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The Sunday of The Word of God

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"May the Sunday of the Word of God help his people to grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the sacred scriptures."

-Pope Francis

In his Apostolic Letter in the form of a Motu Proprio, "Aperuit illis", Pope Francis writes; "I hereby declare that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God." The pope underscores how we "urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his Word and to break bread in the community of believers." "For this reason," he says "we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness." The relationship between the risen Lord, the community of believers and Sacred Scripture, Pope Francis states, "is essential" to our identity as Christians.

"Without the Lord who opens our minds to them, it is impossible to understand the Scriptures in depth. Yet the contrary is equally true: without the Scriptures, the events of the mission of Jesus and of his Church in this world would remain incomprehensible. Hence," the Jesuit Pontiff noted, "St. Jerome could rightly claim: 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.' Francis goes on to suggest that "pastors can also find ways of giving a Bible, or one of its Books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with the Sacred Scripture, especially through the practice of 'lectio divina'.



LECTIO DIVINA REFLECTION

A lectio divina is a way of listening to Scripture and God's Word to us within it. The text is read slowly several times, with a guided emphasis for people to follow during each reading. If your group is larger, form people into smaller groups of four, arranged in circles.

■ Step One: **Silencio**

Ask people to share their current fear(s) with their group. Give the groups 8 minutes (approx. 2 minutes/person) to share – and provide a one-minute-notice to help them finish their sharing. Encourage people to simply listen to what is shared, with no need to comment or fix anyone's fear.

Invite people to listen to the text as it is read four times, slowly. Provide the following instructions (in italics)

■ Step Two: **Lectio**

First reading: *As you listen to this scripture, pay attention to the word or phrase that catches your attention. After the text is read, take a minute of silence*

to meditate on the word or phrase. Then speak your word/phrase out loud in your group.

■ Step Three: **Meditatio**

Second reading: *As you listen to the Scripture, consider what connection this word or phrase has to do with your life. What people, situations, thoughts, feelings come to mind? After the text is read, take a minute of silence to gather your thoughts. Share your thoughts with your group.*

■ Step Four: **Oratio**

Third reading: *As you listen to the Scripture, what do sense God might be saying to you? After the text is read, take a minute of silence to listen to God. Share what you hear with your group.*

■ Step Five: **Contemplatio**

Fourth reading: *As you listen to the Scripture, what might you have to say to God? After the text is read, take two minutes to share your thoughts with God, and then rest in God's presence. Share any reflections with your group.*



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 their own individual journeys of Faith as well as memories and anecdotes about Parish life. We want this year to be a real 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.

LECTOR MINISTRY

"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation." -Mark16:15

Our Lord invites us to share His Good News with others. There are a myriad of ways in which we can do this in our daily lives! One beautiful and selfless way of keeping this command is by proclaiming the Word of God, which is "living and active" (Heb.4:12) in the Sunday and Weekday Assembly of our Church. As we usher in a new year celebrating the Year of the Word of God, we invite you to consider becoming part of the Lector Ministry at our parish. It is a grace-filled way to deepen your own relationship with God through His Word, and to share this relationship with others.

If you believe you may be called to this ministry or if you have any questions, please contact joseph.highgate@gmail.com



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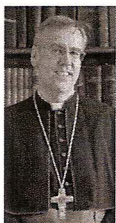
**NEXT SUNDAY AFTER 10AM MASS
IN RED ROOM**

Welcome, educate and answer visitor questions. Get connected and belong to Holy Joes.

JOINT SESSION

THURSDAY, 12 MARCH - 7:30PM

Joint Session for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers.



Rt. Rev. Nicholas Hudson,
Auxiliary Bishop of
Westminster at Holy
Joes, over the weekend
of **SATURDAY 21ST AND
SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2020**
on Pastoral Visitation.

ALTAR SERVERS

**ON FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 7, 2020,
5.45PM - 7.45PM**

Location: FABRIZIO, N19 5NL
Please be sure to RSVP to Andrew at
scottandrew825@yahoo.com
by February 3, 2020.



Fail not our Feast

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. They need not be members of this parish or planning to be married here. Application forms can be obtained from Elizabeth, at lizzie@eidinow.co.uk

MASSES

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)**

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, available in the porch. 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.

PRAY

We pray for
those who have
died recently.

- ✠ Ann Shears
(funeral 1.00pm Wednesday
29th January)
- ✠ Joyce Oparah
(funeral 12.00 noon Friday
7th February),
- ✠ Patricia Chamberlain
- ✠ Johnny Doherty



REMEMBER

We remember those whose
anniversaries occur at this time

- ▶ Fr. Colum Devine CP
- ▶ Clare Fruin
- ▶ Dudley Fox,
- ▶ Edmund Kolibabka
(Dr Kali Collie)
- ▶ Denis McGarry
- ▶ Paddy Healy
- ▶ Patrick McCrohan
- ▶ Joseph O'Dea

*Thank
you!*



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 £1,245. Thank you very much.