

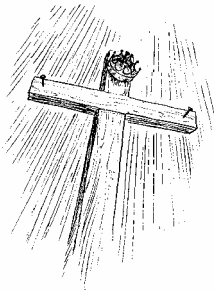
Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The Feast of Christ the King
22nd November 2009



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The change of Sunday Mass times will begin next Sunday, 29th November, the First Sunday of Advent. Mass times from then on will be: 6.30pm (Saturday), 8.30am, 9.30am (Polish), 11.00am, 12.30pm and 6.30pm.



Our liturgical year reaches its end and climax as we are faced with Jesus who is deluded, deceitful or divine. We have followed him throughout the year and trusting in his promises we celebrate him as the Christ of God, the Lord of our lives, the Saviour of the world and our King.

Christ the King is not someone dead and buried. He is the Risen Lord and he leads us on to discover even more of the joys of the kingdom that he has established here on earth. He promises never to abandon us and to be with us always. Christ is king of our tomorrows and shows us the way to fullness of life, on both sides of the grave. So his kingdom is also a future reality and that's why we pray for the peace and unity of the kingdom where God now lives. The Father showed his great love for us by sending his Son. Christ himself now walks by our side. God waits for us in all our tomorrows.



THE PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The Christmas Raffle Tickets are now available at the Church Entrances, so please pick some up after Mass to sell to your families and friends, the Raffle will be drawn at the Carol Concert on Saturday 5th December. We are seeking donations for the Christmas Raffle and future Fundraising events so if you have anything you would like to donate please drop it into the Parish Office.

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is traditionally the month in which we pray for the Holy Souls. Envelopes for the November Dead List may be found at both entrances of the church. Please return the envelopes to the Parish Office and the names will be entered in the Book of the Dead, which will be placed on the Sanctuary during each Mass in November. There will be a Mass for the Holy Souls celebrated at 8.00pm each Friday evening during November.

On this coming Friday, 27th November, all our parishioners who have died since November last year, will be remembered by name at the 8.00pm Mass. Please make an effort to come and support their families.

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School will be holding an Open Morning for prospective new parents on Wednesday 25th November at 9.15am. The application process for Hertfordshire Nursery Schools is ongoing and for Hertfordshire Primary School places, the process started on 16th November.

The School will be holding their Christmas Fayre next Sunday from 1.00 -3.00pm. There will be lots of stalls for you to browse around and plenty to keep the children amused. Father Christmas will also be paying a visit. The Raffle Tickets are available at the back of the Church. Please return the money and the Counterfoils to the School Office by Friday 27th November.

CAROL CONCERT

There will be a Carol Concert here in the Church on Saturday 5th December at 7.30pm. Entrance is free and mulled wine and mince pies will be available in the hall during the interval. Everybody is welcome!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
 the Lord has robed himself with might,
 he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
 your throne has stood firm from of old.
 From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
 Holiness is fitting to your house,
 O Lord, until the end of time.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
 Blessings on him who comes in the name of Lord!
 Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
 Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEKS' READINGS

Daniel 7:13-14	Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalms 92	Psalms 24
Revelations 1:5-8	Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
John 18:33-37	Luke 21:25-28

Mass Times

SUNDAY	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING	8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 6.30pm
Monday	Columban	10.00am
Tuesday	Andrew Duc Lac	10.00am
Wednesday	Catherine of Alexandria	10.00am
Thursday		10.00am
Friday		10.00am 8.00pm
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation –
 Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45.

Offertory Last Week: £1613.27 plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

The total raised for the Collection for the Sick and Retired Priests Fund came to £1139.23. Many thanks for your generosity. (If you have not yet had a chance to make a donation, it is never too late!)

SVP

The SVP Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Sacristy.

RCIA

The RCIA Group will meet on Monday evening at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets in the Sacristy at 10.45 on Tuesday mornings.

FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The funeral mass of the late Salvatore D'Matrino will take place on Tuesday at 11am.
 The Funeral Mass for the late Concetta Severino Thursday 26th November at 11am.

BAPTISMS

Sunday 29th November:
 at 12.30 Arabella Piccirillo
 at 1.30 Alice Bayross

ADVENT PREPARATION

A Booklet for advent and Christmastide, entitled "Walk with Me" is a journey of prayer and reflection for this Season. Cost £1 and available from the Parish Office.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Preparation Course will continue today at 2.30pm in the Convent, Longlands Avenue.

LINE DANCING

Why not come along and join our Line Dancing Classes on Tuesdays from 7.30 – 8.30pm in Eleanor Hall. All are welcome, especially Abs (absolute beginners!!)
 This is your chance to have fun, keep fit, and help support the New Parish Centre Building Fund (£397 raised in six weeks!)

CHURCH MASS DIARY

The Diary for Mass Intentions to be celebrated here in the Parish is full until the end of the year. Mass Intentions will now be sent to be celebrated by the sick and retired priests of the diocese. The 2010 Mass Diary will be started at a later date.

CONFIRMATION 2010

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here on Saturday 22nd May 2010. If you attend Mass here in the Parish, and are in Year Ten of Secondary School, or older, you are eligible for Confirmation here in St. Joseph's. If you do wish to be Confirmed, would you please see Fr John by the end of November. The preparation will begin after Christmas. For all those who attend at St. Paul's in Cheshunt, please see Father Anton for details of the preparation there. Please note that we can only prepare people who are already attending Mass in this Church on a regular basis.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for First Communion Catechists on Tuesday 24th November at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.
 There will be a meeting for First Communion parents on Thursday 26th November at 8.00pm in Eleanor Hall.
 There will be a meeting for First Communion Children on Saturday 28th November at 10.00 in Eleanor Hall.
 This Meeting will conclude with a short Penance Service for the Children and their Families in the Church at 12.00pm.

FAIRTRADE STALL

The Fair Trade Stall will be in operation in its usual position near the Shop after all the Masses next weekend. Now is your chance to stock up early with your Chocolate and Biscuits for Christmas.