

# ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHGATE

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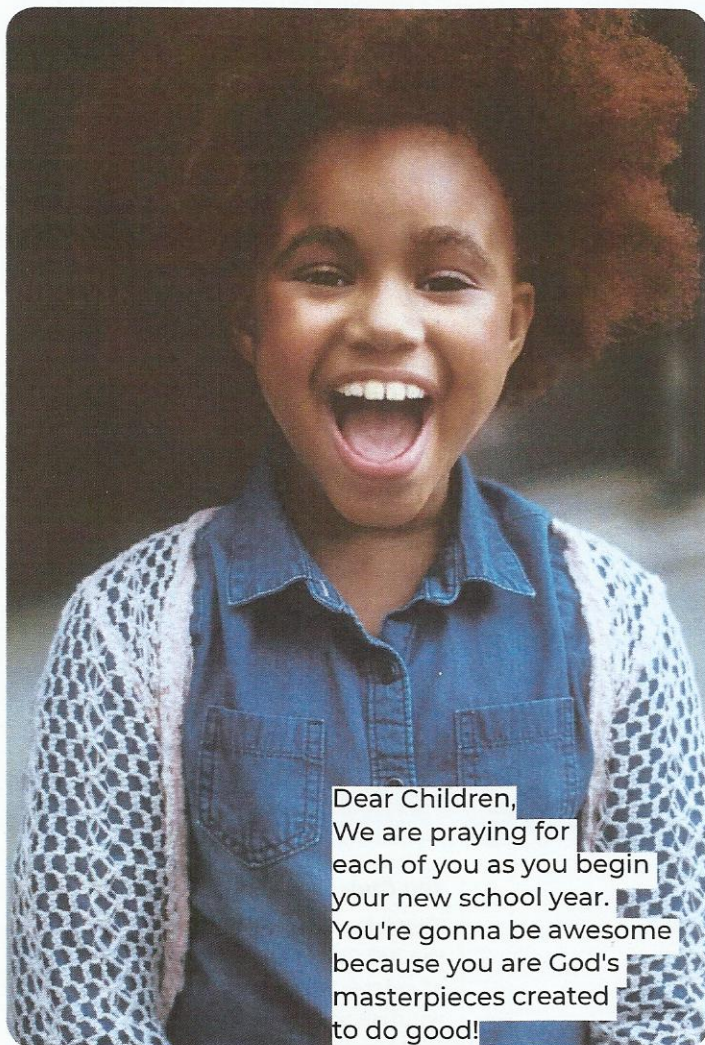
## P A R I S H B U L L E T I N

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Dear Children,  
We are praying for  
each of you as you begin  
your new school year.  
You're gonna be awesome  
because you are God's  
masterpieces created  
to do good!



## A PRAYER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

At the start of the school year,  
we are beginning something new  
New things can be exciting  
New things can be scary  
New things can be wonderful  
New things can be confusing  
God, you are always with us  
You are with us when things are exciting,  
or scary, or wonderful or confusing  
You are with us every day and all the time.  
God, please help us feel your presence with us  
on the first day of school and every day. Amen

-Traci Smith 2020

## For all Our Teachers, I offer this prayer to encourage and strengthen you in these uncertain times:

God, we give thanks for all our teachers,  
for the way in which they give of themselves each day in the classroom,  
serving and instructing the next generation.  
Fill their hearts with courage  
by your mighty Spirit.  
Fill them with your strength,  
that they may rise to every challenge and not grow weary.  
Fill them with your wisdom,  
that they may guide their students with patience and good judgment.  
Fill them with your peace,  
so that when stress and anxiety come,  
it would not overwhelm them.  
Fill them with your joy,  
so that the passion they bring to  
their vocation  
may inspire all with whom they work. Amen.





## Our Parish, Our Responsibility

Last week, we talked about our role as Stewards of St Joseph's with shared responsibility for its continuity and upkeep and a duty to pass it on to future generations. As a follow up, we are pleased to provide you with further information.

Standing Order is the best way to support our parish. It improves the regularity and consistency of church income, minimises the security risks involved in weekly cash banking, cuts stationery costs (dated envelope sets are expensive to buy), helps the church to budget and manage its finances more effectively and bank statements provide an independent audit trail for HMRC and the auditors. You can set up a Standing Order via

- (i) telephone call to your bank,
- (ii) online through your bank account, or
- (iii) completing the attached Standing Order Form.

The parish bank account details are

Allied Irish Bank, Account Name: St Joseph's Parish  
Account Number: 87010100, Sort Code: 23-83-98

Please remember to enter your name in the reference box so that we know who made the contribution.

If you do not have online access, you can still give by Standing Order. Please complete the attached Standing Order form and take it to your bank.

You can make your contribution go even further through Gift Aid. If you are a taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donation. The government will top up your gift by 25 per cent, meaning we receive an extra 25p for every £1 that you give, at no cost to you. A Gift Aid Declaration Form is attached for your convenience. Please complete the form and return it to a member of the Finance Committee next weekend. The Gift Aid Scheme does not apply to parishioners who do

not pay Income Tax, in which case you should not make a Gift Aid declaration.

For those who wish to give via Planned Giving Envelopes, the envelopes will be distributed next weekend.

Members of the parish Finance Committee will be on hand after every Mass over the first two weekends of September (September 5th/6th and 12th/13th). They will provide assistance, collect the completed forms and address any questions.



- To all our parishioners, for faithfully attending Mass and participating in the spiritual life of our parish.
- To our many volunteers, who use their energy, time, skills and talents to complete all the important roles that are integral to the life of our parish.
- To our regular givers, for ensuring we maintain and grow our parish mission, handing our parish on to the next generation in even better condition than when we received it.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity.

Fr George and the Parish Finance Committee

**Dominic Barberi**

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.



We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, Pray for us.  
Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for us.  
Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for us.

## BOOKING YOUR PLACE AT MASS

Booking a place is easy! Please click on the following link and choose a Mass time: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/highgate/events/> A link is also available via the parish website.



## Christian Stewardship

Last week's collection

amounted to £810. In addition to that we receive an average of over £900 per week in standing orders. Thank you very much for your continuing generosity in support of your Parish.



**Pray**

- + Miss Consuelo Neira
- + Bartholomew Theodore
- + Agnes Marchessou
- + Michael Kennedy

## 100 Club Results

The delayed May Draw for the 100 Club. The number of entries was 112 and the winners were: £400 John Hedderson (103), £100 Sandra Fritzsche (82), £50 The Young Family (48). We will be catching up over the coming weeks with the outstanding draws which have not been held during lockdown.



Let's get smart!

Holy and Eternal God, you have called us to be faithful in following in the way of Christ. We are confounded by his holy paradox of finding life by giving our own lives away. Although we understand this call of Christ, so often we are reticent to follow it. We confess that we hold on to life as if it were our own and we avoid suffering as if it might bring us shame. Strengthen us as we commit ourselves once again to Christ's call of discipleship; loving and serving this world in his name. Amen.