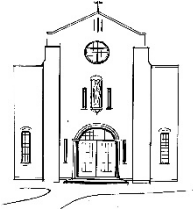
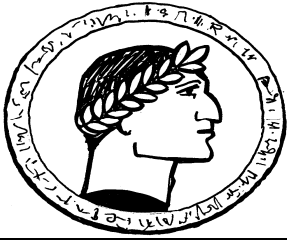


# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 22nd October 2023



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## THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

The words from today's Gospel, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God," are a reminder of our struggle to integrate our lives as faithful citizens with our lives as faithful Catholics. We are obligated to do both: to bring our faith and our values to all our responsibilities, including our civic ones. May the Eucharist we receive and share today strengthen us in fulfilling our mission in every respect. Today is World Mission Day, when we think of the brave men and women who show the face of Christ in places we might not ourselves choose to visit. Let us remember them in our celebration.

Cyrus, the great Persian king, did not know God. But Isaiah maintains the God called him by name. The people of Thessalonica did not know Christ. But Paul asserts that the Holy Spirit brought him and the gospel to them. Jesus proposes that we should repay to God what belongs to God. Whether we are conscious of it or not, all we have been given including our very life come ultimately from God. May God's word remind us that we too belong to God.

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 21st October  
Sunday 22nd October

#### The Twenty-Ninth

#### Sunday In Ordinary Time

6.30pm Harry McKinney RIP  
8.30am People of the Parish  
11.30am Emmanuel Mbah Birthday  
6.30pm Rosa Da Silva RIP  
10.00am Ann Maher RIP  
10.00am Rosa Azzopardi RIP  
10.00am Michael Ekeoma  
10.00am Reg Hollebrand RIP  
10.00am Clive Cook RIP  
6.30pm Martin Ward RIP



Monday 23rd October  
Tuesday 24th October  
Wednesday 25th October  
Thursday 26th October  
Friday 27th October  
Saturday 28th October

John of Capistrano  
Anthony  
Chad & Cedd

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 45:1.4-6  
Psalm 95  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5  
Matthew 22:15-21

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Exodus 22:20-26  
Psalm 17  
1 Thessalonians 1:5-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

### 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:** June Hunter, Frang Uka, Shirley Cade,

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** Ann Maher,

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,335.87, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 11.30am – Theresa Kamal

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> November.

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 the Parish Office.

### 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, 25<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Nursery applications should be made via the school only and will commence on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and close on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 is on Retreat for one week and then a week's holiday until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

