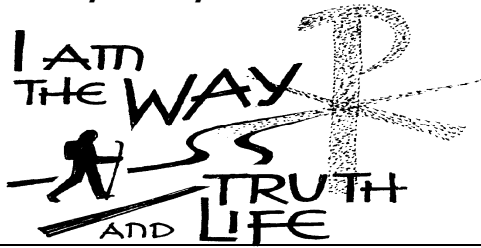


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 7th May 2023



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

As we continue our Easter celebration, we give praise and thanks to God for sending the Son, who sacrificed his life to save us, who has shown us the way to eternal life. "I am the way and the truth and the life," Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel. They will not understand what he means until after he dies and is raised. As we already know what came later, may the words he said then inspire us to follow him now.

During the Easter season, we are invited to reflect on all the wonderful implications of the Resurrection. The early church grew and expanded to the extent that more leaders were needed to minister to everyone. We are, as Peter puts it, "living stones," built upon the cornerstone who is Jesus. In the Gospel, Jesus assures his disciples that he is preparing dwelling places for them in his Father's house. Let us place our trust in the Lord, that we will one day reach God's dwelling place.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 6th May

Sunday 7th May

The Fifth Sunday Of Easter

Monday 8th May

Tuesday 9th May

Wednesday 10th May

Thursday 11th May

Friday 12th May

Saturday 13th May

John of Avila

Nereus & Achilleus

6.30pm David Rice RIP

8.30am Michael Connell RIP

11.30am Thanksgiving – Joyce & Family

6.30pm People of the Parish

10.00am Canossian Sisters

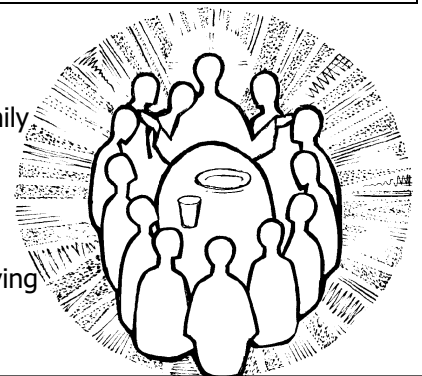
10.00am People of the Parish

10.00am Bridie Boles

10.00am Francis Muyinda - Thanksgiving

10.00am Thomas Thomas RIP

6.30pm People of the Parish



TODAY'S READINGS:

Acts 6:1-7

Psalm 32

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm 65

1 Peter 3:15-18

John 14:15-21

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, Joao Paolo, Cidaila Figueria, Tina Figueria, Margaret Reynolds,

For those who have died recently: Filippo Bavetta, Steve Tulk, Antonietta Federico, Grazia Di Piazza,

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 £1,172.81, plus the April Standing Orders £4,736.00; Online Donations £5,400.00; Contactless £238.05.

THE PRIESTS TRAINING FUND

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Priest Training Fund collection last weekend. The response of prayer for vocations, love and concern for the clergy, and for the current seminarians, was heart-warming. If you still wish to make your donation, you will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can use the QR code on the envelope or poster to make your donation online at www.rcdow.org.uk/donations through the Diocesan website. The formation of priests is of top priority, it is our future. May God Bless you for your generosity.

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.

200 CLUB WINNERS – APRIL 2023

1st No. 10 Aine Griffin;

2nd No. 27 Eileen Fleming;

3rd No. 128 Shelagh Booth

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 10th May at 10.30am in the Church.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION & CELEBRATIONS

The First Communion children and their parents will meet on Friday 12th May at 6.00pm in the Church. The First Communion Celebrations will be on Saturday 13th May at 1.00pm & 3.00pm. Please keep the children, their families and Catechists in your prayers.

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.

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!

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 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

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 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 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.

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 - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER REQUIRED AT OUR LADY OF MUSWELL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2023

Our Lady of Muswell Catholic Primary School, Muswell Hill, London is seeking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher from September 2023. Full details of this job vacancy can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/deputy-headteacher-haringey-1844903>. If you are interested or require further information, please contact the School Business Manager - Katherine Johnston on 020 8444 6894 or email sbm@ourladymuswell.haringey.sch.uk. Application Deadline is Wednesday 17th May 2023 at 5pm.