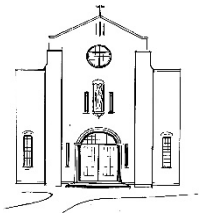
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Sunday 4th October 2026





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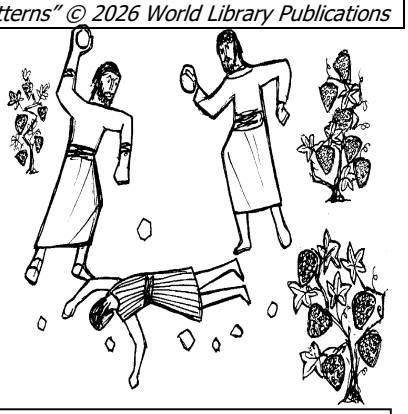
THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, let us give God thanks for second chances. All of us fail sometimes, maybe quite often. But this does not mean that we are condemned forever, unable to overcome our faults and past sins. We are constantly invited to repent, seek forgiveness, and change our behaviour. Saint Paul, who knew a thing or two about doing all this, calls upon us to reject selfishness and instead look out for the interests of others. Let us pray today for a change of heart that will lead us to more closely follow the road to God's kingdom.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 3rd October		6.30pm Thanksgiving
Sunday 4th October	**The Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time**	8.30am People of the Parish 11.30am Cindy Pereira RIP 6.30pm Harry McKinney RIP
Monday 5th October	Faustina	10.00am
Tuesday 6th October	Bruno	10.00am Steve Tulk RIP
Wednesday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	10.00am Patrick Moriarty RIP
Thursday 8th October		10.00am
Friday 9th October	John Henry Newman	10.00am
Saturday 10th October		6.30pm



TODAY'S READINGS:	**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
Isaiah 5:1-7	Isaiah 25:6-10a
Psalm 80	Psalm 23
Philippians 4:6-9	Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 21:33-43	Matthew 22:1-14
CBC Missal: Page 444	CBC Missal: Page 455
CTS Missal: Page 786	CTS Missal: Page 791

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,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Harry McKinney,

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 £869.63, plus the Regular Standing Orders

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Sunday 4th October at 1.00pm – Adrian Rodrigues

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Frank Nangle will be celebrated on Wednesday 7th October at 12.30pm.
The Funeral Mass for the late Lidia Tartaglia will be celebrated on Thursday 8th October at 11.30am.

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.

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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation will continue on Thursday 8th October at 7.30pm, in the Parish Centre.

CAFOD

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Friday was Family Fast day, when we are invited to deny ourselves some of our luxuries, or even some of our essentials, in order to support, those around our world who are in need. 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 this 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

COMMUNITY FUND

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 tiles have now been installed, we are awaiting the electrician.

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

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, 28th October 2026.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – OPEN AFTERNOON

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be holding an **Open Afternoon on Monday 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

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.

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.