

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 24th September 2023



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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

After something terrible happens in our lives, we may conclude that God doesn't care, that God has abandoned us, or that there is no God. This is natural, for we cannot see our world as God sees our world. Isaiah tries to impress upon his listeners that God's thoughts and actions are so far above our own that we will never understand them. As Christians, we believe that God so loves us that God sent the Son, who suffered and died to save us. We trust that no matter what, God is with us. May we be reassured by that truth as we gather today in God's name.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 23rd September		6.30pm Clive Cook RIP
Sunday 24th September	The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time	8.30am People of the Parish
		11.30am Franco, P & C Families
		6.30pm Edna MacNamara RIP
Monday 25th September		10.00am Adrian Rahilly RIP
Tuesday 26th September	Cosmas	10.00am Vera Argue
Wednesday 27th September	Vincent de Paul	10.00am Tess Priddle RIP
Thursday 28th September	Wenceslaus	10.00am Ann Busby RIP
Friday 29th September	Michael	10.00am Noel Doyle RIP
Saturday 30th September		6.30pm Theresa Ross - Birthday



TODAY'S READINGS:

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

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

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

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,

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

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Edna MacNamara,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,066.14, 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.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral for the late Pasqualina Sorce will be celebrated on Monday 25th September at 11.30am.

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 had no rain in this week!! 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 last Sunday, please give them your contributions. Thank You, and the Walkers, and the rain mostly stayed away until we were finished.



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 tomorrow, Monday 25th September at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

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

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 30th September at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

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.

MASS COUNT

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

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, 27th September 2023.

AFTERNOON TEA

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

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL BISHOP STORTFORD OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 27th September 2023 from 6.00pm – 8.30pm. Speeches from Headteacher Mr Tom Johnston will take place at 6.00pm, 7.00pm & 8.00pm. Please note the Open Evening is a ticketed event. Book your ticket at www.stmarys.net

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.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NON-RESIDENTIAL ENRICHMENT WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

30th Sept & 1st Oct at St. George's Parish Centre – Sudbury. (Saturday 9am to Sunday 5.00pm). This is a great opportunity as a couple to affirm, enrich and explore your unique relationship (NB: There is no group sharing). For more information go to: <https://wwme.org.uk/book-a-weekend/>

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

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.

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.

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