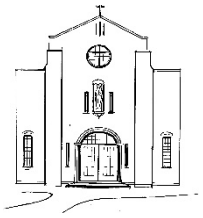
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 11th October 2026





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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of a king who invites anyone and everyone to a huge feast he is giving for the wedding of his son. Similarly, every Sunday we all are invited to a wonderful feast: the Eucharistic feast, the wedding feast of the Lamb. We accept the Lord's invitation to partake in his sacrificial meal, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet we hope to attend one day. Let us give thanks and praise to our God, who welcomes us to the feast.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 10th October		6.30pm People of the Parish
Sunday 11th October	**The Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time**	8.30am Pat Sharples RIP
		11.30am Catherine Roberts RIP
		6.30pm Vladimir Cibej RIP
Monday 12th October	Wilfrid	10.00am George Venn RIP
Tuesday 13th October	Edward the Confessor	10.00am
Wednesday 14th October	Callistus	10.00am D. Pryce & C. Morreale
Thursday 15th October	Teresa	10.00am Rose Slattery RIP
Friday 16th October	Hedwig	10.00am Annie Conway
Saturday 17th October		6.30pm Maria & David Sullivan



TODAY'S READINGS:	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
Isaiah 25:6-10a	Isaiah 45:1,4-6
Psalm 23	Psalm 96
Philippians 4:12-14,	1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-21
CBC Missal: Page 455	CBC Missal: Page 465
CTS Missal: Page 791	CTS Missal: Page 795

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, Alison Morgan

For those who have died recently: Robert Smith, Paul Johnson, Frank Nangle, Lidia Tartaglia, Vincenzo Caltagirone, Maria Pelech, Vladimir Cibej, Adrian Martin

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: George Venn, Catherine Roberts,

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 £992.29, plus the September Standing Orders £5,031.00; Online Donations £435.81; Contactless £677.00. CAFOD £598.00

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Robert Smith will be celebrated on Friday 16th October at 11.30am.

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.

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.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer group will meet on Wednesday 14th October at 10.30am in the Church.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

The annual Mass Count is taking place at the moment. Throughout the Country, all the Catholic Parishes and Churches count the number of people who come to Mass on the last two Sundays in September and the first two in October.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for the First Communion parents on Thursday 15th October, at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.
The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 17th October at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

LOTTERY FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE UPSTAIRS HALL

We were successful with the application we made earlier in the year to the Grants for All Scheme funded by the National Lottery. We received £14,822 towards the cost of installing acoustic tiles, and upgrading the lighting, in the Upper Hall. The tiles have now been installed, and the electricians are coming this week.

RCIA

The RCIA Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

BINGO

Join us for a fun and lively Bingo Social! Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, laughter, and friendly competition on Friday, 16th October, 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 – SEPTEMBER 2026

1st No. 64. Ricardo Gracias; 2nd No. 61. Claire McManamin; 3rd No. 4. Fr John

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, offers 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, 28th October 2026.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – OPEN AFTERNOON

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be holding an **Open Afternoon on Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 2pm** for prospective parents applying for a Reception or Nursery place for September 2027. This is an opportunity to view the school in action and meet the Headteacher and Foundation/Early Years Team. Reception and Nursery applications open on **Monday 2nd November 2026** and close on **Friday 15th January 2027**.

ST PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – YOUTH GROUP

St Paul's Catholic Church in Cheshunt has launched 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.

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.

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE ALUMNI

Please join St Ignatius for a Fish & Chip Supper at the College on 20th November, 2026, 6.00-9.00pm, £20. This will be one of the final opportunities to visit the current school building before major building works start in 2027. Full details, and booking information are on the Poster on the Notice Board.