

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The Twenty Third Sunday of the Year
6th September 2009



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The Annual Sponsored Walk will take place on Sunday 13th September.

Please register and collect your Sponsor Forms from the Church Entrances. The Walk is a circular route of five miles starting and finishing at the Car Park at the Mill Lane, Cheshunt Entrance to the Lea Valley Park. It will begin at 2.00pm. You can walk, run, hop, skip or jump at your own pace whilst getting some fresh air, having a chat with fellow parishioners, enjoying the scenery, and last, but not least supporting the Building Fund. Last year's walk was a great success, so we want to make this one even better! Please note that all children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

On the subject of the New Parish Centre – We are at the moment negotiating to try and arrange for temporary access to Eleanor Road from Winston Churchill Way while the works are going on. The Architect is preparing the necessary Planning Application. The Diocese and the Architect have identified a Contractor, who can build the Centre within our budget, so long as this access is available. We will get there in the end!

BINGO

A further date for your diaries - on Saturday 26th September at 7.30pm in Eleanor Hall.

LINE DANCING CLASSES .

Line Dancing Classes will commence on Tuesday 13th October 7.30 to 8.30pm in Eleanor Hall. The cost will be £3 per person, All proceeds will go towards the New Building Fund.

Why not join us beginners having fun, keeping fit and making new friends to traditional country music?

Ring Stewart 01992 634445 or Email stewartbrodiesykes@yahoo.co.uk

READERS' ROTA

The new Readers' Rota is available in the Sacristy. Please collect your copy. On the subject of Readers in the Parish, a number of our current Readers are going away to University and College, so some of the Rotas are a bit thin, if you would like to offer your services to the Parish in this area, please speak to Father John.

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The Canossian Sisters and Lay Associates invite you to celebrate with them the Feast of Mary, Mother of Sorrows on Saturday 12th September with a Reflection on the Sorrows of Mary at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3.00pm. There will be refreshments after Mass. The venue will be The Convent, 3 Longlands Close. For further details, please contact the Sister on 01992 626772.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC

If you are not already a Catholic, have been away from the Church for some time or want to discover more about the Catholic Church, then there are a series of meetings beginning on Monday 14th September. For further details please speak to Fr. John or Sr. Cecily.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The next Baptism Preparation Course will be on 20th and 27th September in the Convent. If you have a baby to be Baptised in the near future please see Fr. John.

CYCLE OF PRAYER – AUTUMN

During Ordinary Time (Autumn) from September to the Feast of Christ the King, the Church asks to pray in particular for the following intentions:

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger.

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:

Isaiah 35:4-7 Isaiah 50:5-9
Psalm 145 Psalm 114
James 2:1-5 James 2:14-18
Mark 7:31-37 Mark 8:27-35
Mass Times

SUNDAY	TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 6.30pm
Monday		10.00am
Tuesday	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am
Wednesday	Peter Claver	10.00am
Thursday		10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday	Most Holy Name of Mary	6.30pm
SUNDAY	TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 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: £1,341.56
plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!**

SVP

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

LEGION OF MARY

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

CATECHISTS MEETING

There will be a meeting for the First Communion Catechists on Tuesday 8th September at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

FAITH SHARING GROUP

The Faith Sharing Group will meet on Thursday 10th September at 2.00pm in the Presbytery

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Rita Byrne will be celebrated on Friday 11th September at 10.00am.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet in the Church on Friday 11th September at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

MASS FOR THE SICK AND DISABLED

This will be at Our Lady and St George, London Road, Enfield on Sunday 27th Sept at 3pm. This mass will be celebrated, and signed for the deaf, by Fr Keith Stokes. The Sacrament of Anointing the Sick will be available. There will be refreshments after the Mass.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

Tuesday 6th October .

The Knights of St Columba are hoping to join up with Fr John Shrewing and a coach with the parish of Mary Mother of God, Ponders End. Cost £15 for adults and £5 for children . The relic of St Therese of Lisieux will be at Walsingham on that day, with a visit to the village and Anglican shrine. There will be a Pick Up here outside St Josephs Church. Please contact Stewart on 01992 634445 for more details.

THE NIGERIAN CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION

The Nigerian Community Association members will be meeting in St Joseph's Hall on Sunday 13th September immediately after the 10.45 Mass.

There will be a Nigerian Evening, to which all the Parish is invited on Saturday 3rd October, starting with 6.30pm Mass.

100 CLUB DRAW FOR AUGUST

First Prize £35.00 Jocelyn Blackman
Second Prize £25.00 Thomas Minster
Third Prize £15.00 Netta Wiltsher
Please collect the Prizes from the Parish Office.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS WANTED

The Diocese of Westminster Education Service is currently recruiting Foundation Governors for 1st September 2009 to all Catholic Schools in Diocesan Trusteeship. This is a vital ministry in the Church. As a governor you will work as part of a team and will be provided with the necessary information and training to understand the role. A key element of the role is to preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school in accordance with the school's trust deed.

For further details email Maureen Roe maureenroe@rcdow.org.uk

ST EDMUND'S COLLEGE

St Edmund's College, Old Hall Green will be holding their annual Open Morning on Saturday 26th September from 9.30aam – 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome. For further details, please call the College on 01920 824247, or visit www.stedmundscollege.org.