

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 18th June 2023



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

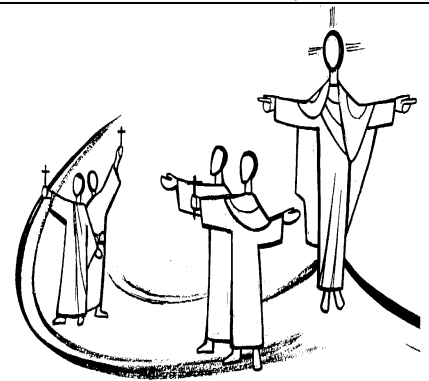
THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

From today to the end of November, we celebrate a nearly unbroken string of Sundays in Ordinary Time. However, let this not be a sign that nothing special happens until Advent begins. Ordinary Time is merely the period outside the climactic seasons of Christmas and Easter and the preparatory seasons of Advent and Lent. It is a time to explore the earthly life and ministry of Jesus between his birth and his death and to grow as a Christian disciple. Today we hear Jesus tell his disciples, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few." Let us listen prayerfully so we may discern how his is calling us to be those labourers today.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 17 th June		6.30pm Thanksgiving – Monique
Sunday 18 th June	The Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time	8.30am Charles Miranda RIP
		11.30am Calogero Federico RIP
Monday 19 th June	Romuald	6.30pm People of the Parish
Tuesday 20 th June	Alban	10.00am Paddy Kearns RIP
Wednesday 21 st June	Aloysius	10.00am Anthony Chukwuma RIP
Thursday 22 nd June	John Fisher, Thomas Moore	10.00am Kathleen Bruen RIP
Friday 23 rd June	Etheldreda	10.00am John Ball RIP
Saturday 24 th June		10.00am Pat Deaney – Int.
		6.30pm Timothy O'Connor RIP



TODAY'S READINGS:

Exodus 19:2-6
Psalm 99
Romans 5:6-11
Matthew 9:36-10:8

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 68
Romans 5:12-15
Matthew 10:26-33

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,

For those who have died recently: Steve Tulk, Ezra Jackson, Shirley Romer, Patricia Slimforth, Jean Tout,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Giovanna Borzillieri,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £788.85, plus the Regular Standing Orders.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Sunday 25th June at 1.00pm – Isabella Cicero

DAY FOR LIFE 2023: LISTEN TO HER

This weekend, the Catholic Church in England, Scotland and Wales is 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, the Bishop's are able to highlight the distress which she suffered and how she found healing.

They were inspired towards this message from a number of experiences: the ever-rising number of abortions in these countries, the introduction and impact of 'telemedicine' after the COVID 19 pandemic, and the stories of post-abortive trauma which they have heard from Rachel's Vineyard, (based in Birmingham), ARCH (based in Scotland) and GiannaCare (based in Ireland).

The message is also inspired by the Holy Father's own words in 2016 which underlined both the gravity of abortion and that nothing is beyond the mercy of God.

Many in our society, but especially women, are affected by abortion and they want people to know they can find a welcome in the heart of the Church and the promise of hope and healing found in Christ Jesus.

All resources, including the full message can be accessed here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

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.

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.

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 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 28th June 2023.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

St Joseph's Primary School will have their Summer Fete on Saturday, 1st July 2023 from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Fun for all the family. Laser Tag, Kids Bumper Cars, Teapot Ride, Cake Stall, Nail Bar, Glitter Tattoos & BBQ and so much more. Purchase a £10 wristband for unlimited use on the rides. Many Thanks, St Joseph's PTA. St Joseph's Primary School, Royal Avenue, Waltham Cross, EN8 7EN.

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

JOB ADVERT - CAFOD DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER

Community Participation Co-ordinator – Full time role. Involves both recruitment and support of existing team of Volunteers. To inspire and resource volunteers to work with parish and school communities to enable them to participate in the Church's mission to overcome poverty and injustice in partnership with CAFOD. Further details on web page. cafod.org.uk/jobs (Closing Date 25/6)

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

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.

REFUGEE WEEK

World Refugee Day takes place every year on the 20th June. 2023 marks the 25th anniversary of Refugee Week, which is an initiative founded in the UK. The theme for this years' Refugee Week is COMPASSION. Pope Francis has called compassion 'the language of God' and 'the path of true justice'. He also says that 'closeness, tenderness, compassion are the style of God. God draws near, and he draws near with tenderness and compassion.' Recently the Catholic Bishops' Conference shared the new document 'Love the Stranger'. You can read this at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger/>

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