



ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHGATE PARISH BULLETIN

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Masses: Sunday: (7pm Saturday) 8am, 10am, 12noon, 1.30 (Polish), 7pm.

Holydays: 6.30pm vigil, 9.30am, 11am, 6.30pm

Weekdays: 9.30am, 6.30pm. **Saturday:** 9.30am, 7pm. **Bank Holiday:** 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10-10.30am, 6.30 -6.45pm

Weekdays: immediately after Mass (on request)

3rd July 2016 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hope - a Virtue We Need in Difficult Times

The month of June was full of shocks. We had the mass shooting in the USA in the night club, and then the murder of Jo Cox here in England leaving us stunned and shocked. Then the news of our 'out' vote from the EU led to our Prime Minister announcing his retirement and other issues of uncertainties started to emerge. I was so taken back by the amount of people upset with how they viewed our current situation that I wondered what I could share. I then found a nice story in the Messenger of Saint Anthony from a few months ago. I thought it could be a nice metaphor for us now.

The story is about a wonderful English woman - Florence Chadwick (1918 1995). She was the first woman to swim across the English Channel in both directions. At age 34 she took on her next challenge, becoming the first woman to swim from Catalina Island to the California coast. She began on July 4, 1952. The sea was a cold ice bath and a blanket of fog descended, making it almost impossible for her to see her support boats. Sharks cruised towards her as she swam, but were driven away by rifle shots.

As millions watched on national television, Chadwick struggled against the frigid waves. In one boat, her trainer and mother offered encouragement telling Chadwick land was only half a mile away. However, all she could see was FOG. Becoming discouraged, she asked to be pulled out of the waters into the boat. Later she told reporters, "I'm not excusing myself, but if I could have seen land I might have made it." What defeated Chadwick on that swim was not fatigue or the frigid waters, but the fog which prevented her seeing her goal.

We all probably feel we are caught in a temporary fog, but let us be inspired by this wonderful English woman.

Regarding the virtue of Hope I found the following advice helpful. Remember, no matter how great the challenge you face, no matter how intimidating the situation may be, hope and you will discover that hope dismantles fear and frustration while generating energy and enthusiasm.

And also - Ask the critical question : What good and positive things can come out of this experience ? No matter what you are facing, train yourself to see the sunny side, the silver lining, the opportunity in the obstacle. Remind yourself of this wisdom written by Mary Anne Radmacher: "Your point of view sets you up well in advance for how you view the events as they unfold."

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish – William Crawford; we pray for those who have died recently – William (Billy) O'Neill, (funeral 11.45am Monday 4th July), Danny Mahan (funeral 10.15am Wednesday 6th July), Dr. Leonard Goodchild (funeral 11.00am Tuesday 12th July), Martin Mulvey (funeral 1.00pm Wednesday 13th July), Patrick Pike, Willie McElhinney; we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time – Anna Tierney, Patrick Queenan, Charles Keogh, Danny McCarron, Sheila Connolly, Joseph Hogan;

Christian Stewardship:

Last week's collection amounted to £1,576. In addition we also receive approximately £1,900 in standing orders each month. The Peter's Pence collection for Papal charities amounted to £471.

Mary's Meals:

Mary's Meals is a charity that sets up school feeding programmes in communities where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education. This weekend they will be visiting St. Joseph's to collect any unwanted clothing and bedding (*but not duvets or pillows please*) – **deadline for donations 12 noon on Sunday**. Mary's Meals has a simple idea that works. They provide one daily meal in a place of learning in order to attract chronically hungry children into the classroom. The education they receive becomes their escape from poverty. They currently work in 13 countries including Malawi, Liberia, India, Kenya, Uganda, Thailand and Lebanon. Amazingly 3 full black sacks of good quality clothing will feed a child one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year! Thank you very much for all the donations already brought in during the week.

St Joseph's School Summer Fair:

St Joseph's Catholic School & Nursery Summer Fair, 3.15-6pm this Friday 8th July. With BBQ, pizza, International Foods, Pimms, ice cream, teas and cake stall, photo booth, animal petting, toys, 2nd hand uniform, tombolas, bouncy castles, balloon entertainer, face painting, arts and crafts, sports competitions and Grand Draw.

100 Club Results:

The June Draw for the 100 Club was held in the Monastery during the week. The number of entries was 117 and the winners were: £400 David Hogarth (164), £100 Carmel Dunne (79), £50 Christina Kennedy (95). A copy of the results may be obtained from the Parish office on request. The July draw will be held as usual in the last week of the month, and monthly subscriptions should be paid by Sunday 24th July. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

APF Red Boxes:

Would holders of *Missio* (APF) red collecting boxes who have not recently returned them please bring them in as soon as possible (or hand them in to the monastery during the week) so we can count them all together. If you completed a Gift Aid form please remember to fill in your details on the bottom of the box so that your donation can be identified.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham:

This year, to mark the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Diocese have organised a pilgrimage to Walsingham on the 9th of July – *next Saturday*. As there is a limit on the number of coaches the place can cater for, it has been agreed that St. Gabriel's Parish, Archway, and ourselves will just have the one coach between us. The coach will depart from St. Gabriel's church premises at 7am to arrive at Walsingham at 10am. The cost is £18.00. For further information please contact St. Gabriel's Parish office on 020 7272 8195 or Mary Aherne – 020 7263 9217.

Children's Summer Camps:

Bookings are being taken for the SVP John Bosco camps for boys (ages 8-13, weeks beginning 23rd & 30th July) and girls (ages 9-12, week beginning 6th August), near Colchester in Essex. Run with a Catholic ethos, these sports and activity based camps are especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. See porch notice-board or visit www.svpboscocamp.org.uk for details. Phone Eileen 020 7272 1263 if interested.

Tyburn Convent:

Monastic Afternoon at Tyburn Convent. Come and meet the Tyburn Nuns, find out what they do, and hear the story of the great Tyburn Martyrs. First Sunday of every month, 2 - 5.00pm. The next one is this Sunday afternoon, 3rd July, at Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place (on Bayswater Rd.) Tel: 020 7723 7262.

Passage Day Centre:

The Passage are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in our kitchen during our breakfast and lunch services for homeless people. Duties will include serving food and drink, helping to prep food, tidying and washing up. We are looking for regular weekly commitment, please get in touch volunteering@passage.org.uk or 020 7592 1863. Full details for these and other roles can be found on our website www.passage.org.uk/volunteering

Christmas Bazaar:

No, we haven't written off the summer despite the recent weather, just giving advance notice of the date for our annual Christmas Bazaar: **Saturday 19th November**, so you can get it into your diaries in good time!