

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023



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## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Two years ago, Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be celebrated every year on the fourth Sunday of July. The pope spoke of grandparents providing a younger generation a link to generations who have passed away. We are called to value and heed the wisdom and experience of our elderly. In today's Gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a tiny mustard seed that over time grows to be a huge bush. Today's elderly were all once tiny mustard seeds themselves. With the Lord's blessings, they have persevered and thrived and continue to help realize the kingdom of heaven in this world.

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 22nd July  
Sunday 23rd July

### The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday 24th July  
Tuesday 25th July  
Wednesday 26th July  
Thursday 27th July  
Friday 28th July  
Saturday 29th July

Sharbel  
James  
Joachim & Anne

6.30pm Helen – Thanksgiving  
8.30am Rose Slattery RIP  
11.30am Michael Darling RIP  
6.30pm People of the Parish  
10.00am Cecilia Tuohy RIP  
10.00am Nelly Kearns RIP  
10.00am Eunan Kerr RIP  
10.00am Edna MacNamara RIP  
10.00am Mary McKinney  
6.30pm Anthony Nithesh RIP



### TODAY'S READINGS:

Wisdom 12:13.16-19  
Psalm 85  
Romans 8:26-27  
Matthew 13:24-43

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

1 Kings 3:5.7-12  
Psalm 118  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52

### 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, Tina Figueria, Siobhan Treacey, Iris Waters, Bridie Herity,

**For those who have died recently:** Eucharia Mbonu, Ellen Lindsell, Angela Ricotta, Elisa De Lellis, Stella Lister,

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** Francesca Solazza,

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £852.35, plus the Regular Standing Orders.**

We also thank all those people who have Gift Aided their donations. Last week we received a payment of £22,481.30 from the Inland Revenue for the Tax Year 2022-23. If you are a Tax Payer, and have not signed a Gift Aid Declaration, please speak to Fr John, or contact the Parish Office.

**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.

### FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Ellen Lindsell will be celebrated on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am.  
A Memorial Mass for the late Eucharia Mbonu will be celebrated on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 3.00pm.

### BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 11.30am – Kalani Price

### 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](mailto:thrums55@googlemail.com).

**Could the person who has Offertory Envelope No. 381 please see Fr John after Mass.**

#### **RCIA**

If you are not already a Catholic, or have been away from the Church for some time, or just did not get around to celebrating one of the Sacraments at the 'right age', or would like to discover more about the Catholic Church, then this is the Group for you! For further details, please see Fr John.

#### **FREE LEGAL ADVICE**

Darren Sylvester, a Solicitor from DJS Law, will be offering 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.

#### **BROXBOURNE FOODBANK**

Thank you for your donations in the Poor Box, we sent £1,000.00 to Broxbourne Food Bank last week.

#### **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](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](mailto:schooloffice@stjosephs351.herts.sch.uk)

#### **SEN 1:1 TEACHING ASSISTANT REQUIRED AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Waltham Cross is seeking to appoint a SEN 1:1 Teaching Assistant for 18 hours per week to commence in September 2023. 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](mailto:schooloffice@stjosephs351.herts.sch.uk)

#### **SVP ENGLAND AND WALES SUMMER RAFFLE**

The St Vincent de Paul Society (England and Wales) is committed to alleviating the effects of poverty and loneliness through its members, volunteers and staff by providing friendship, practical assistance, and daily support to people in need in your local area. With the purchase of each ticket you will support the work of the SVP groups or Support Centre within your local community as well as the work of the national Society. Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> £5,000 2<sup>nd</sup> £1,000, additional prizes: £100. Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book. Tickets are available to purchase from the Parish Office.

All monies and tickets to be returned to Church by Sunday 13 August, allowing time for us to forward them to St Vincent de Paul Society, for Draw to be held in September.

#### **HEAR4U LISTENING TEAM**

The Hear4U Listening Team is looking to recruit six more volunteers to help with listening one-to-one with clients who need a listening ear. Would you be interested? You would receive active listening training and support. We will be looking for the following attributes in members of the Listening Team: A naturally good listener; An uncritical spirit; Patience; Perceptive awareness of body language and mood.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Diana Forrest at [hear4ulisting@outlook.com](mailto:hear4ulisting@outlook.com)

#### **RUN FOR JRS UK AT THE LONDON MARATHON 2024**

If you'd like to run the iconic London Marathon in 2024 and fundraise for refugees and asylum seekers, why not run with JRS? You can find out more and apply at [www.jrsuk.net/london-marathon/](http://www.jrsuk.net/london-marathon/). The money that you raise will go directly to supporting destitute refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.

#### **JRS UK ARE LOOKING FOR A HEAD OF COMMUNICATIONS, FUNDRAISING AND ADVOCACY**

JRS UK are recruiting for a Head of Communications, Fundraising and Advocacy. This role will manage, support and recruit a small team of staff and volunteers to raise awareness, amplify the voices & experiences of refugees, influence positive change in the lives of refugees, and fundraise for our work. Find out more: <https://www.jrsuk.net/work-with-us/>

#### **WRITE TO YOUR MP TO OPPOSE THE REFUGEE BAN BILL!**

The Illegal Migration Bill – Refugee Ban Bill – would all but put a ban on claiming asylum in the UK. Please write to your MP to oppose this inhumane bill and ask for a humane, person-centred asylum system which treats all lives with dignity. JRS UK have put together resources to help you: <https://www.jrsuk.net/illegal-migration-bill/>

#### **YOUNG ADULTS FORMATION**

The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer. As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham. There are two choices of dates: 14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September. To find out more, please enquire by 31st July by emailing the COLW Sisters at [freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org)

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