

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 2nd July 2023



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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

The Holy Spirit draws us to this holy place each week to join together as a faith community to celebrate the Eucharist. Eucharistia literally means "thanksgiving" and we are forever thankful to God for sending the Son, who gives us his Body and Blood to nourish us, to redeem us, and to give us eternal life. May the Lord's acceptance of his cross give us the courage to carry our own crosses, to empathize with others carrying their own crosses, and inspire us to help those whose crosses are too heavy to carry themselves.

Three times in today's Gospel Jesus explains how someone can receive a reward. Sounds great, right? In the first reading, a kind and generous woman receives an awesome reward from God for her hospitality to the prophet Elisha. The psalmist sings of the goodness of the Lord. Our greatest reward, though, has already been given to us. As Paul tells the Romans, when we are baptized into Christ, we are baptized into both his death and his new life. Let us listen for what Jesus asks us to do for his sake to receive our reward.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 1st July
Sunday 2nd July

The Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday 3rd July
Tuesday 4th July
Wednesday 5th July
Thursday 6th July
Friday 7th July
Saturday 8th July

Thomas
Elizabeth
Anthony
Maria

6.30pm Vera Roberts RIP
8.30am Jo O'Farrell
11.30am Maria & Vincenza Taibi RIP
6.30pm Foundation Mass
10.00am Cindy Pereira RIP
10.00am Funeral – Shirley Romer RIP
10.00am Anthony Chukwuma RIP
10.00am Patricia Doyle RIP
10.00am Bertolino RIP
6.30pm Reg Hollebrand RIP



TODAY'S READINGS:
2 Kings 4:8-11.14-16
Psalm 88
Romans 6:3-4.8-11
Matthew 10:37-42

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
Zechariah 9:9-10
Psalm 144
Romans 8:9.11-13
Matthew 11:25-30

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 Ordinary Time, we are asked to pray for: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who Suffer Persecution; Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

For those who are ill: Nicola Harker, Linda Tank, Lily Barber, Natasha Papet, Rodney Imbert, Lisa Thorogood, Agnes Curtis, Tina Figueria, Margaret Reynolds, Kath Spalding, Shirley Willis, Siobhan Treacey, Iris Waters, Bridie Herity,

For those who have died recently: Shirley Romer, Patricia Slimforte, Salvatore Giambrone, Eucharia Mbonu, Ellen Lindsell,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Vera Roberts, Reg Hollebrand,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,142.26, plus the June Standing Orders £4,429.00; Online Donations £125.00; Contactless £194.70.

With the new Banking Regulations, could you please make all cheques payable to WRCDT Waltham Cross

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Shirley Romer will be celebrated on Tuesday 4th July at 10.00am.

SEA SUNDAY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you. There will be a second collection at all the Masses this weekend.

AFTERNOON TEA

The Afternoon Tea will meet on Monday 3rd July at 2.00pm – 3.30pm in the Parish Centre. 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 involves attendance at Mass **in the Church** on a regular basis, which should have already begun. **Application Forms need to be returned to the Presbytery by Thursday 13th July.**

200 CLUB WINNERS – JUNE

1st No. 140 Tom Barrett;

2nd No. 35 Marion Ward;

3rd No. 18 Delia Reynolds

APF SUMMER COLLECTION

We have started the collection for the APF. The Red Box Holders should find a brown envelope with their name in the box at the back of the church. Please take the envelope home, fill it with the contents of your APF box, and return it to the Parish Office next Sunday. The APF is the charity that helps Catholic missionaries to continue to work in countries across the world. We thank you for all the money you give to this important work. If you have any questions, please contact Terry O'Sullivan - thrums55@googlemail.com.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Darren Sylvester, a Solicitor from DJS Law, will be offering the 66th free legal advice surgery. 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, wills & probate, lasting powers of attorney (the list is not exhaustive) then come along on the last Wednesday of every month between 7.30pm – 9.00pm. The next session is Wednesday, 26 July 2023.

UNDERSTANDING AND ALLEVIATING SOCIAL ISOLATION AND LONELINESS

Tuesday 4th July 11.00am-12:30 to hear from Emily Kenward, Founder and CEO of Time To Talk Befriending in Brighton. www.tttb.org.uk. Emily will share about her charity's work in supporting older people facing loneliness and isolation. She will discuss how she identified and responded to the needs of Seniors in her community and give us practical guidance on how to reach out and help those feeling alone and isolated.

MISSION UNLEASHED: AN EVENT WITH CARDINAL TAGLE

The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm. Please see www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

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

CAFOD: UPDATE ON THE CONFLICT IN SUDAN

Violent conflict continues in Sudan and thousands of people are running out of food, water and medicine. Working as part of the Caritas network, your previous donations to CAFOD are enabling our teams to provide practical help to families who have escaped to neighbouring countries, including South Sudan. Please join Pope Francis in praying for peace in Sudan. Find out more on the CAFOD website: cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict

DIVINE MERCY RETREAT

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Georges RC Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE on Saturday 8 July 2023 from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

No cash? Or prefer to make your offering by phone?

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People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.
(Bonnie Jean Wasmund)

Whoever practises hospitality entertains God himself. (Proverb)

In most European languages the word "welcome" implies the idea that some good can be gleaned from the person's arrival: it is well that you have come. We often tend to think about extending a welcome to others in the sense that we are the ones who are offering something to them: perhaps food, drink, shelter, an ear or time. Jesus' words show us the other side of this coin. If it is good that they have come, then we too profit from their arrival. Never is this truer than when we welcome Jesus in others. For in giving to him we gain all. (Oliver Todd)