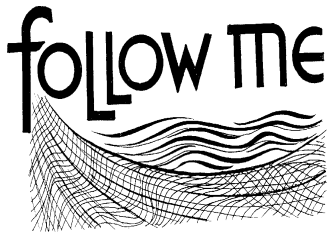


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 3rd September 2023



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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

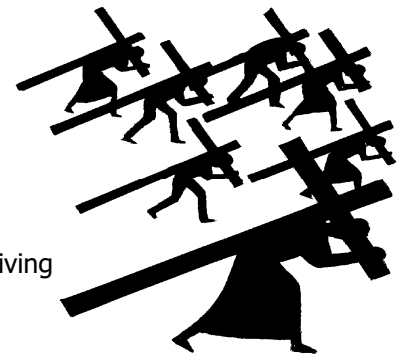
Today, as we honour all those whose labour enhances our lives and the lives of others, we recognize the holiness of the work we do. Whether we labour for an employer, for our own families, or both, we set aside our own desires to expend our time and effort to do something for others. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they must deny themselves and take up their crosses. We all have crosses that we are called to bear and some of them can be found in the work we must do for others. Let us strive to make the work we do more closely unite us with Christ.

Jeremiah lashes out at God in today's first reading for the misery he must endure as a prophet. Saint Paul, who knew well what it was like to be persecuted, urges the Romans to sacrifice their will to God's. In the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that they must deny themselves and take up their crosses. Suffering is a part of life and is a necessary part of our calling as the Lord's disciples. May God's word strengthen us so that we may better endure suffering on our journey.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

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| Saturday 2 nd September | | 6.30pm Margaret Rhodes RIP |
| Sunday 3 rd September | The Twenty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time | 8.30am Carmela & Rosario Tona |
| | | 11.30am Edward McGovern RIP |
| | | 6.30pm People of the Parish |
| Monday 4 th September | Cuthbert | 10.00am Cindy Pereira RIP |
| Tuesday 5 th September | | 10.00am Tom Tosh Kilcummin RIP |
| Wednesday 6 th September | | 10.00am Tanya Leung – Int. |
| Thursday 7 th September | | 10.00am Theresa Procter - Thanksgiving |
| Friday 8 th September | Blessed Virgin Mary | 10.00am Simbo, Ese & Taiwo |
| Saturday 9 th September | | 6.30pm People of the Parish |



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| TODAY'S READINGS: | NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: |
| Jeremiah 20:7-9 | Ezekiel 33:7-9 |
| Psalms 62 | Psalms 94 |
| Romans 12:1-2 | Romans 13:8-10 |
| Matthew 16:21-27 | Matthew 18:15-20 |

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: Vincenzo Agnello,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Edward McGovern, Nora Murphy,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £981.00, plus the August Standing Orders £4,883.00; Online Donations £160.00; Contactless £164.00.

With the new Banking Regulations, could you please make all cheques payable to WRC DT Waltham Cross

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

On Saturday from 10.30 – 11.00am and from 5.45pm – 6.15pm.

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Sunday 10th September at 1.00pm – Matteo Jones

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 17th 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!

AFTERNOON TEA

The Afternoon Tea will be on Monday 4th September at 2.00pm – 3.30pm. All welcome.



WARM SPACES 2023-24

This year we are thinking of again being part of the Warm Spaces Project in the Borough. The suggestion is that we offer the Space in the Parish Centre on a Monday afternoon and a Wednesday afternoon each week between November and March.

There will be a meeting on Monday 11th September at 11.00am in the Meeting Room in the Parish Centre both for those who volunteered last year, and anyone who is interested in helping for the first time.

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 25th 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.

200 CLUB WINNERS – AUGUST 2023

1st No. 72 – Lyndsey Besemer; 2nd No. 21 – Jim McManamin; 3rd No. 136 Anne Walsh

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. to access further details and a school application form. Visits and an informal chat with the Headteacher, Mrs Napier are warmly welcomed. Please email headsqa@staugustines.herts.sch.uk and/or 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_86729.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

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. 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.

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 19th 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, or scan the QR Code on the noticeboards to get your ticket.

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.

A DAY WITH MARY

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

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.

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