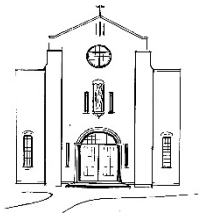
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 15th November 2026





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THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ten years ago, Pope Francis established this Sunday, the next to last Sunday in Ordinary Time, as the World Day of the Poor. Today, we recognize our obligation as Christians to offer prayers and assistance to all those living in poverty both here and around the world, no matter the reason for their condition. We also realize that Jesus made poverty holy by choosing to live in poverty, by requiring his disciples to do the same, and by teaching that those who follow him should sell all they have and give it to the poor. May we reach out with heart and hands to all those who are poor, who are so dear to our Lord.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 14th November		6.30pm Paul Johnson RIP
Sunday 15th November	**The Thirty-Third Sunday**	8.30am People of the Parish
	In Ordinary Time	11.30am Elizabeth Onafuye RIP
		6.30pm Holy Souls
Monday 16th November	Edmund	10.00am Holy Souls
Tuesday 17th November	Elizabeth, Hilda	10.00am Calogero Di Francesco RIP
Wednesday 18th November	Peter & Paul	10.00am Philip MacNamara RIP
Thursday 19th November		10.00am Jerry O'Sullivan & Jack Winborn RIP
Friday 20th November		10.00am Holy Souls
Saturday 21st November		6.30pm Holy Souls

TODAY'S READINGS:	**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
Proverbs 31:10-13	Ezekiel 34:11-12
Psalm 128	Psalm 23
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6	1 Corinthians 15:20-26
Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46
CBC Missal: Page 504	CBC Missal: Page 514
CTS Missal: Page 809	CTS Missal: Page 814

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, Geraldine Cleveland, Peter Jones,

For those who have died recently: Maria Pelech, Adrian Martin, Anthony Zaccarini, Mary Gill,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Elizabeth Onafuye,

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 £915.28, plus the regular Standing Orders

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Adrian Martin will be celebrated on Friday 20th November, at 11.30am.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund. Please give generously and help ensure our sick and older priests are financially supported, having given us a lifetime of dedicated service. They have baptised us, welcomed us into the church, and offered comfort and prayer at times of sorrow. Now we have a chance to give back and ensure they have peace of mind during their senior years, when they may be facing failing health and declining mobility. Please give generously using the envelopes in the church. You can make a one-off donation or set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – the envelopes and posters feature a 'QR Code' that you can scan with a phone camera to give online.

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.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for the First Communion parents on Thursday 19th November, at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.
The First Communion children will meet on Saturday 21st November, at 10.00am in the Parish Centre.

CHRISTMAS MEAL FOR SENIORS

The Parish is hosting a Christmas meal for its Senior Citizens and the housebound on Saturday 19th December 2026 at 1.00pm. If you would like to attend or know of anyone who would like to come along, please give names and details to the Parish Office. If you would like to help on the day with setting up the hall, or serving the meal, or tidying up afterwards please contact the Parish Office.

RCIA

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

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!

SVP MEETING

The SVP will be meeting on Thursday 19th November, at 6.30pm in the Parish Centre.

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, 25th November 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.

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.

ST IGNATIUS COLLEGE

Old Ignatians, Fish and Chips Friday at St Ignatius College. They will be offering tours around the school, and a showcase of memorabilia. Partners and plus-ones are welcome! with tickets at £20. Tickets link at: https://st-ignatius.enfield.sch.uk/3474/events