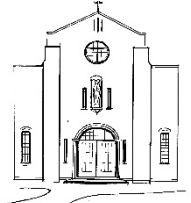
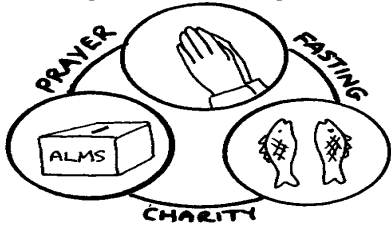


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 11th February 2024



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THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we approach Ash Wednesday and the season of repentance and penitence, we hear how Jesus responded to a man who was considered unclean, both physically and spiritually. Over the following forty days, we will approach our Lord as sinners, in need of forgiveness, in need of being "made clean." May Jesus' response to the leper in today's Gospel assure us of his love and mercy for us despite our failings, despite our sinfulness.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 10th February

6.30pm Sandra Ibe

Sunday 11th February

**The Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time**

8.30am People of the Parish

11.30am Ray McHugh RIP

6.30pm Joao Figueira RIP

10.00am John Maher RIP

10.00am Tanya Leung - Intentions

10.00am Rose Slattery RIP

8.00pm People of the Parish

10.00am Funeral - Pat Deaney RIP

10.00am Private Intention

6.30pm People of the Parish

Monday 12th February

Tuesday 13th February

Wednesday 14th February **Ash Wednesday**

Thursday 15th February

Friday 16th February

Saturday 17th February

TODAY'S READINGS:

Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46

Psalms 31

1 Corinthians 10:31-

Mark 1:40-45

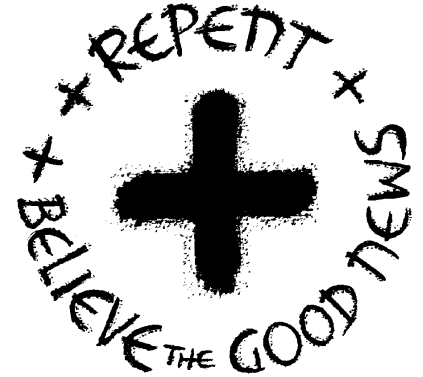
NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Genesis 9:8-15

Psalms 24

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:12-15



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, 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, Pat Deaney, Amerigo Tufano,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Ray McHugh, John Maher, Joao Figueira,

LENTEN PRAYER AND PRACTISES

Lent begins on Wednesday. There will be Stations of the Cross in the Church each Friday morning at 10.35am, after the morning Mass, and at 7.00pm in the evening. There will also be Faith Sharing Groups meeting during Lent. They will be used on the Resource *We Dare to Say*, a series of reflections based on five lines from the Lord's Prayer. Each session includes scripture, prayers and a reflection with questions. It is suitable for individual use as well as for groups. The booklets are available from the Parish Office, priced at £4 each. We will have the details of the Meetings next week.

LENTEN ALMS

The Collection Box near the Statue of St Anthony will be used for the collection of your Lenten Alms Donations. You can also make donations on line, just put Lenten Alms as the reference. We will be using the donations to support the Broxbourne Food Bank.

Cardinal's Lenten Appeal 2024 –All Funds raised go towards projects across our Diocese. Each year, the Diocese uses donations made to support the work of its services, such as Marriage & Family Life; Youth Ministry, and Education. Funds are also used to support the work of Caritas Westminster, who work for and with some of the most vulnerable people in our Diocese. His Eminence, Cardinal Nichols, has expressed his gratitude to everyone who supports the Appeal, with whatever they can afford. So, please take a donation envelope, for more information. You can use the QR code to make your donation online. There are also copies of the Lent 2024 edition of *"Mosaic"*, the Diocese' publication which reports on the work of Caritas in the Diocese. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,075.98; plus the Regular Standing Orders

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 Pat Deaney will be celebrated on Thursday 15th February at 10.00am.

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

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.

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL – COLUMBAN FATHERS

Fr Pat O'Beirne, would like to thank everyone for their generous donations for his Mission Appeal. The total amount came to £609.13.

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. It's not too late to join! **Your New Numbers for this year are on the Noticeboards and also on our Website.**

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 14th February at 10.30am in the Church.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation will continue on Thursday 15th February at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

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

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 for more information or get in touch with brozycka@cafod.org.uk Or could you take part in The Big Lent Walk? cafod.org.uk/walk

CARITAS ST JOSEPH'S FAMILY FORUM

This is for anyone interested in discussing issues relating to the inclusion of people with learning disabilities. Our next event is Monday 4 March when Bernice Hardy, Co-founder of Wave (we are all valued equally) will share the story of its work to encourage more inclusive worship and social places in the heart of our communities.

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) are working in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services to coordinate a Homes for Ukraine programme, which provides temporary housing and support for Ukrainian displaced individuals as they adjust to life in the UK. Their programme is dedicated to providing refuge for those fleeing the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and safeguarding the well-being of Ukrainians already residing in the UK. They have successfully matched 132 Ukrainian guests with generous hosts across the country since the programme's inception. Nevertheless, nearly two years since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the number of those still wishing to evacuate and find refuge in the UK remains high. In addition to matching hosts with guests, the project has expanded to assist Ukrainians in the UK to find private rented accommodation at the end of their hosting period. For more information please see their website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>.

VOLUNTEERING FAIR

Caritas Volunteer Service will hold a volunteering Fair on Saturday 9 March, 3pm – 5pm, at Westminster Cathedral Hall. If you are considering volunteering and want to explore possible roles within the diocese, do come along. More details will follow here: <https://caritaswestminster.org.uk/event/volunteering-fair-2/>

TOWARDS OCTOBER 2024

The Diocese is asking us to prepare for the next stage of the ongoing Synod. Bishops and Laypeople from around the world met in Rome for four weeks last October and considered all the submissions which had been sent in from the consultations which had been held.

Two dominant themes of the Synthesis Report from the First Session were Co-responsibility and Formation. In preparation for the next session of the Synod, which will take place in Rome this coming October, we are being asked to consider how what was said about these two themes might inform a discussion about how, as a Parish, we might better organise ourselves for the mission of spreading the Good News of God's love for the world in our local area.

We will have two meetings, the first today, Sunday 11th February at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre to consider our response as a Parish to the theme of Co-responsibility, and the second on Sunday 18th February to consider Formation. These meetings are open to everyone.