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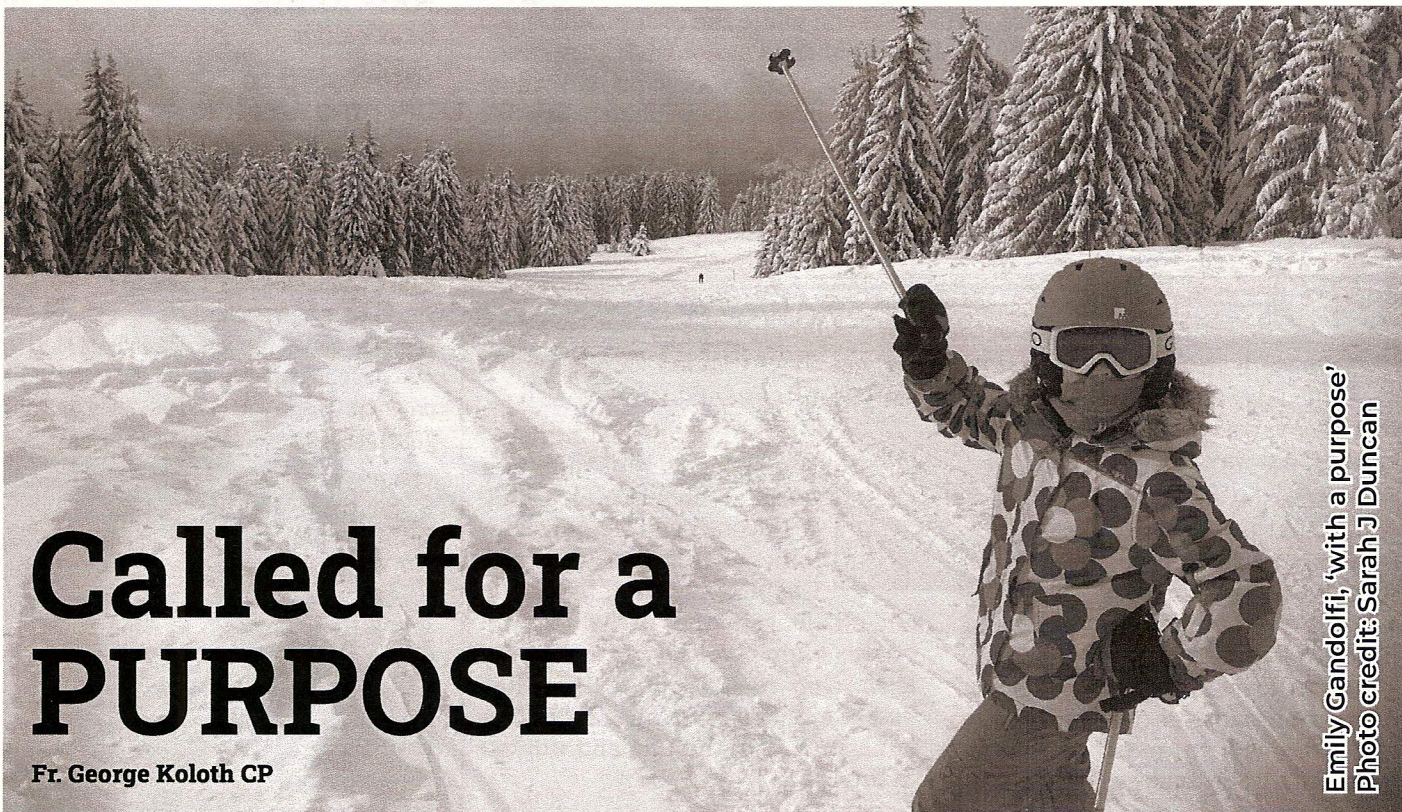
PARISH BULLETIN

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Called for a PURPOSE

Fr. George Koloth CP

Emily Gandolfi, 'with a purpose'
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The Ancient One: You're a man looking at the world through a keyhole. You've spent your whole life trying to widen that keyhole. To see more. To know more. And now on hearing that it can be widened, in ways you can't imagine, you reject the possibility.

Strange: No, I reject it because I do not believe in fairy tales about chakras or energy or the power of belief. There is no such thing as spirit! We are made of matter and nothing more. We're just another tiny, momentary speck in an indifferent universe.

The Ancient One: You think too little of yourself.

Movie: Doctor Strange (2016)

Isaiah covers three basic time periods of Israel — before, during, and after exile in Babylon. In the first reading for today, the Israelites are in Exile and the prophet has the most encouraging words for them; that God has chosen a servant to bring them out of exile in Babylon. Today, in our Christian context, we understand that the person of whom Isaiah is speaking is Jesus. The servant tells us that God has called him since the beginning — and God did this so that Israel can become the light to the nations that God intended them to become all along and so that salvation

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can reach the ends of the earth. God had no intention of saving Israel for Israel's sake. God is saving Israel for the sake of the world.

