



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)

27th March 2016 – Easter Sunday The Lord has Truly Risen!



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

We pray for those who have died recently – Michael John Barrett (funeral 11.30am Monday 11th April), Hughie D’Arcy; **we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Beryl Macauley, Ralph Bates, Joan Saunders, Angela Borzoni, Conor Finnegan, Pat Nevin, Mary Kelly, John Kelly, Eddie McNern, Colin Lagan.

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Coffee Morning:

The next of our monthly Coffee Mornings will be taking place next Sunday, April 3rd, immediately after the 10 o’clock Mass. Please come along and take the time to meet with your fellow-parishioners.

Christian Stewardship:

Last week’s collection amounted to £1,741. In addition we also receive over £1900 in standing orders each month. We really do appreciate your continuing generosity.

Lenten Project:

Our Parish Lenten Project in aid of Fr. Rick’s work in Haiti, and the Cardinal Hume Centre in London concluded last Sunday. The total raised, between exit collections and the wall-boxes at the back of the church, was £4,118. On their behalf I thank you for your generosity, particularly in such difficult times.

Planned Giving Boxes:

Quite a few people have not yet picked up their planned giving boxes for the new tax year, beginning in just over a weeks time. They can be picked up today or during this coming week after any of the masses – simply ask someone in the sacristy. If you haven’t had a box before but would like to start now, then please fill in the appropriate form and you will be assigned a box number.

Do You Gift-Aid?

The value of your donation can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself, simply by Gift-Aiding it – if you are a tax-payer. The Parish learns nothing about your private financial affairs. The average weekly collection, between plate and standing orders, is approximately £2000 a week. If only half of that was Gift-Aided, it would mean an extra £250 a week, or £13,000 a year, to Parish funds. We are genuinely grateful to those who have been Gift-Aiding. If you haven’t been doing so already, and are in a position to Gift-Aid, perhaps you might think of doing so now. Forms are available from the office, or contact Fr. Pat by email. PS – thanks to all the new people who have signed up over the last few weeks.

Prayer Groups:

The **Charismatic Prayer Group** will not be meeting during the Easter period. Wishing you a Happy Easter. Meetings resume 7.30 pm. on Tuesday 5th April. Everyone welcome.

The **Christian Meditation Group** will not meet over Easter. The next meeting will be on Friday 8th April at 8.00pm.

100 Club:

The March draw for the 100 Club will take place during the week. Would any members and agents who have not yet handed in their subscriptions please do so as soon as possible. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

Planning your children’s Easter Break?:

Premier Sport (Ofsted registered) will be running a holiday camp for 4 – 12 year olds at **St Joseph’s Primary School, Highgate Hill, N19** during the Easter holiday’s - Tuesday 29th March until Friday 1st April and Monday 4th April until Thursday 7th April. Half Day, £12.95 : 9.00am – 12.30pm, Regular Day, £19.95 : 9.00am – 3.30pm, Extended Day, £24.95 : 8.30am – 4.30pm. You can book **individual days** as required. Further information or to book on-line please visit www.premiersport.org or for any other queries please call or email Alexandra Smart **m:07824139604| t:02037403378| e:asmart@premier-education.com**.

Updates: *(Repeated from last week.)*

To keep you up to date on the works in the Church. The roof-work is almost completed –still one small leak in the Lady Chapel, and as this is easily accessible we expect it to be sorted out shortly. With regard to the first stage of the painting, I’m expecting the tender papers to be ready soon for sending out to seek tenders. At present it doesn’t seem too unrealistic to hope that the work will be done by late summer/early autumn.

With regard to Growing in Faith, people have remained very faithful to their pledges, and there is a steady flow into our account. To date just over £69,000 has been contributed, from the £207,506 pledged – which is well ahead of schedule, as we’ve just reached the quarter-way stage of the 5-year campaign. (Remember also that both those figures are almost entirely gift-aided, thus increasing their values by almost 25%.) So thank you once again for your continuing generosity in supporting your Parish.