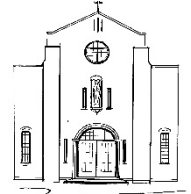


# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 10th March 2024



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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

From the first days of creation, humans took advantage of their free will and sinned against God. But God so loved the world that God sent the Son to be born into the world, to suffer and die to atone once and for all for our sins, and to be raised up so that all may have eternal life. The Holy Spirit draws us here each week to allow us to express our love for God in the way that we worship God and the way that we treat each other. On this Laetare ("Rejoice!") Sunday, we are reminded of God's unparalleled love and mercy and ultimate purpose for us all.

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### MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 9th March

Sunday 10th March

### The Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Monday 11th March

Tuesday 12th March

Wednesday 13th March

Thursday 14th March

Friday 15th March

Saturday 16th March

### TODAY'S READINGS:

2 Chronicles 36:14-16

Psalms 136

Ephesians 2:4-10

John 3:14-21

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms 50

Hebrews 5:7-9

John 12:20-30

6.30pm People of the Parish

8.30am Thea Curson RIP

11.30am Brendan Nelson RIP

6.30pm Tony Morreale RIP

10.00am Brid McDonagh Int.

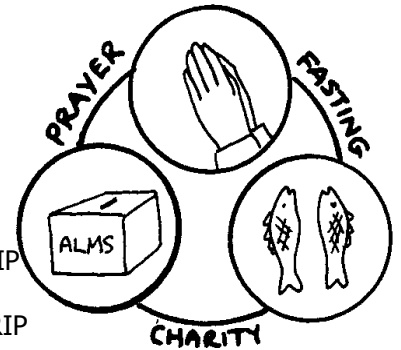
10.00am P.J Conefrey RIP

10.00am Mary Bishop RIP

10.00am Ronald & Margaret Fowler RIP

10.00am Private Int.

6.30pm Cleophas Tsaurai Chiremba 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 Lent we are asked to pray for: Europe; Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

**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:** Anna Severino, Petrunella Pankiw, Krystyna Mikolajczyk, Helena Weres, Michael Howard, Diago Di Stefano, Michael Burke,

**And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:** Tony Morreale, Frank Owens,

### DAY OF PRAYER – FOR THE HOLY LAND - FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH

The Cardinal has asked that the whole Diocese has a Day of Prayer for the Holy Land on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We have the Blessed Sacrament as usual on Friday morning at 9.15am-9.45am, we have 10.00am Mass, the Stations straight after Mass, the Rosary and Stations again at 7.00pm in the evening, please try and attend one, or you can pray at home.

### LENTEN PRAYER AND PRACTISES

There will be Stations of the Cross in the Church each Friday morning at 10.30am, 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. The Faith Sharing Group will meet on Thursday mornings at 11.00am in the Church.

### 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.

### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

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

### **THANK YOU VERY MUCH**

**Thank you for your last week's Offertory Collection which came to £1,093.27; plus the Regular Standing Orders.**

### **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 WINNERS – FEBRUARY 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> No. 92 - Rebecca Harris;

2<sup>nd</sup> No. 107 - Una Griffin;

3<sup>rd</sup> No. 27 - Michael Morris

### **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 13<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am in the Church.

### **FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION**

There will be a meeting for the First Communion Parents on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

### **HAVE YOU SIGNED A GIFT AID FORM?**

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the Tax that you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying tax please would you contact the Parish Office on 01992 623156 so that we don't ask for the tax if you haven't paid it.

### **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**

Please collect your new sets of Offertory Envelopes after Mass at the weekend. If you no longer use your Offertory Envelopes or wish to move from Envelopes to a Standing Order, can you please let the Parish Office know. Thank you.

### **PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE (PSR) VACANCY**

We are looking to appoint an additional PSR to join the current PSR, Carmelina Tona. They will work together with Father John and the Parish to promote good practices and to implement statutory policies and procedures in all safeguarding activities, involving children and vulnerable adults within the Parish. The role also encompasses the safe recruitment of anyone who wishes to work/volunteer in the Parish with groups of children and/or adults at risk, including the initial processing of DBS checks. This is a volunteer role with no formal working hours or days, with flexible working hours based around Parish activities and needs, equating to no more than an average of 3 hours a week. No formal qualifications are needed, full training and induction will be provided by the Diocese. If you have excellent interpersonal skills, are organised, self-motivated and able to work with discretion and confidentiality, we welcome your application. If you are interested, please speak to Father John.

### **YOUNG ADULTS LENT RETREAT DAY**

Young Adults Lent Retreat Day with the Assumption Sisters & Fathers on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 11am – 7pm. Venue: The Assumption Priory, Victoria Park Square, London E2 9PB (closest tube station: Bethnal Green). Programme: including talks • prayer, adoration and confessions • Stations of the Cross • faith sharing • mass and social time. Donations only. Register by emailing to: [tramy@assumptionreligious.org](mailto:tramy@assumptionreligious.org)

### **ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2024. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email).

### **THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

The Catholic Women's Association continues to meet every Wednesday evening at 7pm for prayers and doctrinal information, and every second Sunday of the month here in the Parish. A process which enables us to deepen our faith as lay evangelists. Our blessed lady being our leader and intercessor.

The members live by the motto: "To serve and not to be served and strive to be agents of transformation within the family, church and community". The CWA was founded in 1964 and has a membership of 7.5 thousand women all over the world. It is a member of the World Union of Catholic Women Organisation. (WUCWO).

Women aged 18 and over are welcome to join on their way through Mary to Jesus. They pray that the Lord, who calls and sends on mission bless their endeavours.

Please contact Mrs Adeline Mua on 07552312532 or Mrs Florence Ekiko, on 07542122713. for more information.

### **SUPPORT THE JRS UK LENT APPEAL**

As we fast this Lent, we remember all those who can struggle all year round to access food and warmth. Through your support, JRS UK can provide food, hardship grants and legal advice – and help restore dignity for refugee friends within a warm, loving community. Donate to the JRS UK Lent Appeal: <https://www.jrsuk.net/lent-appeal-2024/>

### **PRAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS**

JRS UK has prepared its own Way of the Cross, inviting you to reflect on the experiences of refugees and forcibly displaced people in the world today, in light of the suffering that Jesus endured. Join us on Zoom as we pray Stations of the Cross this Lent on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024. Find out more: [www.jrsuk.net/praying-with-refugees](http://www.jrsuk.net/praying-with-refugees)