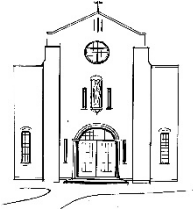


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 7th April 2024



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Still basking in the glory of Easter, today we celebrate God's unparalleled mercy. Out of mercy for all of us, Jesus died on the cross, atoning for our sins, past, present, and future. Out of mercy for those whose faith is weak or doubt is strong, Jesus comes to reassure us of his eternal presence. Out of mercy for those who cannot see him, Jesus blesses them in their faith. This Easter season, let us rejoice, for the risen Lord is in our midst, forever bestowing God's divine mercy upon us.

The glory of the Resurrection permeates God's word on this joyous day that continues our Easter celebration. No longer are the disciples confused and adrift, as they were when first seeing the empty tomb. In the first reading, we hear that the entire community of believers bears witness to the Resurrection by what they do and how they live. They treat each other with mercy and love, as Jesus did when he appeared to all the disciples, even Thomas, who had doubted. Let us join in praise, for God's mercy endures forever.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 6th April

Sunday 7th April

The Second Sunday Of Easter

6.30pm Mary & Charlie Kerr RIP

8.30am Nora McGuinness RIP

11.30am Michael Burke RIP

6.30pm People of the Parish

10.00am Al Jutras RIP

Monday 8th April

The Annunciation Of the Lord

Tuesday 9th April

Wednesday 10th April

Thursday 11th April

Stanislaus

10.00am Octavio Lobo & Ruth Pearl RIP

10.00am George Michael

10.00am

7.30pm Pietro Nicastro RIP

10.00am Tom Barrett - Int.

6.30pm Owen & Margaret Watters RIP

Friday 12th April

Saturday 13th April

TODAY'S READINGS:

Acts 4:32-35

Psalms 117

1 John 5:1-6

John 20:19-31

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Psalms 4:2, 4, 7, 9

1 John 2:1-5

Luke 24:35-48



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 Easter we are asked to pray for: Europe; New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; The Church; Human Work.

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, Tom Barrett, Angelo Amorelli, Bertilla Cunningham,

For those who have died recently: Olga Mackin,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Mimmo Santagata,

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your very generous Easter Offerings last week, which came to £2,554.05; The Holy Places Collection on Good Friday £830.90; plus the March Standing Orders £4,639.00; Online Donations £369.00; Contactless £26.88.

Thank you, too, for your donations to CAFOD during Lent. We have sent them a cheque for £626.77.

The Collection Box near the statue of St Anthony raised £842.50, for the Lenten Alms Donations. This money has been given to the Broxbourne Foodbank.

A HUGE THANK YOU TO YOU ALL.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 7th April at 12.45 – Kingsley & Cielle Reyes

AFTERNOON TEA

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

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 10th April at 10.30am 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.

200 CLUB WINNERS

1st No. 73 – Hugh Gralton; 2nd No. 142 – Robin Holmes; 3rd No. 45 – Blake Smith; 4th No. 21 – Eileen Fleming

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).

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, 24th April 2024.

HEAD TEACHER 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 Head Teacher from September 2024. Full details of this job vacancy can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/head-teacher-haringey-2020444>. If you are interested or require further information, please contact the School Business Manager - Katherine Johnston via email sbm@ourladymuswell.haringey.sch.uk. Application Deadline is Wednesday 10th April 2024 at 10am.

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.

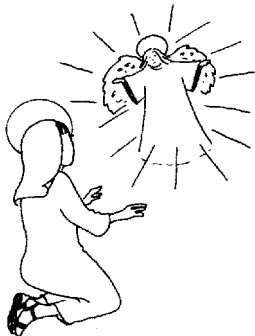
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

All are invited to join the Diocese of Westminster's annual Lourdes Pilgrimage from 19th- 26th July 2024 – Registration for the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols is now open via the application form on <https://rcdow.org.uk/pilgrimages/lourdes/> or by contacting the Pilgrimage Office on 020 7798 9173. Options to travel by plane, train or coach are available and there are many volunteering opportunities for those wishing to serve.

All applications to join this year's pilgrimage need to be submitted by Tuesday 30th April.

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Monday is the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. This year it has been moved from 25th March, because that was during Holy Week.



If God is to become one of us then it is inevitable that one of us had to be chosen for the privileged role of being his mother. That role fell to Mary.

Together with Jesus, Mary is the graced link between heaven and earth. She is the human being who best, after Jesus, exemplifies the possibilities of human existence. She received into her lowliness the infinite love of God and she shows how an ordinary human being can reflect God in the ordinary circumstances of life. She exemplifies what the Church and every member of the Church is meant to become. As the ultimate product of the creative and redemptive power of God, she manifests what the Incarnation is meant to accomplish for all of us.

The Annunciation invites us to make Mary's response our own whenever we stand before God in prayer: "Yes, Lord, let what you have said be done to me!"

