

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 5th November 2023



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THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THIS WEEKEND'S LITURGY

We come together today, as we do each Sunday, to praise and thank God and to celebrate the Eucharist as Jesus called us to do. We do all this in a spirit of humility, aware that all that we are and all that we have comes ultimately from God and that the Eucharist is Christ's own Body and Blood, which he offered to us so that we could have eternal life. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is proper to humble ourselves before the Lord, for we are called to serve, not to be served. We are reminded today that we have all been called to a life of service before God. Malachi specifically addresses the priests, who of all people should not be setting a poor example. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that the apostles gave their very selves in their work and ministry. Finally, Jesus warns the crowds what will happen if one exalts oneself. With humble hearts, let us ponder God's word.

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MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 4 th November		6.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 5 th November	The Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time	8.30am Ellieanna Onaga 11.30am Cindy Pereira RIP 6.30pm Holy Souls
Monday 6 th November		10.00am The MacNamara Family
Tuesday 7 th November	Willibrord	10.00am Martin Ward RIP
Wednesday 8 th November		10.00am Holy Souls
Thursday 9 th November		10.00am Jerry O'Sullivan RIP
Friday 10 th November	Leo	10.00am Vincent Ndunga- Thanksgiving
Saturday 11 th November		6.30pm O. O'Malley & P J Rochford RIP

**Have you taken
some Raffle
Tickets? They are
available at the
entrances to the
Church.**

TODAY'S READINGS:	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
Malachi 1:14-2:2.8-10	Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalms 130	Psalms 62
1 Thessalonians 2:7-9	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 23:1-12	Matthew 25:1-13

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, Ann Murphy, Anna Chipolina, Vincenz Giuliano,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: John Shankly, Maria Federico,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,002.31, plus the October Standing Orders £4,920.00; Online Donations £150.00; Contactless £165.00

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Sunday 12th November at 1.00pm – Molly Ruth

WARM SPACES 2023-24

The Warm Space Project will be starting tomorrow, Monday 6th November, from 2.00pm – 3.30pm and also on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30pm – 3.00pm, in the Main Hall in the Parish Centre 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. If you wish to join the helpers, please contact the Parish Office.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday 18th 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 Fr John. **All Application Forms have to be returned to the Presbytery by today, Sunday 5th November 2023. There will be a meeting for the Candidates and their parents, on Thursday 9th November at 8.00pm in the Main Hall in the Parish Centre. This meeting is only for those who have returned their Forms.**

THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' COLLECTION IS NEXT WEEK

Most priests offer their resignation as a parish priest at the age of 75, but many continue to serve their communities, working in our parishes, schools, hospitals and chaplaincies. We must ensure no priest is worried about meeting essential costs during their senior years and, as such, Cardinal Nichols and the Diocese of Westminster are committed to ensuring that no retired or sick priest is left without support. Last year, the Diocese provided care to **82** retired priests, at a cost of **£850,000**. By giving a gift to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund today, you can help us to ensure all of our sick and retired priests are cared for at their time of need. The fund is used to meet essential costs, like making a flat accessible to a disabled priest, or that a priest has regular visits from a carer after undergoing surgery.

If you took a donation envelope last weekend, please place it in the collection bag today. If you do not have an envelope, there are some available in the pews and/or at the back of the church. The envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online. If you are able, please consider filling out a standing order form, meaning you become a Patron and make a regular gift to support our sick and retired priests. You can fill this form out either on the envelope or via one of the Patron's programme leaflets available. By becoming a Patron, and assuring income to the fund, the Diocese can plan its continued care for our retired and sick priests.

Thank you for your generosity and please remember to pray for our clergy, in active ministry, retired or ill.

RCIA

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

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 8th November at 10.30am in the Church.

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 24th November.

200 CLUB WINNERS – OCTOBER 2023

1st No. 142 Christina Roberts;

2nd No. 110 Darren Paul;

3rd No. 114 Paul Mason

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.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

Thursday 9th November, 11.00am-1.00pm: Service of Commemoration for those who have died Homeless in London in the last year. At St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square. The service is being organised by St Martin-in-the-Fields, The Connection at St Martins and the Museum of Homelessness. The Bishop of Willesden, Reflection by Rt Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy.

CAFOD

Saturday 11th November, 11.00am-2.00pm: CAFOD young adults (18-30) gathering. Pavilion venue. 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London, SE1 7JB. Free lunch and lots of info about climate action!

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL INTERFAITH

Upcoming Event, A Discussion of Fratelli Tutti Chapter 8: Religions at the Service of Fraternity in our World. Wednesday 15th November, 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Hinsley Room, Morpeth Terrace, SW1P 1EP. All welcome. For more information, contact woodhousesopten@btinternet.com

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!

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.

