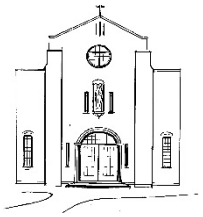
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 25th October 2026



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THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Out of love, God created us and the entire world we live in. Out of love, God sent the Son who died for us to save us from our sins. Out of love, God sent the Holy Spirit to remain with us always. No wonder John wrote quite simply that God is love. Because we were created, redeemed, and made holy as acts of love, we are called to love in return. Specifically, Jesus teaches us today that the greatest commandment is to love God and love our neighbour. May our hearts expand with love as we join with our neighbour to worship God.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 24th October		6.30pm Reg Hollebrand RIP
Sunday 25th October	**The Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**	8.30am Michael Ekeoma 11.30am Mario Taibi Family RIP 6.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 26th October	Chad & Cedd	10.00am Clive Cook RIP
Tuesday 27th October		10.00am Angela Tona RIP
Wednesday 28th October	Simon & Jude	10.00am
Thursday 29th October		10.00am
Friday 30th October		10.00am Emilia Akparanta RIP
Saturday 31st October		6.30pm Salvatore Ricotta RIP



TODAY'S READINGS:	**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
Exodus 22:21-27	Malachi 1:14b-2:2b,
Psalm 18	Psalm 131
1 Thessalonians 1:5c	1 Thessalonians 2:7-9
Matthew 22:34-40	Matthew 23:1-12
CBC Missal: Page 475	CBC Missal: Page 484
CTS Missal: Page 798	CTS Missal: Page 801

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, Anthony Zaccarini,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Patrick McPadden, Reg Hollebrand, Emilia Akparanta, Kathleen Spalding, Gioacchino Accurso, Salvatore Ricotta,

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 £880.54, plus the regular Standing Orders

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

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.

LOTTERY FUNDING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE UPSTAIRS HALL

COMMUNITY FUND

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 and the new lights have now been installed, and they both make a huge difference.

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.

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.

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!

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 Morning on Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 9.30am** 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**.

Reception - September 2027

Reception applications open on **Monday 2nd November 2026** and close on **Friday 15th January 2027.**
Supplementary Information Forms and supporting documentation should be submitted to the school office before Friday 15th January 2027. In addition to submitting the Supplementary Information Form, parents must also apply online through Hertfordshire County Council via www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions
Reception 2027 applies to children born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023.**

Nursery - September 2027

Nursery applications should be made directly through the school. Supplementary Application Forms and supporting documentation should be submitted to the school office before **Friday 15th January 2027.**
Nursery 2027 applies to children born between **1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024.**
Please note: We are a 30-hour childcare provider and welcome applications from all children aged 3+ and of all faiths to our Nursery.

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.

CAFOD VOLUNTEER

Could you inspire the next generation and gain valuable experience of presenting to young people at the same time? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, is looking for volunteers to visit local schools to present assemblies and workshops. Full training and support provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or contact Westminster's CAFOD representative Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org,uk or call 07776 493162.

FR JOHN

Fr John will be away from Monday 26th October, until late Friday 30th October. Fr Tom will be looking after the Parish while Fr John is away.