

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023



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## THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

In today's first reading, we hear God tell Isaiah, "my house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples." We are gathered here today in a house of prayer, and so we welcome all people who have come here today to join together to pray to God in praise, in petition, and in thanksgiving. Let us lift up our voices in prayer to our God.

Who is welcomed to our faith community, to our town, or to our country and who is not? What we hear today from Isaiah, Paul, and Jesus can help us understand God's perspective. Each reading challenges us to break down walls that stand in the way of those who are excluded. In the Gospel, in fact, it is a foreign woman who persuades Jesus to break down the commonly accepted barriers of the day. May God's word challenge us today as much as it did when it was written...

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August

#### The Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

Pius  
Our Lady,  
Queen of Heaven

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Rose

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August

Bartholomew

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August

Louis & Joseph

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 56:1.6-7  
Psalm 66  
Romans 11:13-15.29  
Matthew 15:21-28

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 22:19-23  
Psalm 137  
Romans 11:33-36  
Matthew 16:13-20

6.30pm People of the Parish

8.30am Helen Webster RIP

11.30am Rose Slattery RIP

6.30pm Nerio Casali RIP

10.00am Catherine Abara Ayuk

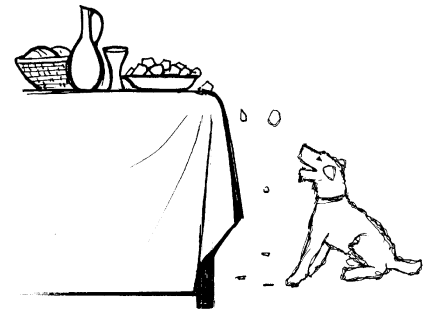
10.00am John Cunningham RIP

10.00am Anthony Chukwuma RIP

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10.00am Leo Simpson RIP

6.30pm Joe Pardy & Noreen McShane 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, Tina Figueria, Siobhan Treacey, Iris Waters, Bridie Herity, Gerry, Josephine & Celine Gomez,

**For those who have died recently:** Elaine Buckle, Vincenzo Agnello, Hilda Jonga,

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** Rose Slattery, Nerio Casali, Raffaele Sordillo, Con Murphy,

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £734.37, 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.

### BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 1.00pm – Ezra Anaman, & at 3.00pm Lopes Ferreira

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

### READERS ROTA

The New Readers Rota is now available in the Sacristy and also on our Website.



#### **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, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

#### **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.

#### **ST. AUGUSTINE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OFFICE VACANCY**

If you are interested in applying for this position, please follow:

[https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,school-office-manager-and-headteacher-pa\\_86622.htm](https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job/view,school-office-manager-and-headteacher-pa_86622.htm)

to access further details and a school application form. Visits and an informal chat with the Headteacher, Mrs Napier are warmly welcomed. Please email [headspa@staugustines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:headspa@staugustines.herts.sch.uk) and/or [admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@staugustines.herts.sch.uk) to arrange a visit.

#### **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.

#### **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/>

#### **CAFOD IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS**

Cafod is looking for volunteers to visit schools to lead assemblies and workshops in the next academic year. If you are looking for a new challenge and enjoy communicating with children and young people, then join CAFOD's schools volunteer team in the Westminster Diocese. Full training and support will be given. For more information contact Chris Driscoll at [westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk](mailto:westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk) or call 07776 493162.

#### **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.

#### **A DAY WITH MARY**

A Day with Mary, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023, at Catholic Church of Our Lady, Lodge Road, St John's Wood. For more information please see the Noticeboard.

#### **FR JOHN**

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

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