

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 28th May 2023



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Fifty days ago, we began this Easter season with the Easter vigil Mass, when on the eve of Easter Sunday, we were given our first opportunity to celebrate Jesus' victory over the grave. We recall that now as we gather for this Mass of the Pentecost Vigil, our first opportunity to celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people of God. May the power of the Holy Spirit continually renew our hearts and our world.

Beloved Christians, today is the fiftieth day of Easter, a season marked with joy and gladness. In fire and wind, as on Mount Sinai, the Spirit of the Lord descends with God's sevenfold gifts of wisdom and understanding, right judgment and courage, knowledge and reverence and wonder. With joy we renew again the covenant made in the waters of Baptism. Friends, let us bless the Lord for the gift of life-giving water, the sign of the Spirit.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 27th May		6.30pm Alan & Elizabeth Simpson RIP
Sunday 28th May	Pentecost Sunday	8.30am Odile Hortense RIP
		11.30am People of the Parish
Monday 29th May	Mary, Mother of the Church	6.30pm Giuseppe Di Paola RIP
Tuesday 30th May		10.00am John Toher RIP
Wednesday 31st May		10.00am Mary Slattery RIP
Thursday 1st June	Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest	10.00am Pat Kearns RIP
Friday 2nd June	Marcellinus	10.00am Denis O'Riordian - Thanksgiving
Saturday 3rd June		10.00am Cindy Pereira RIP
		6.30pm Yomi Olowookere



TODAY'S READINGS:

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 103
1 Corinthians 12:3-7
John 20:19-23

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Exodus 34:4-6.8-9
Psalm 3:52-56
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
John 3:16-18

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: Steve Tulk, Antonietta Federico, Grazia & Carmelo Di Piazza, John Ball, Agostino Andrade, Anthony Chukwuma,

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 £1,211.89 plus the regular Standing Orders. Annual Foreign Mission Appeal £581.53

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Saturdays from 10.30 – 11.00am and from 5.45pm – 6.15pm.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Grazia & Carmelo Di Piazza will be celebrated on Friday 2nd June at 11.30am.

The Funeral Mass for the late John Ball will be celebrated on Friday 2nd June at 3.00pm.

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.

AFTERNOON TEA

The Afternoon Tea will be on Monday 5th June at 2.00pm. All welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION 2023-2024

Children who are in Year Two or above in School and have not yet celebrated their First Communion need to give the matter some thought with their parents. If you attend Mass at St. Joseph's Church, please see Fr. John after Mass at the weekend to talk about registering for the next preparation. Please note that preparation for First Communion will involve attendance at Mass **in the Church** on a regular basis.

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.

MUSICIANS 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!

200 CLUB WINNERS – MAY 2023

1st No. 122 Hugh Gralton;

2nd No. 3 Francesca Smith;

3rd No. 99 Sabina Cipullo,

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation Course will take place on Saturday 24th June at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre. If you have an infant to be baptised please speak to Fr John.

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.

CARETAKER REQUIRED AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Waltham Cross 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_84768.htm

If you are interested in this vacancy or require further information, please contact the school office on 01992 629 503 or alternatively email schooloffice@stjosephs351.herts.sch.uk

RETRouvaille: A PROGRAMME FOR COUPLES STRUGGLING IN THEIR MARRIAGES

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. 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 - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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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