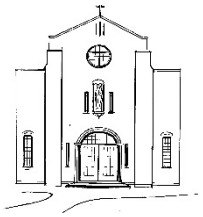
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 18th October 2026



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THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We gather as a faith community each Sunday to worship God by celebrating Mass and receiving the Eucharist. In doing so, we are coming here, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, "to repay to God what belongs to God." Praise and thanks belong to God for creating us, redeeming us, and making us holy. We make this day and this gathering holy with our presence. We then go forth to serve the Lord as his disciples, repaying God with our prayers, words, and actions.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 17th October		6.30pm Maria & David Sullivan
Sunday 18th October	**The Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time**	8.30am Frank Nangle RIP
		11.30am Franco & Pasualina Ciriello
		6.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 19th October	John Brebeuf	10.00am
Tuesday 20th October		10.00am
Wednesday 21st October		10.00am
Thursday 22nd October	John Paul II	10.00am
Friday 23rd October	John Capistrano	10.00am Kathleen Spalding RIP
Saturday 24th October		6.30pm Reg Hollebrand RIP



TODAY'S READINGS:	NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:
Isaiah 45:1,4-6	Exodus 22:21-27
Psalm 96	Psalm 18
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b	1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:15-21	Matthew 22:34-40
CBC Missal: Page 465	CBC Missal: Page 475
CTS Missal: Page 795	CTS Missal: Page 798

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, Gerry Robinson,

For those who have died recently: Robert Smith, Paul Johnson, Vincenzo Caltagirone, Maria Pelech, Adrian Martin, Maria Fetta, Janet Cattini

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: David Pryce, Concetta Morreale,

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 £852.15, plus the regular Standing Orders

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Paul Johnson will be celebrated on Thursday 22nd October at 2.30pm.
The Funeral Mass for the late Vincenzo Caltagirone will be celebrated on Friday 23rd October at 11.30am.
The Funeral Mass for the late Maria Fetta will be celebrated on Friday 23rd October at 3.00pm.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Saturday 24th October at 1.00pm – Elodie Fursaith
Sunday 25th October at 1.00pm – Jude Tongo

CHRISTMAS CAVERN AND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas Cavern this year will be on Sunday, 6th December 9.00am – 1.30pm. If you have any new unwanted gifts or bottles for our Tombola stall, please hand them into the Parish Office. If you would like a stall, please let the Parish office know. The Stalls will be £10. Raffle Tickets are available at the entrances to the Church. The proceeds of the Raffle this year will be going towards the Building Fund to help with the cost of the Acoustic Tiles in the upstairs hall.

MASS COUNT

Thank you to all those who helped us to count the congregation over the past four weekends. The average attendance for all the Masses over the four weeks was 839. The average for the English-speaking Masses was 572.

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.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS

November is traditionally the month in which we pray for the Holy Souls. Purple Sheets for the November Dead List and envelopes are available at the entrances to the Church. Please return them both to the Parish Office and the lists of names will be placed in the Book of the Dead, which will be on the Sanctuary during each Mass in November. Mass will be celebrated for the Holy Souls each week, and the Annual Mass for all those from the Parish who have died in the last year will be celebrated at 8.00pm on Friday 27th November.

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.

RCIA

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday 22nd October 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, 20th November, 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.

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.

God's pre-eminence is highlighted in today's readings. Isaiah proclaims that God was the force behind the pagan king Cyrus when he defeated the Babylonians and allowed the Chosen People to return to the promised land, even though he certainly didn't realize it. Paul tells the Thessalonians that God chose them in Christ. Finally, Jesus tells the Pharisees that they should comply with Caesar's tax, but it is more important to repay God for all God's gifts. So ought we, as we sing in the psalm, give the Lord glory and honour.