We are called to be God's servants. God has called us all to bless the world. God does not call people for their own personal benefit. God calls us to benefit others. This means that if there is anyone suffering, we are called to help. It means that if injustice exists anywhere in the world, God has called us to stand against it. It means our purpose is not fulfilled until all people live into the life that God has for them. Hence, I will be coming before you next few weeks with certain requests and invitations! To serve Him and all His children!

- What might God be calling us, as individuals, to do in the world we encounter on a daily basis?
- Assuming that Israel apparently did not do a very good job fulfilling its purpose, how are we doing at this task and why?
- What limitations might come with only having the ability to believe in ourselves?
- To what degree do some followers of Jesus, think God cannot do certain things or reach certain types of people and why?



The Passionist Community has been sharing the Catholic Faith and serving the community in Highgate for more than 160 years, while the order itself is 300 years old this year. As part of our celebration of the Passionist Tricentenary, we would like to hear from our parishioners about your own individual journeys of Faith as well as memories and anecdotes about Parish life. We want this year to be a celebration of the whole Community. So, if you have a story, however short, we really want to hear it. Please contact Fr George, for more information or email Cheryl at felicitymaynard@hotmail.com.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

Our Mission is to serve God and His people of St. Joseph's Catholic Parish by assisting the Priests at Holy Mass and at other liturgical celebrations to bring the ultimate spiritual experience to each parishioner attending.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Interested to become an altar server?

Our new altar server training program begins in March. If your child has completed his/her First Communion, we encourage you to fill out an application.

Our altar server trainers will contact you with more information about our training program. Thank you and your child for your generosity in considering this ministry.

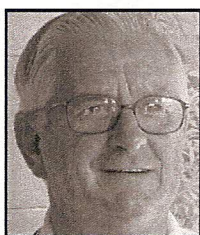


In Memoriam - Fr. Ray Brain, CP

If I were to try to sum up Ray, I would say that two values stood out in exceptional ways.

Firstly, he was strongly committed to the Passionist Community, and much of his energy and efforts were always directed to the community and its overall good. He was practical, attentive, loyal and hard-working in his commitment to the community and attended to many mundane tasks with solid energy and consistent effort.

Secondly, Ray was deeply committed to, and close to, his family. He often recounted small snippets of conversations he could remember with his father or mother, and often retold the advice he had first heard from their lips. All through his life Ray remained close to each of his five sisters and two brothers and to



the extended family of his nieces and nephews.

In terms of his ministry, Ray spent a lot of time as a hospital chaplain, working with youth and school chaplaincy, working as a "street Chaplin" in one of the needy and challenged areas of Sydney, and he was often involved in community leadership roles. Over his life, Ray had worked in Australia, New Zealand, studied in the USA and worked in the UK.

He was a kindly confessor, a confidante and a very hospitable host.

He had his foibles as we all do, and he will be remembered often in story times, but more importantly, he will be remembered with true and deep affection.

May he rest in peace.

Fr. Denis Travers, CP



PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

Our next Pre-Marriage Course will take place on Saturday 29 February. The course is open to all who are planning to get married during 2020. These couples need not be members of this parish or plan to marry here. Application forms can be obtained from Elizabeth, at lizzie@eidinow.co.uk



We can't exist without the generosity of the people that call Holy Joes home. When we give generously, we share in the true nature of God's abundant love. Last week's collection amounted to £1,500. In addition, we receive an average of over £900 per week in standing orders. Thank you very much.

MASSSES

Sunday (7pm Saturday) 8am, 10am
12noon, 1.30pm (Polish), 7pm
Holidays 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)

PRAY

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish
Julie Loh

We pray for those who have died recently.

Fr. Ray Brain CP

Patricia Clare Chamberlain

(funeral 11.00am Wednesday 22 January)

Ann Shears

(funeral 1.00pm Wednesday 29 January)

Joyce Oparah

(funeral 12.00 noon Friday 7 February)

Daniel Kane

Anastasia Doherty

Angela Lanel

REMEMBER

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Sr. Siobhan Shelley CP
Sr. Helen McChesney OSA
Kathleen O'Sullivan
Jessica Jacob
Hannah Kyne
Patricia O'Keefe
Mary & Rose Gardiner
Maureen & John Hctor
Jeremiah Harrington
Catherine Harrington
Matty Ryan

The January draw will take place in the last week of the month. Please send subscriptions by Sunday 26

January. A gentle reminder for those who pay annual or six-monthly that it is the start of a new year. Thank you for your continued support.

