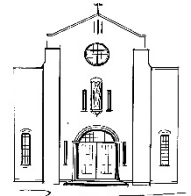
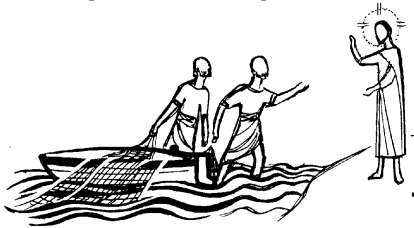


# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus passes by the Sea of Galilee and calls the first four disciples, two pairs of brothers: Simon and Andrew, James and John. Follow me, he tells these four fishermen, and I will make you fishers of more disciples. Jesus continues to call disciples; indeed, we were all called when we were baptized. On this Sunday of the Word of God, may the stories of Jonah, of Paul, and of the first four disciples inspire us to drop our nets and follow more closely our Lord as his disciples.

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Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January

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### The Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Vincent

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Francis de Sales

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January

The Conversion of  
Paul the Apostle

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January

Timothy, Titus

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Jonah 3:1-5.10

Psalms 24

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalms 94

1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Mark 1:21-28

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

6.30pm Annie Mulligan – Birthday

8.30am Jack Staunton RIP

11.30am People of the Parish

6.30pm Lodovina Pereira RIP

10.00am Alf Ward RIP

10.00am Rose Slattery RIP

10.00am Lena & Dan Rahilly RIP

10.00am Maureen Hollebrand RIP

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6.30pm Fermina Gomes 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: Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

**For those who are ill:** Nicola Harker, Linda Tank, Lily Barber, Natasha Papet, Rodney Imbert, Lisa Thorogood, Tina Figueria, Iris Waters, Vera Argue, Lesley Cartwright, Patsy Joseph, Val McGuinness, Michael Verbruggen, Mary Fitzgerald, Betty Bambury, Jean Pearce,

**For those who have died recently:** Alf Ward, Roger Holmes, Salvatore Puntrello, Anne Ames, Mary Watkins, Pat Deaney, Giuseppa Sardo,

**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 £1,282.67; plus the Regular Standing Orders; Crib £135.03 Thank you.**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

### BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 1.30pm – Eleanor Crowhurst

### FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Service for the late Salvatore Puntrello will be celebrated on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30am.

### 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.

### 200 CLUB 2024

The Application Forms for 2024 are available as you exit the Church. The more people who join, the more is given in prizes. The First Draw will be at the end of January. **Please pick up your Application Form so you don't miss the First Draw.**

### RCIA

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

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation will continue on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation course will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre. If you have an infant to be baptised in the near future please see Fr John.

### CALLING APF RED BOX HOLDERS

If you have not yet collected your envelope from the box at the Main Entrance to the Church, would you please do so. Please empty the contents of your Red Box into the envelope and return it to the Parish Office. The APF is the charity that helps Catholic missionaries to continue to work in countries across the world. We thank you for all the money you give to this important work. If you have any questions, please contact Terry O'Sullivan – [thrums55@googlemail.com](mailto:thrums55@googlemail.com).

### 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, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

### SCHOOL CARETAKER - ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Waltham Cross is seeking to appoint a Caretaker to commence as soon as possible. If you are interested in this vacancy or require further information, please contact the school office on 01992 629 503 or alternatively email [schooloffice@stjosephs351.herts.sch.uk](mailto:schooloffice@stjosephs351.herts.sch.uk)

### CAFOD

The Church relies on people getting involved. Our parish, our community, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? Which aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish?

**CAFOD**, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, inspiring our church to help build a better world or by visiting our local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the area? Could you support local volunteers or share your admin or people skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See [cafod.org.uk/Volunteer](http://cafod.org.uk/Volunteer) for more information or get in touch with [brozycka@cafod.org.uk](mailto:brozycka@cafod.org.uk) Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? [cafod.org.uk/walk](http://cafod.org.uk/walk)

### CHORISTER OPPORTUNITIES AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL

Westminster Cathedral Choir School (WCCS) is open to boys who love singing and want to be a part of: A world-famous choir, One of London's top schools, A great, fun-loving and committed team. Boys join WCCS in Year 4. Up to 100% bursaries available. For more information please see the noticeboards, or visit their Website at [www.choirschool.com](http://www.choirschool.com).

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY 2023

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
	£		£
Offertory	116,949	Clergy Salaries	10,691
Tax Refunds	23,064	Staff Salaries	28,465
Catechetics	1,327	Travel	1,487
Candles & Repository	12,555	Supply Priests	2,289
Parish Centre	30,559	Housekeeping	2,725
Rent	6,620	Catechetics	1,011
Christmas, Easter, & Masses	31,784	Liturgical Expenses	6,160
Parish Activities	2,690	Candles & Repository	5,999
Legacies	1,870	Repairs & Maintenance	17,788
Specific Donations	21,549	Heat, Light & Water	14,732
Insurance Claim	5,586	Council Tax & Insurance	5,018
Third Party Collections	10,578	Parish Centre	2,690
Bank Interest	6,349	Office & Admin	3,379
		Parish Activities	1,482
		Mass Stipends Distributed	255
		Donations & Grants	4,993
		Miscellaneous	298
		Fixed Assets	22,917
Balances at 1 January 2023	£230,867	Diocesan Assessment	43,120
Balances at 31 December 2023	£315,965	Deanery Expenses	654
		Third Party Collections	10,229
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