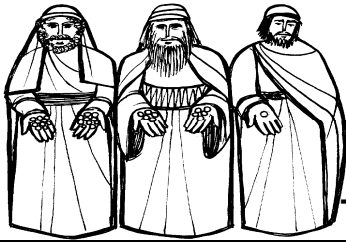


# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023



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## THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Jesus in today's Gospel tells the parable of the three servants and how they dealt with the talents given to them. A talent was a large quantity of money, possibly a six-figure sum. Two of the servants use them to make more; the third buries his in the ground. The use of the word 'talent' to mean a gift or skill, originates from this parable, and this meaning is most appropriate for us today. As we continue our prayer together, we should reflect on the talents that we have been given and how we have used them in the service of God. These thoughts are appropriate on the Day of Prayer for the Poor, instituted by Pope Francis in 2016.

To whom would we entrust what is precious to us? In the first reading, a husband entrusts his heart and household to his wise and industrious wife. In the Gospel, the master entrusts his possessions to his good and faithful servants. The Lord has entrusted each of us with talents and duties. As we listen to God's word, let us listen to how those entrusted with gifts respond to their responsibilities.

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### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November		6.30pm Phillip MacNamara RIP
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>The Thirty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time</b>	8.30am Jerry O'Sullivan & Jack Winborn RIP 11.30am Mike Kearns & Tony Herity RIP 6.30pm People of the Parish 10.00am Holy Souls
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November		
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am Tanya Leung Int.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Cecilia	10.00am Pat Coyne RIP
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Clement	10.00am Tom & Anthony Burke RIP
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Andrew	10.00am Mary Mensah Int. 8.00pm Holy Souls
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November		6.30pm Mary Harrington RIP

**Have you  
returned your  
Raffle Ticket  
Stubs and  
money?**



<b>TODAY'S READINGS:</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:</b>
Proverbs 31:10-13	Ezekiel 34:11-12.15-17
Psalms 127	Psalms 22
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6	1 Corinthians 15:20-26.28
Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46

### 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, Pat Deaney, Vera Argue, Lesley Cartwright, Patsy Joseph, Val McGuinness, Margaret Reynolds, Michael Verbruggen, Mary Fitzgerald, Alf Ward,

**For those who have died recently:** Anna Chipolina, Vincenz Giuliano, Simone Harper, Aaron Dubois

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** Tony Herity,

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to **£1,051.07**, plus the Regular Standing Orders.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

### BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 12.45pm – Emmanuel & Ezekiel Olympio

### COME TO TEA!

The Parish Centre is open every Monday afternoon for Afternoon Tea and Biscuits and a chat from 2.00pm to 3.30pm. Everyone is welcome. We even have Orange Squash for those who are too young for tea or coffee!

It is also open on a Wednesday from 1.30pm -3.00pm for Soup and Toast as well as tea, coffee or orange squash. Again, everyone is welcome. There is no need to book, just turn up and enjoy the company.

### RCIA

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

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation will continue on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

### **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.

### **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, 29<sup>th</sup> November 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.

### **ADVENT GIVING CALENDER**

Advent is a special season in the Church's year when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. However, with the cost of living crisis, many in our communities are facing difficulties. This Advent Giving Calendar is designed for you to use this season as a time to think about those who might need some extra support this Christmas. You can follow along each day and you can leave your donations for the Broxbourne Foodbank in the Red Box by the Lady Altar. To download a copy of the Advent Giving Calendar go to <https://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/food-security-918.php#AGC>

### **HOMES FOR UKRAINE MATCHING SERVICE**

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, and international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, are matching Ukrainian people displaced by the brutal war with people in the Catholic community willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and in your heart to consider welcoming a stranger displaced by war, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

### **ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE**

St Ignatius College are holding their annual Carol Service on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. There will be refreshments of Mulled wine and mince pies. All are welcome.

### **WRITE A CHRISTMAS CARD TO PEOPLE HELD IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION**

For many of us, Christmas is a time spent celebrating with family and friends. For those accompanied by JRS UK, however, Christmas and New Year – as with any large celebration throughout the year – can be a much more difficult time as it is often a reminder of the people and communities that they are separated from. We would therefore like to invite you to take part in this year's Christmas Card Appeal and help us to send a Christmas card and message of solidarity and support to all those supported by JRS. We hope that these messages might bring small bit of comfort, connection and encouragement at this time. Find out how you can get involved at [www.jrsuk.net](http://www.jrsuk.net).

### **YOU ARE INVITED TO JRS UK'S ADVENT SERVICE**

You are warmly invited to join JRS UK for this year's Advent Service at Farm St Church in London on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm. This year's service will include carols, readings, and performances by our refugee friends, and be followed by a reception of mince pies and mulled wine afterwards. You and your loved ones are all very welcome to join us in person or via livestream. Find out more at <https://www.jrsuk.net/news/advent-service-2023/>.

### **ADVENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

(18-30s) with the Assumption Sisters on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 in Kensington. Young people are invited for a day retreat to prepare spiritually for Christmas, with reflections, prayer, adoration, and confessions. Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock, London W8 4BB. Timings: Mass at 12.15pm, Lunch at 1pm, Retreat from 2pm -5.30pm. Donations only. Register: [tramy@assumptionreligious.org](mailto:tramy@assumptionreligious.org)

### **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. 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!

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.

