

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 29th October 2023



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## THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

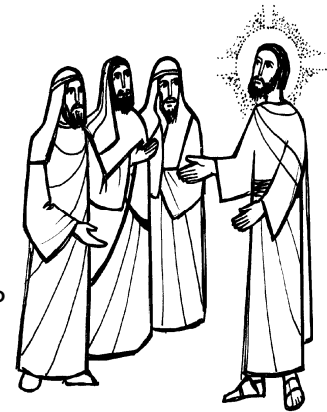
We are reminded in today's Gospel what Jesus considered to be the greatest commandments: "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "Love your neighbour as yourself." Let us renew our commitment to these commandments, resolving to follow them each and every day. Let us lift our voices in praise of our God, whose greatest command is simply to love.

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**Wednesday is the Feast of All Saints. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be Mass in the Church at 10.00am and 8.00pm. There will also be Mass at 8.00pm on Thursday evening for All Souls Day.**

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 28th October		6.30pm Martin Ward RIP
Sunday 29th October	<b>The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am People of the Parish 11.30am Ann Murphy RIP 6.30pm Pete Jamar RIP 10.00am Emilia Akparoanta RIP 10.00am Sarah Worall RIP 10.00am John Shankly RIP <b>8.00pm Holy Souls</b> 10.00am Funeral – June Hunter RIP <b>8.00pm Holy Souls</b> 10.00am Luisa Marra RIP 6.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 30th October		
Tuesday 31st October		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>All Saints</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<b>All Souls</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Martin de Porres	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November		



### TODAY'S READINGS:

Exodus 22:20-26  
Psalm 17

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10  
Matthew 22:34-40

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Malachi 1:14-2:2.8-10  
Psalm 130

1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13  
Matthew 23:1-12

### 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, 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, Shirley Cade, Siobhan Treacey, Arcangela Tona, Anna Chipolina,

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** Martin Ward, Ann Murphy,

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £989.55, plus the Regular Standing Orders**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

### FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late June Hunter will be celebrated on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 10.00am.

### BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm – Sebastino Roberts

### THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Last year, the Diocese of Westminster provided care to **82** retired priests, at a cost of **£850,000**. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can also donate online at [www.rcdow.org.uk/donations](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/donations) - the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. You may also wish to consider becoming a **Patron** of our Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. If so, please take a leaflet home today. And please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. There will be a second collection at all the Masses next weekend. Thank you.

### **WARM SPACES 2023-24**

We will be part of the Warm Space Project again this year. We will offer the Warm Space on Monday afternoon's, from 2.00pm – 3.30pm and also on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm – 3.00pm, in the Main Hall in the Parish Centre. Starting on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November until the end of March 2024.

The Afternoon Tea Group, and the Wednesday afternoon Foodbank will be joining in with the Warm Spaces every week.

### **RCIA**

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

### **FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION**

The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

### **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. **All Application Forms have to be returned to the Presbytery by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**

### **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.

### **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, 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. The Raffle Tickets are available at both entrances to the Church. Please take some home and return the stubs to the Parish Office. The proceeds of the Christmas Raffle this year will be donated to Isabel Hospice. Thank you!

### **FR JOHN**

Fr John is away until Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Fr Tom will be looking after the Parish while Fr John is away.

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.

