work of the Cancer UK-Salone Charity in providing vital support to those affected by cancer.

CAFOD

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love —caritas— is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns

FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SAINTS – CALLED TO ACTION BY OUR FAITH – SATURDAY 10TH JUNE

You are invited to CAFOD's International Office on Saturday 10th June for a short time exploring our faith, why we Campaign & how you can help. The morning will include guest speakers & a chance for discussion in workshops to explore activities such as Live Simply, Our unfair Food System and Liturgy resources. The morning will run from 10.30-1pm at CAFOD's Office in Lambeth North SE1. For further information contact Tony tsheen@cafod.org.uk or booking please see <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events>.

SUPPORT TEAM JRS AT THE LONDON LEGAL WALK 2023

JRS UK will be taking part in the London Legal Walk in support of its own in-house Legal Project on Tuesday 13th June. If you'd like to walk with them, or to donate to their Legal Project, please visit www.jrsuk.net/london-legal-walk/. Your donation will go towards ensuring that their refugee friends have access to the legal representation they need to be finally recognised as a refugee here in the UK and find a route out of the destitution they face.

JOIN JRS UK FOR REFUGEE WEEK

Refugee friends from JRS UK have written poems that form part of an exhibition called "You can see me, but I don't exist". These poems, and others written by refugees living in Birmingham and Manchester, have been collected and will be displayed alongside an exhibition of photographs by Alan Gignoux. The exhibition will be on display at Stratford Library, London from Monday 19th June to Saturday 1st July 2023. It speaks powerfully to the extended periods of uncertainty refugee friends face whilst waiting to hear on their asylum cases. If you're interested, they will be sharing more information on how you can attend on their website closer to the event.

FEDERATION OF ST PETER'S AND ST GILDAS' CATHOLIC INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS - HORNSEY

Federation of St. Peter's & St. Gildas' Catholic Infant & Junior Schools, Hornsey, London is seeking to appoint an Assistant Headteacher from September 2023. Full details of this job vacancy can be found at

<https://haringeyeducationpartnership.co.uk/blog/2023/05/11/st-peters-and-st-gildas-schools-assistant-headteacher/>

If you are interested or require further information, please contact the School Business Manager - Katherine Johnston on 020 8348 1902 or email sbm@st-gildas.haringey.sch.uk. Application Deadline is Monday 22nd May 2023 at 9am.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

In June 2011 Cardinal Nichols, our Archbishop wrote to all the Parishes in the Diocese concerning the manner in which we receive Holy Communion. In his letter he stated

"The usual practice in our Parishes is for the Sacred Host to be received on the hand, standing.

When receiving Holy Communion in the hand we make with our hands the form of both a cross and a throne in which we receive our King who sacrificed his life for us.

When we receive Holy Communion standing we show that we are ready to receive the Lord and to walk and act in his name. In standing we are part of a prayerful procession, a people with a mission, summoned by the Lord to the glory of heaven. This is our baptismal calling and dignity."

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