Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 6th September 2026





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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, we hear Jesus tell his disciples that whenever two or three gather in his name, he is there in their midst. He is with us now as we gather to hear God's word, receive the Eucharist, and open our minds and hearts to God. May we recognise the Lord's presence in each passage we hear, absorb the lessons in each reading, then put them into practise as best we can. As Christians, we are called to be reconciled with Christ and with each other. There is no room in the faithful heart for grudges.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Saturday 5th September		6.30pm Paddy-Joe Rochford RIP
Sunday 6th September	**The Twenty-Third Sunday**	8.30am
	In Ordinary Time	11.30am Guglielmucci & Ferragamo Families
		6.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 7th September		10.00am
Tuesday 8th September	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am
Wednesday 9th September	Peter Claver	10.00am Mary Slattery RIP
Thursday 10th September		10.00am
Friday 11th September		10.00am Maryann Herrera RIP
Saturday 12th September		6.30pm McLoughlin & O'Connor Families RIP

TODAY'S READINGS:	**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
Ezekiel 33:7-9	Sirach 27:30-28:7
Psalm 95	Psalm 103
Romans 13:8-10	Romans 14:7-9
Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35
CBC Missal: Page 401	CBC Missal: Page 411
CTS Missal: Page 771	CTS Missal: Page 775

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,
For those who have died recently: Giuseppe Cassenti, Shirin Ford, Tara Clark,
And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Paddy Joe Rochford, Mary Slattery, Thomas Lynch,

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 £857.88 plus, the Regular Standing Orders.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Giuseppe Cassenti will be celebrated on Wednesday 9th September at 11.30am.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 13th September at 1.30pm – Daisy & Rosie Facey

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2026-2027

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here in May 2027. If you normally attend Mass here, and are in year Ten at Secondary School, or older, you are eligible for Confirmation here at St Joseph's. If you wish to be prepared here, please come and speak to Fr John. Application Forms must be returned by Sunday 13th September 2026.

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.

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 start in in the Presbytery at 8.00pm on Monday 14th September.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 9th September at 10.30am in the Church.

200 CLUB WINNERS – AUGUST 2026

1st No. 33 Francesca Miceli; 2nd No. 123 Mary Holmes; 3rd No. 124 Rita Odumosu

BINGO

Join us for a fun and lively Bingo Social! Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, laughter, and friendly competition on Friday, 18 September, 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!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SUMMER RAFFLE

Help the SVP alleviate poverty. Their members, volunteers and staff provide friendship, practical help and daily support to people in need in your community. Every ticket you buy makes a difference, supporting the SVP's work locally and nationwide. The Raffle tickets are available from the Parish Office. Raffle tickets need to be back by 8th September. Thank you.

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.

ACT NOW – CONTACT YOUR MP

A Private Members' Bill on assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying – has been reintroduced to the House of Commons. The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill will have its Second Reading and vote on Friday, 11 September 2026.
Our clear principled objection to this Bill remains and we renew our call for Catholics and people of goodwill to unite in prayer and compassionate action. Archbishop Richard Moth, President of the Bishops' Conference, explains our strong opposition to this legislation:
"The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill which aims to legalise assisted suicide has returned to the House of Commons, and Members of Parliament will vote on its Second Reading on 11 September. This bill is wrong in principle. It is also deeply flawed and, if passed, could lead to vulnerable people feeling pressured into ending their lives.
"The Bill has a serious lack of protection for health and social care staff and risks putting many wonderful hospices and care homes in the position of no longer being able to operate.
"I urge you to write to your Members of Parliament to petition them to vote against the Bill at Second Reading."

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE

St Ignatius College Admissions: Please join them for their Open Evening for prospective Year 7 pupils on Tuesday 15th September from 5:30pm to tour the school and hear from the Headteacher at 7.15pm. Please see noticeboards for more information.

A phone was found in the church on the afternoon of Sunday 23rd August, please contact the Parish Office.