

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 17th September 2023



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## THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Today's readings remind us how important it is to forgive. More than that, they teach us to be forgiving people, showing mercy to all those who have wronged us, whether in matters great or small. After all, at the end of our lives we believe we will be completely reliant on God's mercy to forgive our many sins, great and small. Let us resolve to forgive our neighbour, to heal our relationships, and to live lives of kindness and mercy. Today is Evangerlii Gaudium day, which use to be call Home Mission Sunday. Substituting "The Joy of the Gospel" for a vey bureaucratic title seems to be an advance.

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 16th September		6.30pm Robin Holmes - Thanksgiving
Sunday 17th September	<b>The Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am Frank Bradley RIP
		11.30am Steve Tulk RIP
		6.30pm A Guzik & A & G Jozwiak RIP
Monday 18th September		10.00am People of the Parish
Tuesday 19th September	Januarius	10.00am Hughie Coffey
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Andrew	10.00am Eileen McCarthy RIP
Thursday 21st September	Matthew	10.00am Maureen Hollebrand RIP
Friday 22nd September		10.00am Pat Deaney – Int.
Saturday 23rd September		6.30pm Clive Cook RIP

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Ecclesiasticus 27:30  
Psalm 102  
Romans 14:7-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 55:6-9  
Psalm 144  
Philippians 1:20-24.27  
Matthew 20:1-16

### 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,

**For those who have died recently:** Rosemarie Sorenti, Pasqualina Sorce,

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** Frank Bradley, Clive Cook,

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,092.97, plus the Regular Standing Orders.**

**With the new Banking Regulations, could you please make all cheques payable to WRCDDT 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 is nearly finished. The zinc has been removed and the roof covered with felt. The skylights have also been altered. **The Sponsored Walk is today, starting at 2.00pm at Pinder Car Park, Cheshunt. 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!**



**Thank you very much to the Ukraine Community for their very generous donation of £535.00 towards the repair of the Parish Centre Roof.**

### 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.

### 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.

#### **NEW PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE (PSR)**

Carmelina Tona has recently been appointed the PSR for Waltham Cross Parish. An important part of Carmelina's role is to work with the whole parish to promote good practices and to implement statutory policies and procedures in all safeguarding activities, involving children and vulnerable adults within the Parish. PSRs are the first point of contact for the Parish community should anyone wish to disclose a safeguarding concern, such as abuse against a child or vulnerable adult.

The role also encompasses the safe recruitment of anyone who wishes to work/volunteer in the Parish with groups of children and/or adults at risk, including the initial processing of DBS applications and DBS rechecks.

We have recently undertaken an audit of the DBS status of our volunteers. Those volunteers whose DBS check is out of date will be contacted in the next few weeks, so that rechecks can be undertaken.

Carmelina can be contacted by email or phone, should you wish to discuss any safeguarding concerns or if you have any questions regarding DBS. Email: [walthamcrosssg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk](mailto:walthamcrosssg@safeguardrcdow.org.uk); Telephone: 01992 623156.

#### **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, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

#### **BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE**

The next Baptism Preparation Course will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre. If you have an infant to be Baptised, please speak to Fr John.

#### **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE OPEN EVENING**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, from 5.30pm. Headteacher's speech at 7.00pm. Please contact the school at Turkey Street, Enfield, EN1 4NP, 01992 717835; email: [st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk), or scan the QR Code on the noticeboards to register.

#### **OUR LADY'S CONVENT OPEN DAYS AND EVENING**

For full details please go to [WWW.OURLADYS.HACKNEY.SCH.UK](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:westminsterschools@cafod.org.uk) or call 07776 493162.

#### **THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE**

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **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).

"During this Season of Creation, let us dwell on those heartbeats: our own and those of our mothers and grandmothers, the heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God. Today they do not beat in harmony; they are not harmonized in justice and peace. Too many of our brothers and sisters are prevented from drinking from that mighty river. 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." From the message from Pope Francis for the Season of Creation

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