

# 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)

## 16th April 2017 – Easter Sunday



May the celebration of Resurrected Life bring new hope to your being.

May the victory over death turn your eyes to the promises of heaven.

May the empty tomb help you to leave your sorrows at the foot of the cross.

So that God's hope, promises and forgiveness reign in your life forever.

Blessings and Prayers of Easter Kope and Joy.

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We pray for those who have died recently – Fr. Charles Owen CP, Heidi Corsi, Jim Cahir, Mary Bernadette Phelan; and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time – Fr. Hubert Condron CP, Anne Gorman, Janina & Slavomir Galezovski, Mary Ann Blossom.

## Fr. Charles Owen R.I.P.:

Many of you will know by now, but sadly last Saturday evening, 8<sup>th</sup> April, Fr. Charles was called home to the Lord. In the latter stages of his illness he achieved a great peace of mind and resignation to the Lord's will for him. His passing was very gentle and peaceful.

The funeral arrangements are as follows: his remains will be received into our church in Herne Bay on Thursday evening next, 20<sup>th</sup> April, at 6.00 pm. The funeral mass will be at 12 noon the following day, Friday, with burial immediately afterwards.

For the benefit of the many people who knew and loved Fr. Charles during his very long service in this Parish we have organised to have his month's mind mass here at 6.30pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The principal celebrant will be Fr. John Kearns C.P., Provincial of St. Joseph's Province of the Passionists.

A few people have asked about the possibility of a coach being organised for those who wished to go to the funeral. We have given it some thought, and wonder how practical this might be. As you may be aware, the church in Herne Bay is quite small, so after a long journey there is no guarantee that people would get in. In addition we have no idea how many would avail of a coach, hence making it unpredictable with regard to cost per person. There is now a frequent and speedy train service from St. Pancras, with reasonably priced day return tickets – thus giving people more freedom to decide how much time they would like to spend there. All that being said, if someone wishes to organise a coach we will happily provide them with every support of our facilities here.

Those who may wish to send messages of condolence should address them to Fr. Mark C.P., The Retreat, Sea Street, Herne Bay, CT6 8SP.

## **Bank Holiday:**

Easter Monday is a bank holiday so there will only be one Mass, at 9.30am.

## St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Nursery Places:

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014 they can start in our Nursery Class in September 2017 and we offer FREE full time nursery places 8:55-3:15. Please complete an application which - downloadable from our website (the Supplementary Information Form (SIF)) - and if you are applying for a Catholic place, please also complete the priest reference. If this is the case we will also require sight of original Baptismal Certificate and for all applicants the original Birth Certificate which can be dropped in directly to the school office. Forms, Admissions Policy and criteria for offering places at the school, are available to download on the website. http://www.st-josephs.islington.sch.uk/admissions-2017-2018/

#### **Parish Stewardship Drive:**

A most sincere thank you to you all who participated in our recent Parish Stewardship Drive. It is too early yet to realistically assess its effectiveness, but the early indications are very positive. As soon as we can after Easter we will bring you up-to-date information.

## **Christian Stewardship:**

Last week's collection amounted to £1,670. In addition we also receive approximately £1,900 in standing orders each month.

## **Planned Giving Boxes:**

We are now into a new tax year, so the planned-giving boxes for 2017-2018 come into operation. If you haven't already done so, we invite you to collect your new boxes of envelopes as soon as possible.

## **Prayer Groups:**

The Christian Meditation Group will not meet over the Easter period. The group will resume on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The Charismatic Prayer Group will resume meetings 7.30 pm Tuesday 25th April.

The Parish Team & Community of St. Joseph's Wish all our Parishioners and visitors to St. Joseph's A very happy Easter Season.

May the Risen Lord fill your hearts and homes

With love, joy and peace.