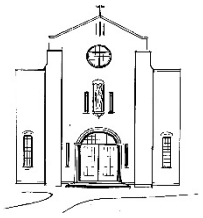
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 21st June 2026





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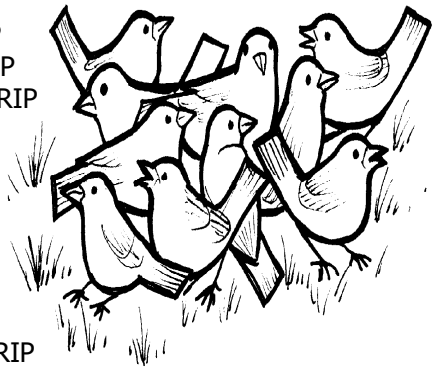
TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus assures his disciples that his heavenly Father will watch over them so vigilantly that every last hair on their heads will be accounted for. On Father's Day, let us celebrate our fathers and father figures who watch over us, guide us, and do their best to make sure that not a hair on our heads will be harmed.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 20th June		6.30pm Kathleen O'Connor RIP
Sunday 21st June	**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	8.30am Maxwell Anandappa RIP
		11.30am Salvatore Macchiarelli RIP
		6.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 22nd June	John Fisher	10.00am Rose Slattery RIP
Tuesday 23rd June	Etheldreda	10.00am Tommy Cullen RIP
Wednesday 24th June	John the Baptist	10.00am Samira Nayina RIP
Thursday 25th June		10.00am Thanksgiving – Helen
	4.00pm Third Anniversary Mass for Eucharia Mbonu RIP	
Friday 26th June		10.00am The Tulk Family
Saturday 27th June		6.30pm Mary & Tim O'Connor RIP



TODAY'S READINGS:	**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
Jeremiah 20:10-13	2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Psalm 69	Psalm 88
Romans 5:12-15	Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Matthew 10:26-33	Matthew 10:37-42
CBC Missal: Page 288	CBC Missal: Page 297
CTS Missal: Page 732	CTS Missal: Page 735

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 our-lady-of-the-immaculate-conception-and-st-joseph-waltham-cross - MCN

PRAYER INTENTIONS

During Ordinary Time: We are asked to pray: A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews; Human Life; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Seafarers

For those who are ill: Agnes Curtis, Shirley Willis, Anthony & Robert Newman, Gerard O'Malley, Mary Holmes, Tara Clarke, Gerry Robinson, Hedley Imbert, Isaac Abraham, Derek Carter, Ermelina De Freitas, Sue Edmunds, Peter Jones, Medha Samabji, Geraldine Cleveland, Janina Prusiene, Maria Dos Santos, Marco Cafferelli, Lily Harker, Baby Martin McDonagh, Ignatius Fessal, Brian McDonagh, Marco Avanzato, Meghan Bennett Kelly,

For those who have died recently: Madeleine Maher, Blanche Lobo, Samira Nayina, Pino Castiglone, Miecyslawa Jakubowska, Keith Weston,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Salvatore Macchiarelli, Giuseppina Frangimore, Eucharia Mbonu,

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you for your last week's Offertory collection which came to £822.94, plus, the Regular Standing Orders

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Madeline Maher will be celebrated on Monday 22nd June at 12.30.

AFTERNOON TEA

On the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 2.00pm – 3.30pm, Afternoon Tea is available in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The final Confirmation preparation session will be on Friday 26th June at 7.30pm in the Church.

Bishop Paul will be here on Sunday 28th June, at 2.00pm to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young people. Please pray for our young people and their families and their Catechists.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION 2026-2027

Children who are in Year Two or above in School and have not yet celebrated their First Communion need to give the matter some thought with their parents. If you attend Mass at St. Joseph's Church, please see Fr. John after Mass at the weekend to talk about registering for the next preparation. Please note that preparation for First Communion will involve attendance at Mass **in the Church** on a regular basis.

RCIA

If you are not already a Catholic, or have been away from the Church for some time, or just did not get around to celebrating one of the Sacraments at the 'right age', or would like to discover more about the Catholic Church, then this is the Group for you! For further details, please see Fr John. The Meetings will start in September.

