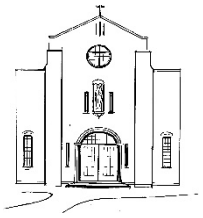
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sunday 8th November 2026





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THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Not only on the first two days of this month do we honour the saints and commemorate the faithful departed on the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, but during the entire month of November we remember those who have departed from this world. Today we hear Saint Paul write that if we believe in the resurrection of our Lord, surely God, through Jesus, will bring all those who died in Christ to the heavenly kingdom as well. May that be our hope and our consolation as we cherish our memories of our loved ones.

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MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday 7th November		6.30pm Holy Souls
Sunday 8th November	**The Thirty-Second Sunday**	8.30am Santos Fernandes RIP
	In Ordinary Time	11.30am Ann Murphy RIP
		6.30pm People of the Parish
Monday 9th November		10.00am Antonio Mantione RIP
Tuesday 10th November	Leo the Great	10.00am Vincentis Int.
		12.00 noon Deceased Priests & Religious of the Deanery
Wednesday 11th November	Martin of Tours	10.00am MacNamara Family
Thursday 12th November	Josaphat	10.00am Rose Slattery RIP
Friday 13th November		10.00am Bertolino Family
Saturday 14th November		6.30pm Paul Johnson RIP

Every year the Priests of the Deanery celebrate a Mass for all the Deceased Priests & Religious who have worked in the Deanery. This year the Mass will be celebrated here at 12 noon on this coming Tuesday.

TODAY'S READINGS:	**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:**
Wisdom 6:12-16	Proverbs 31:10-13
Psalm 63	Psalm 128
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30
CBC Missal: Page 494	CBC Missal: Page 504
CTS Missal: Page 805	CTS Missal: Page 809

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: Maria Pelech, Adrian Martin, Anthony Zaccarini, Mary Gill,

And for those whose Anniversaries are at this time: Santos Frangimore, Jerry O'Sullivan

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 £1,017.71, plus the October Standing Orders £4,747.00; Online Donations £288.07; Contactless £762.00.

SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS COLLECTION

Next weekend is the annual collection for the sick and retired priests in the Diocese of Westminster. The number of our priests over the age of 75 is steadily increasing, and caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. Whilst we work with the NHS and local authorities to ensure funding gaps are met, we still rely heavily on the generosity of parishioners who contribute to this worthy fund each year. Therefore, I would like to ask for your help once again as we draw close to this year's annual appeal for our Sick & Retired Priests.

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.

RCIA

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

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.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Wednesday 11th November at 10.30am in the church.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation will continue on Thursday 12th November at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre.

NEW READERS ROTA

The new readers Rota is available in the Sacristy and also on our website.

200 CLUB WINNERS – OCTOBER 2026

1st No. 101 Jomol Paul; 2nd No. 33 Francesca Miceli; 3rd No. 128 Frank Addai-Appiah

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, 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.