



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)

20th May 2018 – Feast of Pentecost

NEW DATA REGULATIONS

While everybody has been apparently getting ready for the two big matches today – the one in Windsor and the one in Wembley, I'm afraid a lot of my week has been spent in getting ready for an entirely different event – the new Data Protection regulations! How exciting is that! Why would I be spending so much time on them? Because, despite what I was originally inclined to expect, they affect quite a broad range of elements of Parish life – from baptisms to funerals, and much else in between.

Let me make clear from the outset that we have always adhered to the spirit of the new regulations even before they became law – we never share, much less sell, any information we have concerning the people of the parish. All information is used only for the purposes for which it was originally obtained, and is only shared with people who need to know. Most of the information we have is in the form of registers – baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals – or else lists for specific purposes – eg. people involved in various ministries; people in sacramental preparation programs – first communion, confirmation, marriage preparation; people who support the parish through standing orders; people who gift-aid their donations; people who are contributing to Growing in Faith; parish council; various volunteers, etc.

Many of these lists are of a temporary nature – eg. first communion classes – or are being constantly amended – eg. new Eucharistic ministers or readers. In the past, once they became out-of-date they tended to be just put aside – from now on we will have to make sure all copies of redundant information are destroyed. That means paper and computer. We are still awaiting some clarifications on these matters, but be assured it is our intention to be fully compliant as soon as possible.

One of the principle ways in which you're likely to be aware of changed times is if you come looking for a baptism or wedding certificate. From now on we will not be able to issue such certificates unless we receive proof that the person seeking the certificate is entitled to the information. Obviously if it's a recent event it's not likely to be a problem, but if it's from the past – eg. needing a baptism certificate for getting married – and you're not known by present staff here, then one has to produce proof of identity, and if one wants the certificate posted, then additionally proof of residence. (A bit like opening a bank account!)

You are likely over the next while to be seeing updated versions of all our forms, with tick boxes asking you to confirm that you are aware of our privacy policy. Additionally, any staff or volunteers who are possibly going to have access to anybody else's information – eg. bringing communion to the sick; having the emails of other volunteers, etc. – will have to sign a confidentiality agreement.

You can appreciate that this is going to be a rather steep learning curve for us all here. I do ask you to be patient with us. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us, and we will do our very best to help in any way we can. Our intentions are the very best, and our hearts are in the right place, but we are human, and so mistakes are possible. A good job the Holy Spirit is coming this week-end – we're obviously going to need a lot of wisdom and knowledge and understanding, etc.

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We pray for those who have died recently – May Miranda, Mamie Bourke, Jean Willis; **we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Joaquim Lobo, Carmel Morris, Michael Whelton, Michael Traynor, Denis Rooney, Patrick Pender, Norah Keogh, Mary Hawkins (née Deeley).

Shared International Lunch:

To celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the Catholic Church's birthday, our Parish is organising a Shared International Lunch on **THIS** Sunday, 20th May, at 1pm in the Red Room – and spilling out to the lawn at the back of the monastery. (Be sure to have your sun-cream with you!) This is our second year to celebrate Pentecost in this way. Our celebration is designed to encourage people to build up a real sense of community in our Parish, by getting to know, and mix with, particularly the many new people who are constantly joining our parish. If you were one of the lucky ones who managed to be here for the celebration last year you will remember what a wonderful success it was, and what an amazing variety of food was contributed. All parishioners, (and visitors), longstanding or newly arrived, young or old, are invited to come along and, if possible, contribute a traditional dish from your country of origin, and/or some drinks (but not in large quantities). Please note that, once here, you will only be able to warm up, not cook the food.

Fr. Christopher:

Just to keep you up-to-date with his present condition - Fr. Christopher is now back in Nazareth House in East Finchley. He continues to make good progress, and is in good spirits but is still rather weak and is having significant difficulties in eating. (Despite that, we were very pleased to have him with us for lunch last Sunday!) Please keep him in your prayers. Thank you.

Christian Stewardship:

Last week's collection amounted to £1,391. In addition to that we receive an average of over £900 per week in standing orders. We very much appreciate your outstanding generosity.

Sistine Chapel Choir at Westminster Cathedral:

The Sistine Chapel Choir, Holy Father's personal choir, performs a sacred choral music concert from the repertoire they sing in the Vatican on Saturday 26th May 2018 at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral. The concert will last an hour, and is free of charge (no tickets required). Come and experience this world-famous choir singing in the beautiful setting of Westminster Cathedral. All are welcome.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery:

If your child is 3 years old or will be turning 3 in the Autumn Term, apply now for the school nursery. The school is both Ofsted & Diocese rated 'outstanding' and has an ethos based on Faith, Community and a true partnership between school, our church and the families of the children who attend. The school is totally committed to the development of each child, to offer them the very best start to their formal education and to support their faith. The school offers full time nursery places 8:40-3:15 and with the option (subject to availability) of additional breakfast club (£3) from 8am and after school care (£10) until 6pm. Applications are available on the website - www.st-josephs.islington.sch.uk; or contact the school office for further information Tel: 0207 272 1270

Adoremus – National Eucharistic Congress:

The largest gathering of Catholics in England since the 2010 papal visit takes place in Liverpool this September. We unite in worship of Our Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, with the aim of promoting Eucharistic Adoration, where so many people have experienced the love and presence of Jesus. You are invited to Liverpool on Saturday, 8 and/or Sunday, 9 September. Saturday, in the Echo Arena, is the highlight of the Congress. Bishop Robert Barron, known to millions on social Media, will address the Congress; Cardinal Nichols will give a reflection and lead us in Adoration and Benediction. (There is a fee of £40 for the Saturday to cover the costs of the Congress.) On the Sunday there are Masses in the Metropolitan Cathedral and a large outdoor Blessed Sacrament procession. Many other events and a Youth Congress will supplement the official programme. You may wish to stay in Liverpool overnight. Although it will be a long day, the Saturday programme is planned to permit people to travel for the day. While coaches are cheaper, trains are much quicker – cheaper train tickets (subject to availability) go on sale 12 weeks before travel. For a booking form, please contact adoremus@rcdow.org.uk or 07738 183829. Tickets are available through the Diocese until 31 May.

100 Club:

The May draw for the 100 Club will take place during the week. Any members who haven't yet handed in their subscriptions are asked to do so as soon as possible. Thanks to all who support the parish in this way.

APF Red Boxes:

Holders of *Missio* (APF) red collecting boxes are asked to bring them in next Sunday, or hand them in to the monastery during the week. Please remember to fill in your details on the bottom of the box so that your donation can be identified. Please ask for a new box, available from the Sacristy.