SVP NEW MEMBERS APPEAL

The SVP are inviting members of the parish to consider joining them in their mission to support people experiencing poverty, loneliness, or isolation in our community. If you would like to know more, please email monikak@svp.org.uk.

BINGO

Join us for a fun and lively Bingo Social! Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, laughter, and friendly competition on Friday, 26th June, 2026 at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre. All ages are welcome—bring your friends and family to experience the joy of community. Cash prizes will be awarded, and refreshments will be served. You can also bring your own food and refreshments. There will also be a raffle. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to connect and have fun together. We look forward to seeing you there!

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Annual Pilgrimage to Aylesford is on Sunday, 28th June 2026. Coach tickets are £20, food and beverages will be provided. They ask that you bring & share. Please contact Benedict on 07773 909539, or Marco 07402 237283. The coach will depart from: Waltham Cross – St Joseph's Church, at 8.10am; Enfield – Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, at 8.30am; Ponders End – Mary, Mother of God Church, at 8.45am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation Course will take place on Saturday 11th July at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre. If you have an Infant to be baptised in the near future, please speak to Fr John.

APF SUMMER COLLECTION

We will be starting a collection for the APF this week. APF red box holders should find a brown envelope with their name in the box at the back of the church. Please take the envelope home, fill it with the contents of your APF box, and return it to the Parish Office next Sunday. The APF is the charity that helps Catholic missionaries to continue to work in countries across the world. We thank you for all the money you give to this important work. If you have any questions, please contact Terry O'Sullivan - thrums55@googlemail.com.

LIVING WELL CAFE 11.00am -1.00pm

The Living Well Café is open every Wednesday between 11.00-1.00pm. The Parish has now taken on the running of the café. The café supports a regular group of 25-30 people aged between 60-94yrs, many of whom have been bereaved and isolated, offering a safe space to connect, make friends, have simple refreshments and take part in seated exercise session. It is a lifeline for many of them. Everyone is welcome to come along.

FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Darren Sylvester, a Solicitor from DJS Law, will be offering a free legal advice surgery. 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 June 2026.

BROXBOURNE FOODBANK NEED VOLUNTEERS

The Foodbank are looking for new drivers to collect the Foodbank van on Wednesdays to bring food here to St. Joseph's for distribution from the Parish Centre (Wednesdays about 12.30-3pm), and/or to do likewise for the distribution from St. Catherine and St. Paul's, Hoddesdon (Thursdays about 9-11am). The vans are insured for any driver. Volunteers are also needed to help pick parcels at the warehouse (mid-morning to mid-afternoon) on weekdays, or you may be interested in being part of the management team, coordinating the work at the warehouse, receiving referrals and liaising with agencies. Please email the Chair of the Foodbank Trustees, Ben Quant, at ben.quant@gmail.com.

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE

St Ignatius College Alumni invite you to join them for a Barbecue at the College on 26th June 2026, 6.00pm-9.00pm, £15. This will be one of the final opportunities to visit the current school building before it is rebuilt. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Please see the noticeboards in the church for the QR Code.

ST JOSEPH'S NURSERY APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER 2026

Applications for Nursery places to start in September 2026 are still open, with some spaces still available. To apply, please contact the school office on 01992 629 503, for a Supplementary Application form.

Nursery applies to children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023

Please Note: St Joseph's are a **30 hours** childcare provider, and welcome applications from children of all faiths to their Nursery.

MORE HUMAN

Pope Leo has just published a new encyclical ***Magnifica Humanitas***.

It speaks about what it means to be human in our time, especially with in the age of AI.

There will be three short workshops to introduce and explore aspects of this timely document with input, as well as reflection and prayer. They will take place in St Aloysius Parish Hall, Phoenix Rd, London NW1 1TA, Mondays 13th July, 21st September, 23rd November, 7.30-8.45pm. All Welcome! Register to attend on https://tinyurl.com/MoreHuman26

These workshops will also be online, email info@fcjecojustice.co.uk for more information