

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 9th July 2023



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## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Even as we come here to celebrate the Eucharist, the burdens of life may weigh heavy on our minds, our hearts, and our bodies. We may be tired from working six days a week. We may be anxious about the health of a family member. We may be mourning the loss of a loved one. We may be just plain weary, physically or emotionally. In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages the crowds, "Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest." He says the same words to us today. Let us turn to the Lord for comfort, for his yoke is easy and his burden light.

Zechariah prophesies the Messiah coming as a peacemaker, not as a warrior, in today's first reading, setting the stage for a saviour who reigns with mercy and kindness. Paul tells the Romans that the very Spirit of God dwells in us. Jesus, our Saviour, tells us that his yoke is easy and his burden light. May the peace that Jesus brings and the Spirit extends fill us with joy and hope.

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 8th July

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July

### The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday 10th July

Tuesday 11th July

Wednesday 12th July

Thursday 13th July

Friday 14th July

Saturday 15th July

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Zechariah 9:9-10

Psalms 144

Romans 8:9.11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalms 64

Romans 8:18-23

Matthew 13:1-23

Benedict

Henry

Camillus

6.30pm Reg Hollebrand RIP

8.30am The Fernandes Family Thanksgiving

11.30am John Cunningham RIP

6.30pm People of the Parish

10.00am Breda O'Regan

10.00am Jimmy & Joan Maher

10.00am Sister Catherine RIP

10.00am John Debono RIP

10.00am Eileen King RIP

6.30pm Jim Loftus RIP



### 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, Eucharia Mbonu, Ellen Lindsell, Nelly Kearns, Angela Ricotta, Elisa De Lellis,

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** John Cunningham, Jimmy Maher,

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,065.00, plus the Regular Standing Orders

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.

### FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Patricia Slimforte, will be celebrated on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am.

### BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 1.00pm – Summer-Reign Smith

### 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. **Application Forms need to be returned to the Presbytery by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July. No Application Forms will be accepted after this date.** There will be a meeting for all those parents who have returned their Application Forms on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00am in the Church.

### PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am in the Church.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

### SEA SUNDAY

Today is Sea Sunday is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Thank you for your generous donations of £370.35 last weekend, this will ensure that Stella Maris chaplains can continue to be a friend for the seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk).

### 200 CLUB WINNERS – JUNE

1<sup>st</sup> No. 140 Tom Barrett;

2<sup>nd</sup> No. 35 Marion Ward;

3<sup>rd</sup> No. 18 Delia Reynolds

### 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).

### FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Darren Sylvester, a Solicitor from DJS Law, will be offering the 66<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### MISSION UNLEASHED: AN EVENT WITH CARDINAL TAGLE

The Church has a mission but what is it? And how should we do it? Cardinal Tagle of the Philippines has responsibilities for evangelisation and mission in the Vatican and is an inspirational speaker. Join CAFOD online for Mission Unleashed: Embracing the Social Dimension of Evangelisation hosted by CAFOD on 14 July 7:00-8:30pm. Please see [www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation](http://www.bigmarker.com/cafod/evangelisation) to book your place for this webinar and be sent the recording. All welcome.

### 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](http://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/sudan-conflict)

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We can easily manage if we will only take, each day, the burden appointed to it. But the load will be too heavy for us if we carry yesterday's burden over again today, and then add the burden of the tomorrow before we are required to bear it.

*(John Newton)*

Everyone thinks his own burden is heavy  
*(French Proverb)*

Come to me all you who are overburdened and I will give you rest.