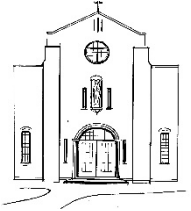


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 25th June 2023



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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Life is difficult. Terrible things happen to us, to others across the planet, and to the world in general. But our faith gives us hope. We know that God watches over us, cares for us, and has given us the promise of eternal life. We come here today to praise and thank God for all the blessings that have been bestowed on us, blessings that help us cope with the misfortunes, the wrongs, and the evil that we suffer. Let us glory in God's love and mercy.

In the face of enemies on all sides, long-suffering Jeremiah puts his trust in the Lord. The first reading establishes the theme running throughout today's scripture passages: We can always rely on the Lord. The psalmist turns to the Lord, whose kindness is constant. Paul points out that God's grace given by Jesus on the cross is greater than the sins of humanity. Jesus assures his disciples that God watches over them to the smallest detail. May God's word reassure us as well.

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ST PETER AND ST PAUL

Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation, when we are required to attend Mass. There will be an extra Mass in the Church on Thursday 29th June at 8.00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 24th June

Sunday 25th June

The Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday 26th June

Tuesday 27th June

Wednesday 28th June

Thursday 29th June

Friday 30th June

Saturday 1st July

John Southworth

Irenaeus

Peter & Paul

6.30pm Timothy O'Connor RIP

8.30am Fikayo Ige

11.30am People of the Parish

6.30pm Nello Charles RIP

10.00am Steve Tulk RIP

10.00am Anthony Chukwuma RIP

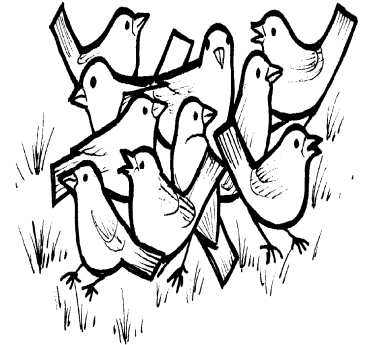
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TODAY'S READINGS:

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalms 68

Romans 5:12-15

Matthew 10:26-33

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

2 Kings 4:8-11.14-16

Psalms 88

Romans 6:3-4.8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

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,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Timothy O'Connor, Nello Charles, Jack & Bridie Blunkett, Anthony Towey,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £875.26, plus the Regular Standing Orders.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 25th June at 1.00pm – Isabella Cicero and Gabriella Linton

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral for the late Salvatore Giambrone will be celebrated on Tuesday 27th June at 11.30am.

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.

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.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL SUMMER FETE

St Joseph's Primary School will have their Summer Fete on Saturday, 1st July 2023 from 12:00 - 3:00pm. 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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