



# ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHGATE

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## P A R I S H B U L L E T I N

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Fr. George Koloth CP

**W**e often hear this passage as a command. "Go be salt and light." We act as if there are things we have to do to become salt and light. But that is not what Jesus is saying. Jesus says, "You ARE the salt of the earth; You ARE the light of the world." It is already true. It makes me think of when God makes woman and man, and says, "this is very good." There is something about the way God makes us that already instils in us these qualities to be salt and light. Perhaps Jesus talks about this to encourage us to add our salt and light to the world and not keep it hidden.

In the final section of this passage, Jesus talks about the importance of the law. It is always a challenging passage because we have fairly negative perceptions of the law and the Pharisees. And certainly, Jesus critiques the religious leaders of his time who were corrupt. However, they were not all corrupt, but rather many had a very positive impact on 1st century Judaism.

Ultimately, as I read through this passage, I am encouraged. There is a sense that Jesus wants us to know that his coming did not make things any

easier. Jesus expects a lot from people. At the same time, the things Jesus expects are doable because we already are salt and light. We simply must find our way to it and share it with the world.

### PRAYER

- Lord, where we have not brought zest to the life of others,
- you tell us to be as salt.
- Where we have not brought light to the dark places,
- you tell us to be as light.
- Where we have drained the joy out of following your law,
- you say you have come to fulfil the law.
- Forgive our blandness, our dimness, and our dullness, and awaken within our lives your joy, your brightness, and your spiriting presence. Amen.

### BLESSING

As we leave from this place:  
Take with you courage to live creatively, as children of the Creator; take light to see by and to draw others to Christ. And take the ever-accompanying Spirit that adds zest and meaning to every encounter you have. God will be with you. Amen.

## PRAY

We pray for those who died recently.

✕ **Arthur Whitehead (Larry)**

(Funeral 1 pm Thursday  
13th February)

✕ **Joyce Oparah**

✕ **Patrick Walsh**

## REMEMBER

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time

**John Fear**

**Ilia-Monica Stergides**

**Nora & Daniel Curran**

**Eileen Pittman**

**Brendan Brunkeo**

**Albert Kelly**



## MASSES

**SUNDAY** (Saturday 7pm)

8am, 10am, 12pm, 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)



**W**e 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 £1,366. Thank you very much.





## St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Highgate Hill – London



Fr. George Visits Year 3

### The Beatitudes

This half term, the children are learning about The Beatitudes. Fr. George told the children that 'Beatitudes' is from the Latin word for 'blessing'. He also told them that this piece of scripture has this name because it comes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, where he gave lots of blessings upon the people before him. Finally, Fr. George helped the children come up with some ideas on how they can 'live' The Beatitudes in their lives today. We talked about how we can show gratitude, thoughtfulness and kindness at home and at school.

Thank you Fr. George for coming to visit us and help us in our learning.

*Emma Cousins, Assistant Headteacher*

### Do You Feel Called To Serve?

#### SACRAMENTAL OUTREACH MINISTRY

*"Whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*



The Sacramental Outreach Ministry invites new members who love the Holy Eucharist to serve His people. As Sacramental Outreach Ministers we are entrusted and privileged to bring the 'living' Christ (Holy Communion) into the lives of those who can no longer attend Mass. This is a beautiful and fulfilling way to share our faith with our parish community while serving the Lord. If you believe that God is calling you to serve in a very special and extra-ordinary way or you have questions, please contact us at [joseph.highgate@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.highgate@gmail.com)

*'God blesses those who have found their ministry.'*  
*This may be yours!*



### Jubilee Inaugural Mass

This is the Jubilee Year for us! As part of the ongoing Tricentenary Jubilee Celebration of the Passionists, we celebrate the Solemn Commemoration of the Passion over the weekend of Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 February 2020. It is celebrated each year on the Friday before Ash Wednesday. This feast, instituted by St. Paul of the Cross, is a joyful celebration of the mystery of Good Friday focusing on the Passion as "the most overwhelming sign of God's love." (St. Paul of the Cross)

Passionist Bishop Vincent Strambi writes, "Happy is the person who reflects on the lifegiving passion of our Lord. He will be humble, trustful, thankful, and loving towards Jesus who is our justice, our sanctification, and our redemption."

### Save THE Date



#### PRE-MARRIAGE COURSE

Sat | February | 29  
[lizzie@eidinow.co.uk](mailto:lizzie@eidinow.co.uk)

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

#### Joint Session

Thu | March | 12 | 7.30 pm  
Red Room

PASTORAL VISITATION SAT - 21  
SUN - 22  
Bp. Nicholas Hudson MARCH

#### Healing Mass for the Homebound

Sat | March | 21 | 2.30pm  
[joseph.highgate@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.highgate@gmail.com)

### FAMILY Club Holiday February Half Term

Volunteers Needed!

On Tuesday 18th February, from 11am-2pm Caritas Westminster will be running the Blessed Sacrament Family Holiday Club. The club will include lots of fun activities for families to enjoy, followed by a hot nutritious lunch and food to take home and cook together, all for free. Caritas launched their clubs very successfully in October 2019, serving over 400 meals to families. However, Caritas rely on volunteers to make the clubs happen, so to make sure they can run again in February they really need your help! If you would be able to volunteer on Tuesday 18th February, between 9am-3pm at Blessed Sacrament Primary School (N10UF) to support with kids activities, admin, or cooking the lunch **please email [cfc@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cfc@rcdow.org.uk) or call 020 7931 6077** to let us know. You can also get in touch if you would like to attend the club with your children.



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