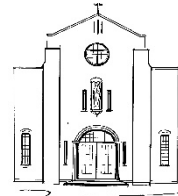


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 24th March 2024

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PALM SUNDAY

We begin the celebration of Holy Week by calling down God's blessing upon the symbol that today's feast is named for: the palm branches that were used to welcome our Lord to Jerusalem. "Hosanna!" the crowds accompanying him cried out, praising the Son of Man as he rode into the holy city. "Hosanna!" the residents called out, eager to witness first-hand what this miracle worker would do. We sing hosannas today, as we enter the holiest week of the year, the week when we recall Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection.

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Palm Sunday		HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2024		29 March	
Blessing of Palms and Mass at: 8.30, 11.30am, & 6.30pm 9.45am (<i>Polish</i>)		24 March	Good Friday	The Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
				for Children at 10.00am in Italian at 12.00 Noon In English at 3.00pm In Polish at 5.00pm	
Monday of Holy Week		25 March		8.00pm Good Friday Reflection	
10.00am	Mass				
7.00pm	Confessions				
Tuesday of Holy Week		26 March	Holy Saturday	30 March	
9.00am	Mass			Confessions from 11.00am – 12.00noon	
6.00pm	Polish Confessions			12.00 – <i>Polish Blessing of the Easter Food</i>	
7.00pm	Polish Mass			1.30 – <i>Ukrainian Blessing of Easter Food</i>	
Wednesday of Holy Week		27 March	4.00pm	Italian Easter Vigil	
10.00am	Mass		8.00pm	The Easter Vigil	
Maunder Thursday		28 March	Easter Sunday	31 March	
<i>There is no morning Mass today</i>			Mass at 8.30am & 11.30am		
Mass of the Lord's Supper			9.45am Polish Mass	<i>There are no evening Masses today</i>	
in Italian at 3.30pm				Good Friday is a Day of Fast and Abstinence.	
in Polish at 6.00pm				There will be a Collection for the Upkeep of the Holy Places during each of the Services on Good Friday	
in English at 8.00pm					
<i>There will be watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight</i>					

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 23rd March
Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

6.30pm Pasquale Neglia RIP
8.30am Jasmine Freeman RIP
11.30am Matteo & Angela Ricotta RIP
6.30pm People of the Parish
10.00am Philip MacNamara RIP
9.00am Allan Simpson RIP
10.00am Tommy Lynch RIP
8.00pm People of the Parish



Monday 25th March
Tuesday 26th March
Wednesday 27th March
Thursday 28th March

TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 21
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1-15:47

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 10:34,37-43
Psalm 117
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-9

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, 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: Petrunella Pankiw, Krystyna Mikolajczyk, Helena Weres, Diego Di Stefano, Michael Burke, Margaret Walsh, Norah McGuinness, Olga Mackin, Hila Anandappa

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Philip MacNamara, Pasquale Neglia,

GETTING THE CHURCH READY FOR EASTER

We will need help cleaning and preparing the Church on Holy Saturday morning, starting at 9.30am. If you know you are able to help, please let the Parish Office know. But do feel free to just turn up on the day, there will be plenty of work for everyone. Thank you.

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 £964.58; plus the Regular Standing Orders.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Helena Weres will be celebrated on Wednesday 27th March at 11.30am.

The Funeral Mass for the late Diego Di Stefano will be celebrated on Wednesday 27th March at 1.30pm.

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.

AFTERNOON TEA!

The Monday Afternoon Tea will continue on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 2.00pm – 3.30pm.

EASTER OFFERINGS

It has always been the case that people's Offering on Easter Sunday and on Christmas Day are your gift to the Clergy, and not a donation to the Parish as such. For those people who normally donate by Standing Order, there are Easter Envelopes available at the entrances to the Church.

RCIA

The RCIA Group meets on Monday evening at 8.00pm in the Church.

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.

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, 27th March 2024.

ANNUAL MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 25th May 2024 at 2:30pm. The Cardinal is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (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).

EUCCHARISTIC MINSTERS AND READERS

Would Ushers, Readers and Eucharistic Minsters please sign up for the Easter Services. The lists are in the Sacristy.

EASTER POSTERS

The Easter Posters are available at both entrances to the Church, please take one home.