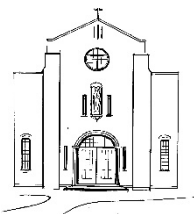


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Sunday 8th October 2023



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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Like the last few Sundays, the readings today speak of a vineyard. It is an excellent time of year to contemplate a vineyard, vines heavy with grapes waiting to be harvested. But when Jesus speaks in parables, each element stands for something else. The vineyard we are invited to contemplate today is not just a large field planted with vines, but our very home in the Lord. The fruit it produces is not just grapes or wine, but the kingdom of God made manifest in our world. Let us resolve to be productive servants in the Lord's vineyard. *From "Pastoral Patterns" © 2022 World Library Publications*

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 7 th October		6.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 8 th October	The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time	8.30am Benjamin Bitjon RIP
		11.30am Foundation Mass
		6.30pm Giuseppe Zaffuto RIP
Monday 9 th October	John Henry Newman	10.00am Doreen Harrington RIP
Tuesday 10 th October	Paulinus	10.00am Pat Sharples RIP
Wednesday 11 th October	John XXIII	10.00am Maura O'Toole – Int.
Thursday 12 th October	Wilfrid	10.00am Cornelius O'Sullivan
Friday 13 th October	Edward the Confessor	10.00am Pete Jarmar RIP
Saturday 14 th October		6.30pm John Bruen RIP

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TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 79
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 25:6-10
Psalm 22
Philippians 4:12-14.19-20
Matthew 22:1-14

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, Val McGuinness, Margaret Reynolds, Michael Verbruggen,

For those who have died recently: Raffaella Marcone, Eudora Coke, June Hunter,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,172.18, plus the September Standing Orders £4,450.00; Online Donations £400.00; Contactless £231.00.

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 Raffaella Marcone will be celebrated on Thursday 12th October at 12 noon.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY

Last Friday was CAFOD Family Fast Day. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast – so when her team arrived in Meera's village in Pakistan after it had been destroyed by flooding, Meera rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed. Donate to CAFOD, so that more families can get the expert help they need. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk. There will be a second collection at all the Masses this weekend.

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 have had no leaks!! 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, please give them your contributions. Thank You, and the Walkers.

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.

This Parish is part of the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee Charity No. 233699



FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Tuesday 10th October at 8.00pm in the Meeting Room.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 11th October at 10.30am in the Church.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for the First Communion Parents on Thursday 12th October at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 14th October 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.

200 CLUB WINNERS – SEPTEMBER 2023

1st No. 24 Mike Priddle;

2nd No. 64 Beatrice Nowak;

3rd No. 10 Aine Griffin

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.

MASS COUNT

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

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.

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.

