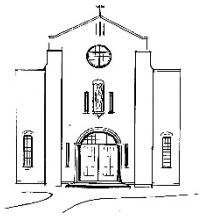
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 20th September 2026





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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Sunday we begin a series of three Gospels set in vineyards. Today's Gospel tells of a generous landowner, willing to pay a full daily wage even to those who worked only the final hour of the day. They are very happy, of course, but the folks who laboured all day in the hot sun resent the owner's extreme generosity. This, Jesus tells his disciples, can be compared to the kingdom of heaven, where "the last will be first, and the first will be last." Let us praise and thank God for inviting us all first, last and in between to the joyful kingdom.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 19th September		6.30pm Maureen Hollebrand RIP
Sunday 20th September	**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**	8.30am Jack & Bridie Plunkett RIP 11.30am Phil McInerney – Int. 6.30pm Oretta Cesario RIP
Monday 21st September	Matthew	10.00am People of the Parish
Tuesday 22nd September		10.00am Margaret Rhodes RIP
Wednesday 23rd September	Pius of Pietrelcina	10.00am Clive Cook RIP
Thursday 24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00am Edna MacNamara RIP
Friday 25th September		10.00am Giuseppe Zaffuto RIP
Saturday 26th September		6.30pm Tara Clark RIP



TODAY'S READINGS:	**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
Isaiah 55:6-9	Ezekiel 18:25-28
Psalm 145	Psalm 25
Philippians 1:20c-24,	Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 20:1-16	Matthew 21:28-32
CBC Missal: Page 423	CBC Missal: Page 433
CTS Missal: Page 779	CTS Missal: Page 782

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: Autumn: We are asked to pray: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their families.

For those who are ill: Agnes Curtis, Janina Prusiene, Maria Dos Santos, Lily Harker, Ignatius Fessal, Marco Avanzato, Meghan & Conor Bennett Kelly, Bridie Burke, Jacub Joubert, Kevin Haselwood, Nicola Harker, Dennis Keating,
For those who have died recently: Shirin Ford, Tara Clark, Robert Smith,
And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Edna MacNamara,

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 £867.94 plus, the Regular Standing Orders

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 27th September at 1.00pm – Erin Ruth & Nora McCary-Davies

ALTAR SERVERS

If you have recently celebrated your First Holy Communion, or have recently moved into the parish, and would like to join the Altar Servers in the Parish, please speak to Father John.

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

There will be a Meeting for the Candidates who have returned a Form, and their Parents on Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Starting this weekend, 20th September, and continuing for the next three weeks, we will be carrying out the annual count of those attending Mass each week.

CAFOD

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. Thank you. There will be a second collection after all the Masses next weekend.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation course will take place on Saturday 17th October, at 3.00pm in the Parish Centre. If you have an infant to be baptised in the near future, please speak to Fr John.

LOTTERY FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE UPSTAIRS HALL

We have been successful with the application we made earlier in the year to the Grants for All Scheme funded by the National Lottery. We have received £14,822 towards the cost of installing acoustic tiles, and upgrading the lighting, in the Upper Hall. The works will begin later this month.

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 continue on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Help the SVP alleviate poverty. Their members, volunteers and staff provide friendship, practical help and daily support to people in need in your community. The SVP will be running a tea and coffee morning after the 8.30am & the 11.30am Masses this Sunday 27th September.

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, 30th September 2026.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – YOUTH GROUP

In summer 2026, St Paul's Catholic Church will be launching a new Youth Group for young people aged 13–18. This group is a welcoming space for teenagers to relax, connect with others, and explore faith in a way that relates to everyday life. While rooted in Catholic teaching, sessions will focus on real-world topics such as identity, friendships, mental health, music and culture, social media, and the challenges young people face today. Each meeting will include games and activities, open discussions, and time for reflection and prayer. The aim is to help young people discover how God and faith connect with their lives in a meaningful and practical way. Whether you are already involved in parish life or simply curious, you are very welcome to come along.
Email: stpaulsyouthgroupcheshunt@gmail.com for more details.

FREE COACHING

Swetlana Wolf is offering free Professional Coaching to women in the parish aged 22 - 40 years old. Coaching is a collaborative, goal-orientated process that uses powerful questions to support a person working through current issues or for professional/personal growth. Coaching can be useful, for example, when working through decisions, preparing for key conversations or considering making changes in one's job. To talk through what coaching is and if it would be useful to you, please contact Swetlana on sw3.coaching@gmail.com.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

St Mary's Open Evening will take place on **Thursday 24th September, from 6.00pm to 8.30pm**. Their Open Evening for entry into Year 7 in 2027 will take place on Thursday 24th September 2026 between 6pm-8.30pm. Tours of the school will be available, with Headteacher talks at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. It would be wonderful to have the opportunity to welcome prospective families and members of their local parish community to the school. Tickets can be booked via our website: www.stmarys.net

NICHOLAS BREAKSPEAR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Nicholas Breakspear's Open Evening will take place on Thursday 1st October, from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. For more details please see the noticboards or visit nbs.herts.sch.uk.

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Women's Association. (CWALN) would like parishioners to join them in celebration of the Feast of the Holy Rosary on, 7th of October. The Mass is at 9.30am at St Paul's in Cheshunt. It will be followed by a celebration at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph's Parish, Waltham Cross, on the 11th of October after the 11.30am Mass.