

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 13th August 2023



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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

At this time of year, the forces of nature can buffet us from every side. Drought and forest fires, thunderstorms and floods, tornadoes and hurricanes, anything is possible. If we are in a vulnerable position in a small boat at sea, for example we can find ourselves in grave danger. Today we see Jesus calmly approach the disciples during a storm as their boat is tossed about by the wind and waves. As we act to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe this season, let us trust in the Lord, who comes to strengthen and comfort us in times of danger.

Where do we find the Lord? Elijah did not find God in a strong wind, an earthquake, or a fire, but heard the Lord's summons only in a tiny whispering sound. Peter and the disciples, on the other hand, came to recognize Jesus when he came to reassure them on a stormy Sea of Galilee. Paul's heart broke at his own people's difficulty in finding the Christ in the person of Jesus. May these faith-filled people guide us in our own search for the Lord's presence in our lives.

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Tuesday is a Holy Day of Obligation for The Assumption. There will be Mass at 10.00am and at 8.00pm.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 12th August

6.30pm Darren Sylvester

Sunday 13th August

**The Nineteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

8.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Tita Castiglione

6.30pm Joseph Meehan RIP

10.00am Vincent Fitzpatrick – Int.

10.00am Theresa Procter - Thanksgiving

8.00pm People of the Parish

10.00am Egoeze Amadi RIP

10.00am Delia Cahill RIP

10.00am

6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 14th August

Maximilian Kolbe

Tuesday 15th August

The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 16th August

Stephen

Thursday 17th August

Friday 18th August

Saturday 19th August

TODAY'S READINGS:

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

Psalms 84

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-33

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 56:1.6-7

Psalms 66

Romans 11:13-15.29-32

Matthew 15:21-28



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: Stella Lister, Elaine Buckle, Vincenzo Agnello, Hilda Jonga,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,342.81, 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.

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! The Sponsorship Forms are available at both entrances to the Church.**



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. The start date is Monday 18th September at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

APF SUMMER COLLECTION

The summer collection for the APF is underway. 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 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, 30th August 2023.

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

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

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

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. 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.

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

RUN THE ROYAL PARKS HALF MARATHON IN AID OF THE PASSAGE – SUNDAY 8TH 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/. The money that you raise will go directly to supporting destitute refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.

CELEBRATE SUMMER FAMILY ACTIVITY PACK

Download the brand new CELEBRATE online family activity pack for summer! Packed full of activities to do, pray, read and watch, this online resource will give you ideas on how to connect with God, your family and others. Why not try the CELEBRATE Summer Psalm walk in this pack at your local park or on holiday? Use this link to download the CELEBRATE SUMMER pack for free today - <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>.

THE DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 28 August 2023 from 10.00am 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.

FR JOHN

Fr John is on holiday until Tuesday 22nd August. Fr Tom Forde will be looking after the Parish while Fr John is away.

No cash? Or prefer to make your offering by phone?
Just scan the QR Code with your smartphone.
If you are a Tax Payer, please complete the
Gift Aid Declaration.

