Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 22nd November 2026





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CHRIST THE KING

Today we celebrate Jesus Christ as king over the entire world, but not the kind of king that we think of when we think of kings throughout history. Christ's kingship is everlasting. He rules over the kingdom that is both among us and beyond us. Moreover, as today's scripture emphasizes, he rules his people as a shepherd tends his sheep, guiding us, rescuing us, comforting us, and choosing us to remain with him in the kingdom. He is our king and we are his flock.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK



Saturday 21st November		6.30pm Holy Souls
Sunday 22nd November	**Christ The King**	8.30am Martin Brett RIP
		11.30am Johnny Gallagher RIP
		6.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 23rd November	Clement, Columban	10.00am Robin Holmes & Family
Tuesday 24th November	Andrew Dung-Lac	10.00am Vera Argue
Wednesday 25th November	Catherine of Alexandria	10.00am Gerard O'Malley
Thursday 26th November		10.00am Len Hall RIP
Friday 27th November		10.00am
		8.00pm Holy Souls
Saturday 28th November		6.30pm Mary Harrington & John Harris RIP

TODAY'S READINGS:	**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
Ezekiel 34:11-12	Isaiah 63:16b-17
Psalm 23	Psalm 80
1 Corinthians 15:20-26	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Matthew 25:31-46	Mark 13:33-37
CBC Missal: Page 514	CBC Missal: Page 93
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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, Vera Argue, Gerard O'Malley,
For those who have died recently: Adrian Martin, Anthony Zaccarini, Mary Gill,
And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time:

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 £918.97, plus the regular Standing Orders.
And the Sick and Retired Priests Collection: £640.40

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Sue Allen will be celebrated on Tuesday 24th November, at 12 noon.
The Funeral Service for the late Mary Gill will be celebrated on Friday 27th November, at 11.45.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund collection last weekend. Your generosity means our sick and retired priests will receive the care and support they need. If you haven't had the chance to make your donation, there is still time. You will find envelopes at the back of the church or you can donate online through the Diocese website – look out for the 'QR Code' on the envelopes and poster. Please do consider giving on a regular basis, assuring the care of our priests in their old age, or at a time of illness. This fun is a priority of the Church, and it provides us a chance to come together and say 'Thank you' to the priests who have served us. May God bless you for your kindness.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar Server Training will start on Saturday 28th November at 10.00am in the Church.

RCIA

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY

The Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, 22 November 2026 also marks the 41st World Youth Sunday, celebrating young people in the Church and St Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. Please visit https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/outreach/world-youth-sunday-2026/ for a video message from Archbishop Richard Moth. This year's World Youth Sunday theme is "*Take courage! I have overcome the world*" (John 16:33). As a Catholic Community we have responsibility to accompany young people on their journey of faith while having great opportunity to learn from them how to approach our faith with the innocence of a child. Westminster Youth Ministry has a vital role in accompanying young people in our Catholic schools and parishes. In 2025, it welcomed over 5,000 young people to SPEC Retreat Centre in Pinner and supported 44 diocesan youth groups through Youth Ministry Outreach. The World Youth Sunday retiring collection supports this work.

ASSUMPTION ADVENT RETREAT

Young Adults ADVENT RETREAT DAY with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 5th December 2026, 10am – 6pm. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Square, London, W8 5HH (closest tube station: High Street Kensington). Programme includes talks • prayer, adoration and confessions • faith sharing • Mass and social time. £5 registration fee/ subsidised student places available on request. Register now by emailing: rebecca@assumpta-eu.org