

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 1st October 2023



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THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

In today's second reading, Saint Paul calls upon the Philippians to be 'united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind'. We come here today probably each thinking different things, but during this time together we pray that the Holy Spirit may unite us in heart and mind, with the love of God and love of neighbour we have in common, as we lift our voices to pray as one.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 30th September		6.30pm Theresa Ross – Birthday
Sunday 1 st October	The Twenty-Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time	8.30am Ann Starbuck RIP
		11.30am Louis IHEMEJE - Thanksgiving
Monday 2 nd October	The Holy Guardian Angels	6.30pm People of the Parish
Tuesday 3 rd October		10.00am The Sembatya Family RIP
Wednesday 4 th October	Francis of Assisi	10.00am Cindy Pereira RIP
Thursday 5 th October	Faustina	10.00am Ann Cryan RIP
Friday 6 th October	Bruno	10.00am Dallas Gill RIP
Saturday 7 th October		10.00am Mary Lanagan RIP
		6.30pm People of the Parish



TODAY'S READINGS:

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 24
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 79
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

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: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People Prisoners and their Families.

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, Vera Argue, Lesley Cartwright, Patsy Joseph, Val McGuinness, Margaret Reynolds, Michael Verbruggen,

For those who have died recently: Pasqualina Sorce, Raffaella Marcone, Eudora Coke,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Noel Doyle, Giuseppe Nicolini,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £998.18, 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.

WEDDING THIS WEEK

Saturday 7th October at 1.30pm Gemma Casey & Callum Clarke

SPONSORED WALK – PARISH CENTRE ROOF



The replacement of the Roof of the Parish Centre Lobby is now finished. The zinc has been removed and the roof covered with felt. The skylights have also been altered. The good news is that we have had no leaks!! The not so good news is that we have to pay for it, so if you did support any of the ten people who completed the Sponsored Walk, please give them your contributions. Thank You, and the Walkers.

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.

AFTERNOON TEA

The Afternoon Tea will be on Monday 2nd October at 2.00pm in the Parish Centre. Everyone Welcome.

RCIA

The RCIA Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

MASS COUNT

We will be doing the Mass count over the next three weekends. There will be someone at both doors counting as you come in to Mass.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here after Easter. If you would normally attend Mass here, and are in year 10 at secondary school, or older, you are eligible for Confirmation here at St Joseph's. If you wish to be prepared here, please come and speak to Fr John.

200 CLUB WINNERS – SEPTEMBER 2023

1st No. 24 Mike Priddle;

2nd No. 64 Beatrice Nowak;

3rd No. 10 Aine Griffin

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Next Friday is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD, so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk. There will be a second collection at all the Masses next weekend.

AUTUMN FAITH SHARING GROUPS

The Theme for the Autumn Faith Sharing is the Year of the Council. The Council (Vatican II) was an act of love: "A great, threefold act of love" – as Pope Paul VI said in his opening address at the Council's fourth session – an act of love "for God, for the Church, for humanity". The effectiveness of that act has not been exhausted at all: it continues to work through the rich dynamic of its teachings." This new resource, The Year of the Council, for small faith-sharing communities across our Diocese seeks to bring us deep into that act of love. We can discover afresh or maybe for the first time just how, in Pope St John Paul II's words 'The Second Vatican Ecumenical Council was truly a prophetic message for the Church's life; it will continue to be so for many years in the third millennium. The Church, rich in the eternal truths entrusted to her, will still speak to the world, proclaiming that Jesus Christ is the one true Saviour of the world: yesterday, today and for ever!' The Booklets are available from the Parish Office at £3 each.

OUR LADY'S CONVENT OPEN DAYS AND EVENING

For full details please go to WWW.OURLADYS.HACKNEY.SCH.UK Next year Our Lady's will be taking Boys as well as Girls in Year 7.

NICHOLAS BREAKSPEAR CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School looks forward to welcoming prospective students and their families to their Open Evening on Thursday 5th October 2023 from 5.30pm to 8.30pm.

ST ELIZABETH'S – MUCH HADHAM

'Rooted in Christian, gospel values, St Elizabeth's exists to offer children, young people and adults with a range of neuro-disabilities individually designed education, care and support services that maximise their opportunities to "live life to the full". Over the past 120 years, St Elizabeth's has grown and developed to comprise a non-maintained Specialist Catholic School for both boarders and day students, a specialist Further Education College supporting and educating young people, Supported Living both onsite and in the local community, a comprehensive Day Opportunities programme for adult day clients and 24-hour health provision provided by specialist nurses and therapists.

The charity was previously one of the charitable works of the Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross of Liège. They continue the inspirational work established over 120 years ago. To live, work and learn at St Elizabeth's is a visual journey of God's image of love and sacrifice in action, that demonstrates the power of kindness in their small yet big hearted community. If you are interested in accessing any of their services, would like to work or make a donation to St Elizabeth's, please visit their website <https://www.stelizabeths.org.uk> call 01279 843451 for further information.'

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 or call 07776 493162.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9th to 14th to Pray for the Holy Souls. It will be the Marian Fathers. Package includes: Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957 594646 for more information.

CHRISTMAS CAVERN 2023

The Christmas Cavern this year will be on Sunday, 3rd December 9.00am – 1.30pm. If you have any new unwanted gifts or bottles for our Tombola stall, please hand them into the Parish Office. If you would like a stall, please let the Parish office know. The Stalls will be £10.

SEASON OF CREATION

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme of this year's ecumenical Season of Creation, inspired by the words of the prophet Amos: "Let justice flow on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream" (5:24).

Let us heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation" Message from Pope Francis for the Season of Creation.

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.

