

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023



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## THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

"Who do you say that I am?" we hear Jesus ask his disciples today. We are his disciples as well, so we would benefit by imagining him asking us the same thing. Who do you say that Jesus is? We could do worse than echoing Saint Peter's answer: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." We know now what Peter could not at the time: that Jesus redeemed us when he died on the cross, that he was raised to eternal life with the Father, and that he is still with us today, particularly as we gather together in his name and receive him in the Eucharist. Let the "Amen" we say be our personal affirmation of Peter's answer.

In the first reading, Isaiah proclaims that God will give Eliakim the key of the House of David. In the Gospel, Jesus promises Peter the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. In Eliakim and Peter, God has found faithful followers who can lead and guide the entire community of believers. Though we have not been given such authority, let us pray that we too may faithfully serve God and guide others by our example. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2022 World Library Publications*

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30pm Joe Pardy & Noreen McShane RIP
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>The Twenty-First Sunday</b> <b>In Ordinary Time</b>
	8.30am Malvin Hewitt RIP
	11.30am Guglielmucci & Ferragamo Families
	6.30pm People of the Parish
	10.00am Elaine Buckle RIP
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am Danilo Herrera - Birthday
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am Pat Deaney - Int.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00am Sauveur Debono RIP
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	10.00am John Quinn RIP
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	6.30pm Margaret Rhodes RIP
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	



### TODAY'S READINGS:

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

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Jeremiah 20:7-9  
Psalm 62  
Romans 12:1-2  
Matthew 16:21-27

### 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, Pat Deaney,

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

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** Margaret Rhodes,

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £830.83, 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 Vincenzo Agnello will be celebrated on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 11.30am.

### WEDDING THIS WEEK

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 1.00pm – Sara Paddeu & Calvin Plank

### 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. If you would like to Sponsor Fr John, the forms**

**are by the Repository. Thank you!**

### READERS ROTA

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



#### **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 25<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

#### **ALTAR SERVERS**

If you have recently celebrated your First Holy Communion, or have recently moved into the parish, and would like to join the Altar Servers in the Parish, please speak to Father 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, 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

#### **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)

#### **WORLD YOUTH DAY SUMMER PICNIC**

Westminster Youth Ministry is bringing a taste of Lisbon to London for youth (12-35) who were unable to attend World Youth Day this year. Following the theme of World Youth Day: 'Mary arose and went with haste' (Lk 1:39). We'll be exploring how we can rise up, certain that God's plan is the best one for our lives. Join us for a day filled with fun, prayer, testimonies and Mass with Bishop Paul McAleenan on Saturday, 2 September 2023 (11 am – 4 pm) at SPEC Retreat Centre, 125 Waxwell Lane, Pinner HA5 3EP. Sign up at <https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/world-youth-day-summer-picnic/>

#### **MARCH FOR LIFE UK 2023**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Bishop John Sherrington will celebrate the 10.30am Mass at Westminster Cathedral marking the beginning of the March for Life UK day. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

#### **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.

#### **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.

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