

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 11th June 2023



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THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

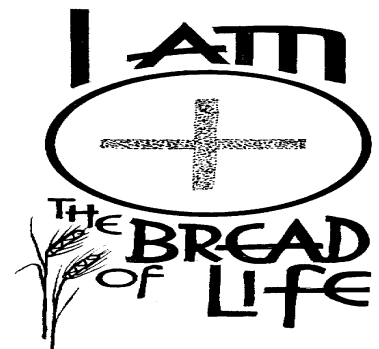
This weekend we come together to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, conscious of the fact that Jesus gave us his Body and Blood to sustain us and nourish us as we continue to carry out his mission. He is the living bread come down from heaven, the bread that is the flesh he gave for the life of the world, the bread that leads us all to eternal life. Let us give thanks to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – for the unique and priceless gift of the Eucharist, to which we are invited every day.

In the desert, God sustains the Chosen People with a food -manna- they've never seen before. The Eucharist, however, is truly unique, for it is Christ's own Body and Blood. Paul points out that consuming it means that we participate in Christ's sacrifice. Jesus himself says it is essential to truly have life within you.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 10 th June		6.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 11 th June	Corpus Christi	8.30am Remedia Longman RIP
		11.30am Angeline Enane RIP
Monday 12 th June		6.30pm Anthony Burke RIP
Tuesday 13 th June	Anthony of Padua	10.00am Pat Deaney
Wednesday 14 th June		10.00am Rose Slattery RIP
Thursday 15 th June		10.00am People of the Parish
Friday 16 th June	The Sacred Heart of Jesus	10.00am Anthony Chukwuma RIP
Saturday 17 th June	Immaculate Heart of Mary	10.00am Paddy Kearns RIP
		6.30pm Thanksgiving - Monique



TODAY'S READINGS:	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
Deut 8:2-3.14-16	Exodus 19:2-6
Psalms 147	Psalms 99
1 Corinthians 10:16-17	Romans 5:6-11
John 6:51-58	Matthew 9:36-10:8

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, Patricia Slimforte, Siobhan Treacey

For those who have died recently: Steve Tulk, Ezra Jackson, Shirley Romer

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 £836.98 plus the Standing Orders.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

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.

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

APF SUMMER COLLECTION

We will be starting a collection for the APF this week. APF 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 - thrms55@googlemail.com.

THE CAMEROON CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Cameroon's Catholic Women's Association, which was founded in 1964, is going to start using the Meeting room in the Parish Centre for its meetings. The CWA encourages lay women to become active in the Church. Members live by the motto "to serve and not to be served" and strive to be agents of transformation, carriers of living water and reapers of joy. They are aged 18 upwards and hail mainly from Cameroon, though they welcome members from any background. The meetings will be every second month, on the second Sunday of the month between 2 and 4pm. During the meetings, doctrinal information is shared to deepen members connection to their faith.

If you are interested and want to know more, please either contact Florence Ekiko, 07542 212 713 or 07552 312 532 Adelina Mua.

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

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE VACANCIES

Please visit our website for positions that are currently available at our school.

<http://www.st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk/291/careers-at-st-ignatius-college>

DAY FOR LIFE 2023: LISTEN TO HER

Next weekend, the Catholic Church in England, Scotland and Wales will be holding its annual Day for Life. This year the Day for Life seeks to highlight the trauma caused by abortion. The theme is "Listen to Her". The message is an invitation to listen to the voice and story of a young Catholic woman who was suffering after an abortion and found healing. With her consent, we are able to highlight the distress which she suffered and how she found healing.

A Novena of Prayer is available on the CBCEW website which will lead up to the Day for Life. All resources, including the full message can be accessed here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

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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