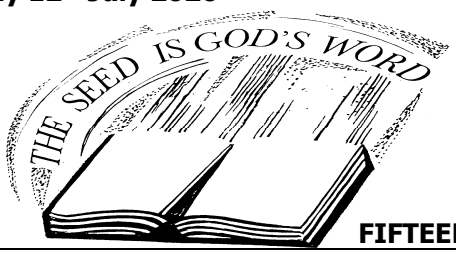
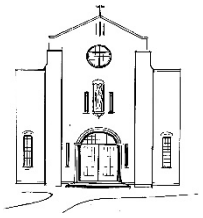
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 12th July 2026





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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The setting of today's Gospel, may remind us of a warm midsummer day maybe like today. Jesus comes outside and walks down to the sea. So many people gather along the shoreline that Jesus decides to go out in a boat and speak to the entire crowd from there. Imagine yourself sitting on a beach on a beautiful day with hundreds of others, listening to the Lord teaching in parables. Through the power of imagination, we have that opportunity today.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 11th July		6.30pm Reg Hollebrand RIP
Sunday 12th July	**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**	8.30am Mary & Breda Doyle RIP 11.30am People of the Parish 6.30pm Margaret Onwumere RIP
Monday 13th July	Henry	10.00am Baby Sunny RIP
Tuesday 14th July	Camillus de Lellis	10.00am Holy Souls
Wednesday 15th July	Bonaventure	10.00am John Keogh RIP
Thursday 16th July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel	10.00am Private Int.
Friday 17th July		10.00am Foundation Mass
Saturday 18th July		6.30pm Padraig Harrington RIP



TODAY'S READINGS:	**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
Isaiah 55:10-11	Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 65	Psalm 86
Romans 8:18-23	Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:1-23	Matthew 13: 24-43
CBC Missal: Page 317	CBC Missal: Page 328
CTS Missal: Page 742	CTS Missal: Page 746

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, Ignatius Fessal, Marco Avanzato, Meghan & Conor Bennett Kelly, Sue and Ian Wallace,

For those who have died recently: Hildegard Polat, Francesca Devizio, Antonino Digiovanna, James Lewis-Smith,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Reg Hollebrand,

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 £721.83 plus, the June Standing Orders £5,037.00; Online Donations £347.21; Contactless £795.00.

SEA SUNDAY

Stella Maris is the largest ship-visiting network in the world, and the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. Seafarers often have to work away from their families and local communities for nine to 12 months at a time. Across the world, Stella Maris aims to provide a 'friend in every port' and stand alongside seafarers and fishers to ensure their rights are upheld. For 100 years they have been extending the hand of friendship and welcoming seafarers and fishers to our shores. Their network of chaplains and volunteers makes more than 70,000 ship visits each year and supports hundreds of thousands of seafarers and fishermen in times of need. They listen and chat, they arrange Mass on board ships, they offer practical help on a crisis and bring free Wi-Fi onboard so that seafarers can call home. Often, these simplest practical kindnesses make the greatest difference.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 12th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue their important work, so please give generously. There will be a second collection after all the Masses this weekend. Thank you.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral for the late Hildegard Polat will be celebrated on Tuesday 14th July at 1.30pm.

WEDDING THIS WEEK

Saturday 18th July at 4.00pm – Emanuel Petrina & Marta Cieslak

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.

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 involves attendance at Mass on a regular basis. **Application Forms must be returned to the Presbytery by Thursday 16th July.** The First Meeting will be on Saturday 18th July at 10.00am in the Church. This Meeting is for all those who have returned their Application Forms.

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.

RELIEF CLEANER/CARETAKER FOR ST JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE

We need a relief cleaner/caretaker to cover for our present caretaker when he is absent. The hours are 7.30am-9.30am, Monday to Friday. It will be a zero hour contract, and you could be called upon at short notice. If you are interested, please speak to Fr John.

BINGO

Join us for a fun and lively Bingo Social! Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, laughter, and friendly competition on Friday, 17th July, 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!

200 CLUB WINNERS JUNE 2026

1st No. 16 Beatrice Nowak; 2nd No. 116 Mary Holmes; 3rd No. 60 Michael McManamin

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.

APF SUMMER COLLECTION

We have started the collection for the APF. 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, 29th July 2026.

ST PAULS CHURCH COMMUNITY GET TOGETHER

Today, Sunday 12th July at 12 noon. Join them for an afternoon of fun, food and fellowship for all ages! There will be a BBQ, raffle, tombola, bouncy castle and games & activities and more. Bring your family, friends and neighbours and enjoy a wonderful community day together.

PILGRIMAGE IN HONOUR OF ST EDMUND CAMPION

Each year the Relic of St Edmund Campion, one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, are carried to Tyburn, resting overnight at churches on the way. This year the Pilgrimage route includes our Deanery. The Relic will be here in Waltham Cross for the 10.00am Mass on this Thursday. The intention of the Pilgrimage is to pray for Christian Unity and World Peace.

Edmund Campion was born in London in 1540. He was educated at Christ's Hospital and won a scholarship to St John's College, Oxford, He was ordained a Deacon in the Church of England in 1569, but went into exile in the English College in Douai after returning to the Catholic Faith, and was ordained a subdeacon in 1573. He left for Rome the same year and joined the Society of Jesus, and was eventually ordained a Priest in 1578. In 1580 he set out for England to work as a Catholic Priest in London, and the north of England. On November 11th 1581 he was falsely charged with plotting rebellion and he was hanged drawn and quartered at Tyburn on 1st December that year.