

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 15th October 2023



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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Today we hear Jesus tell the story of a king who invites everyone he can find to a feast for his son. Today and every Sunday, everyone is invited here to a feast where we receive God's Son. Many Sundays we take this invitation for granted or see it only as an obligation. Let this be an opportunity to be reminded that the Eucharist is a feast, that God's Son offers himself for us each time, and that this is just a foretaste of the heavenly banquet to come.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 14th October

6.30pm John Bruen RIP

Sunday 15th October

**The Twenty-Eighth
Sunday In Ordinary Time**
8.30am Rose Slattery RIP
11.30am Veronica Kerine RIP
6.30pm Frang Uka RIP
10.00am People of the Parish
10.00am Mike Alexander RIP
10.00am Donnie Bowman RIP
10.00am Rita Keating RIP
10.00am Harry McKinney RIP
6.30pm Harry McKinney RIP

Monday 16th October

Tuesday 17th October

Ignatius

Wednesday 18th October

Luke

Thursday 19th October

John de Brebeuf

Friday 20th October

Saturday 21st October

TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalms 22

Philippians 4:12-14.19

Matthew 22:1-14

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 45:1.4-6

Psalms 95

1 Thessalonians

Matthew 22:15-21



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, Celine Gomez, Pat Deaney, Vera Argue, Lesley Cartwright, Patsy Joseph, Val McGuinness, Margaret Reynolds, Michael Verbruggen, Mary Fitzgerald,

For those who have died recently: Raffaella Marcone, June Hunter, Frang Uka, Shirley Cade,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Mike Alexander, Harry McKinney, Gedeminas Prusas, Leonarda Vasiukevich,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £916.55, plus the Regular Standing Orders

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Sunday 22nd October at 11.30am – Theresa Kamal

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal. We raised £641.00. Together, we are supporting local experts like Dr Nasha in Pakistan to get help to families and communities when they need it most. It's not too late to give online at cafod.org.uk.

SPONSORED WALK – PARISH CENTRE ROOF

Thank you to everyone who supported the Sponsored Walk and to all the walkers. We have raised £2,468.16.

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

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

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 18th May 2024 at 2.00pm. 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 see Fr John.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

November is traditionally the month in which we pray for the Holy Souls. Purple Sheets for the November Dead List and envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church. Please return them both to the Parish Office and the lists of names will be placed in the Book of the Dead, which will be on the Sanctuary during each Mass in November. Mass will be celebrated for the Holy Souls each week, and the Annual Mass for all those from the Parish who have died in the last year will be celebrated at 8.00pm on Friday 24th November.

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, 25th October 2023.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – OPEN MORNING

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be holding an Open Morning on Thursday 2nd November 2023 at 9.30am - 10.30am for all prospective new parents who will be applying for a Reception school place to start in September 2024.

There will be an opportunity to view the school in action and to meet with the Headteacher and the Foundation/Early Years Teams.

Supplementary Information Forms will be available to collect on this morning, please note completed forms and supporting documentation cannot be submitted to the school office until this date.

As well as completing and submitting the Supplementary Information Form to the school office, you must also apply for a school place online.

The online application process for Under 11s (Reception) commence on Wednesday 1st November 2023 and close on Sunday 14th January 2024 on the following website www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Reception 2024 applies to children born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC NURSERY SCHOOL – OPEN AFTERNOON

St Joseph's Nursery School will be holding an Open Afternoon on Thursday 2nd November 2023 at 1.30pm - 2.30pm for all prospective new parents who will be applying for a Nursery place to start in September 2024.

There will be an opportunity to view the nursery in action and to meet with the Headteacher and the Foundation/Early Years Teams.

Supplementary Application forms will be available to collect on this afternoon. please note completed forms and supporting documentation cannot be submitted to the school office until Wednesday 8th November 2023.

Nursery applications should be made via the school only and will commence on Wednesday 8th November 2023 and close on Sunday 14th January 2024.

Nursery applies to children born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021

Please Note: We are a 30 hours childcare provider, and welcome applications from children of all faiths to our Nursery.

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.

FR JOHN

Fr John will be away for a week on Retreat and then a week's holiday from this Sunday evening until Monday 30th October. Fr Tom will be looking after the Parish while Fr John is away.

SEASON OF CREATION

In his new letter, Laudate Deum, Pope Francis has said:

"Praise God for all his creatures". This was the message that Saint Francis of Assisi proclaimed by his life, his canticles and all his actions...Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter Laudato Si'... Our responses have not been adequate... the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point... This is no longer a secondary or ideological question, but a drama that harms us all... Climate change makes manifest a tragic and striking example of structural sin.

Please pray for the Synod in Rome and for all working to educate people about the climate crisis and eco-conversion.

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