

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*He heals the  
broken hearted*



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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We gather on this midwinter day, as we do each Sunday, to celebrate the meal that Jesus left us so that we could be nourished by him as we continue our journey to the kingdom. We give praise and thanks to God for this opportunity, even as we acknowledge our failings, our sinfulness, and our need for God's mercy. Let us lift our voices in song and prayer to our God.

There's nothing like listening to a passage from Job to bring a person down. What happens to the poor man ranges from tragic to miserable, leaving him in the throes of despair. Still, he turns to God for mercy and healing, much as the people of Capernaum later looked to Jesus. Listening to the word of God today, may we renew our trust in the Lord in the face of illnesses and difficulties.

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### The Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Agatha

Paul Miki

Josephine Bakhita

### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

6.30pm Cindy Pereira RIP

8.30am Gordon McCann Int.

11.30am Salvatore Infantino RIP

6.30pm People of the Parish

10.00am Rosa Da Silva RIP

10.00am Nicholas Marchant RIP

10.00am Donal Reidy RIP

10.00am Canossian Sisters

10.00am Nelly Kelly RIP

6.30pm Sandra Ibe



### TODAY'S READINGS:

Job 7:1-4.6-7

Psalms 146

1 Corinthians 9:16-19

Mark 1:29-39

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Leviticus 13:1-2.44-46

Psalms 31

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

### 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, Salvatore Puntrello, Pat Deaney, Giuseppa Sardo, Linda Tank,

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** Mary Forni, Salvatore Infantino, Nicholas Marchant,

### THANK YOU VERY MUCH

**Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £972.27; plus the January Standing Orders £5,005.00; Online Donation £230.00; Contactless £15.00**

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

### 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

This weekend we welcome Fr Pat O'Beirne from the Columban Fathers to make the Annual Foreign Mission Appeal. He will talk to us to raise awareness of the Order's missionary vocation, to encourage people to be more involved in the missionary work of the church, to thank loyal supporters and to seek greater support for their mission magazine, "The Far East". There will be a second collection after all the Masses this weekend to support the work of all the Foreign Missionary Societies.

### 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.**

### 200 CLUB WINNERS JANUARY – 2024

1<sup>st</sup> No. 106 – Una Griffin;

2<sup>nd</sup> No. 119 – Robin Holmes

3<sup>rd</sup> No. 74 Hugh Galton

#### **RCIA**

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

#### **FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION**

There will be a meeting for the First Communion Parents on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 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.

#### **HEADTEACHER REQUIRED AT OUR LADY OF MUSWELL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER 2024**

Our Lady of Muswell Catholic Primary School, Muswell Hill, London is seeking to appoint a Headteacher from September 2024. Full details of this job vacancy can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/head-teacher-haringey-1984118>. If you are interested or require further information, please contact the School Business Manager – Katherine Johnston via email [sbm@ourladymuswell.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@ourladymuswell.haringey.sch.uk). Application Deadline is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10am.

#### **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).

#### **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 on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> February to consider Formation. These meetings are open to everyone.