

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 30th July 2023



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## THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Perhaps we can call today Wisdom Sunday. In the first reading we hear a young Solomon meekly asking God for wisdom and understanding so that he might properly distinguish right from wrong and judge with kindness and compassion. We often find ourselves misleading ourselves about right and wrong or judging others hastily and unfairly. Let us take this opportunity today to pray that we may emulate Solomon and welcome God's wisdom and mercy into our lives so that we can be guided in using right judgment.

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

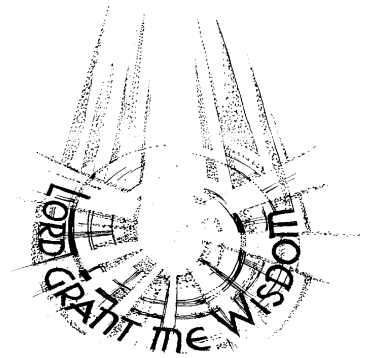
Saturday 29th July		6.30pm Antony Nithesh RIP
Sunday 30th July	<b>The Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am Lena Cheevers RIP
		11.30am People of the Parish
Monday 31st July	Ignatius	6.30pm Antoinietta Federico RIP
Tuesday 1st August	Alphonsus	10.00am Agnes Collins – Int.
Wednesday 2nd August	Eusebius	10.00am Rita Debono – Int.
Thursday 3rd August		10.00am Nelly Kearns RIP
Friday 4th August	John	10.00am Funeral Stella Lister RIP
Saturday 5th August		10.00am Donald Priddle RIP
		6.30pm Lila Anghelone RIP

### TODAY'S READINGS:

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

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Daniel 7:9-10.13-14  
Psalm 96  
2 Peter 1:16-19  
Matthew 17:1-9



### 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, Gerry, Josephine & Celine Gomez,

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

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** Lena Cheevers, Antony Nithesh, Lila Anghelone, Antoinietta Federico,

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,044.13, plus the Regular Standing Orders.**

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

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

### FUNERALS THIS WEEK

A Farewell Mass for the late Eucharia Mbonu will be celebrated on Sunday 30th July at 3.00pm.

The Funeral for the late Elisa De Lellis will be celebrated on Monday 31st July at 11.30am.

The Funeral Mass for the late Paccella Lister will be celebrated on Thursday 3rd August at 10.00am.

### BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Saturday 5th August at 1.00pm – Eli Njoku

### AFTERNOON TEA

The Afternoon Tea will be on Monday 7th August at 2.00pm – 3.30pm, all welcome.

### SPONSORED WALK – PARISH CENTRE ROOF

The replacement of the Roof of the Parish Centre Lobby has begun. The zinc will be removed and the roof will be covered with felt. The work is expected to take about four weeks, and will cost just under £15,000. All the proceeds of this year's Sponsored Walk, which will be on Sunday 17th September will go towards this expense. **Please put the date in your diary now and come and join us!**

### 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.

#### **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.

#### **200 CLUB WINNERS JULY 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> No. 52 Joao Gracias;                      2<sup>nd</sup> No. 38 Catherine Reynolds;                      3<sup>rd</sup> No. 104 Santana Taibi

#### **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)

#### **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A GOVERNOR FOR ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL?**

We are now looking for new Governors to join our current team. We have vacancies for a foundation governor, if you are interested in becoming a school governor please get in touch via email to [schooloffice@stjosephs.351.herts.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@stjosephs.351.herts.sch.uk). You do not have to be an educational expert or even have children in the school, but you must have a desire to make a positive contribution to children's education and a be a practicing catholic.

#### **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 THE ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON IN AID OF THE PASSAGE – SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

This stunning autumnal route showcases the iconic sites of London through four Royal Parks – Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, St James's Park and Green Park. Run past some of the capital's most historic landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Horse Guards Parade and the Royal Albert Hall. Although undulating in parts, the course is not hilly and is great for both experienced and first-time half marathon runners. Registration fee: £20; Fundraising goal: £300. All money raised will go towards supporting those currently experiencing or threatened by street homelessness so that we can end homelessness for good. Sign up here: <https://passage.org.uk/get-involved/events/royal-parks-half-marathon/>

#### **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.

#### **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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