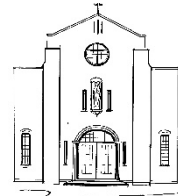


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 26th November 2023



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THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

Today we are given the chance of a lifetime: a preview of what we will face at the end of time, straight from the lips of the One who will come in glory on that day. This is Christ the King, who rules over God's creation. In today's Gospel, Jesus confides to his disciples how he will pass judgment on us all. Keep in mind that it's never too late. Let us take heed so that we may do what Jesus expects from us. Then one day may we inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

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Saturday 25th November

Sunday 26th November

Christ the King

Monday 27th November

Tuesday 28th November

Wednesday 29th November

Thursday 30th November **Andrew**

Friday 1st December

Saturday 2nd December

TODAY'S READINGS:

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalms 22

1 Corinthians 15:20-26

Matthew 25:31-46

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Isaiah 63:16-17

Psalms 79

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

6.30pm Mary Harrington RIP

8.30am Nora & Jerry Murphy RIP

11.30am Thanksgiving

6.30pm People of the Parish

10.00am Charles Ige

10.00am Tom Burke RIP

10.00am Holy Souls

10.00am June Hunter RIP

10.00am Steve Tulk RIP

6.30pm Vincenzo Lobosco RIP



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: Simone Harper, Gerard Flynn, Bridget Dolan, Josefina Roberts, Rosalinda Zanre, Giuseppe Nicastro, Salvatore Bellini,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Mary Harrington, Tom Burke,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to **£1,149.74 plus the Regular Standing Orders.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Giuseppe Nicastro will be celebrated on Thursday 30th November at 4.00pm.

The Funeral Mass for the late Rosalinda Zanre will be celebrated on Friday 1st December at 11.30am.

The Funeral Mass for the late Bridget Dolan will be celebrated on Friday 1st December at 4.00pm.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Saturday 2nd December, at 1.00pm – Ruby Lawal

Sunday 3rd December, at 11.30am – Ademide & Demilado Oyefeso & Ebubechi Chika,

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 30th November at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

CELEBRATION OF FIRST CONFESSION

The young children who are being prepared for First Communion this year are celebrating their First Confession on Saturday, 2nd & 9th December. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS CAVERN 2023

The Christmas Cavern is next 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 by next Sunday at 12noon. The proceeds of the Christmas Raffle this year will be donated to Isabel Hospice. Thank you!

THE PARISH MASS INTENTION DIARY

The Mass Intention Diary for Masses to be celebrated here is now full and will be closed until further notice. In the meantime Mass Intentions will be celebrated by the Retired Priests in the Diocese.

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.

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, 29th 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.

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>. There are copies of the Advent Calenders available at both entrances to the Church.

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 12th 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.

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 15th 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/>.

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