



# 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)

## 7th February 2016 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Lent Already??

At times I can get a little concerned about the amount of money that is required to make our church once again a truly beautiful and worthy place to celebrate God's love for us, and to come together as a Christian community to express our praise and thanks, and to pray for the needs of the world. (Don't panic – this is not the beginning of another campaign to raise funds!) I am acutely aware that people are more important than buildings, and that there are a lot of people in our world seriously in need of our support. Food and housing are among the basic needs of people. I'm not being either facetious or simplistic when I suggest that we remember Paul's use of the image of a person as representing what the Church should truly be; a person made up of many members, some being the hands, some the feet; others the eyes or ears or whatever. And that person too needs to be fed and sheltered – fed with the Word of God and with His Body and Blood; and coming together in an environment conducive to their growth as a Christian people.

I think it's fair to say that as a Parish we are not doing too badly in trying to get that balance right. Of the approximately £250,000 that is being raised by the Growing in Faith Campaign, £50,000 of that is going to Caritas projects in the Diocese, particularly in trying to combat female slavery. In addition to that you contributed £7,050 last year to the 'local poor', which is used to give food to people who come asking to our door, and to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul and the drop-in centre. In addition you've contributed £6036 in support the work of Fr. Rick in Haiti, and £1750 in support of the Cardinal Hume Centre here in London. And all of that is not to mention all the 'special' exit collections that take place throughout the year. I don't want to encourage complacency, but all that represents a very generous support of those in need of our help.

All this is in a sense reminding you of our custom of recent years of encouraging people to do something positive for Lent, and particularly suggesting support of our two special projects – Fr. Rick's work in Haiti especially his care of children in hospital and schools; and the Cardinal Hume centre which you will be hearing more about this week-end. So our prayer is that this season of Lent, beginning this coming Wednesday, will be a time of great graces for you and your families, and a time of great support for those most in need.

### Sr. Helen McChesney R.I.P

Just a reminder that the funeral of Sr. Helen will be taking place here on Tuesday at 12.30pm. We extend to her family our sincere condolences on the loss of a much loved sister and aunt. We also remember in our prayers at this time her companion in religion, Sr. Christopher, and pray that she will feel the genuine concern that people have for her welfare as she faces the future without Sr. Helen, and that the Lord will strengthen and comfort her at this time. Since last week's bulletin we have managed to locate a more recent photo of Sr. Helen, and I'm sure many of you will now recognise her as one you have seen, but maybe have not known her name, as she went quietly about doing the Lord's work around the Parish.



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**We pray for those who have died recently** – Sr. Helen McChesney OSA (funeral 12.30pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February), Raymond Hogan, George Earley, William & John Kelly, Anne Woods; **and we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Bridie O'Donnell, Agnes Dorothy Hewitt, William Hewitt, Rachel Gibson, Julie Devers, Annie O'Donoghue.

### **Coffee Morning:**

Our Confirmation candidates would like to invite you to a coffee morning and cake sale after the 10.00am Mass this Sunday. They will be fundraising for our usual Lent charities, Fr. Rick's mission in Haiti, and the Cardinal Hume Centre here in London. All donations welcome (cakes or cash). They will also be selling cakes after the 12.00 and 7.00pm Masses.

### **Ash Wednesday:**

This Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the usual weekday Masses at 9.30am and 6.30pm. There is an additional Mass at 11.15am, to facilitate the attendance of school pupils, but others are welcome to attend.

### **Christian Stewardship:**

Last week's collection amounted to £1,595. In addition we also receive over £1900 in standing orders each month. We really do appreciate your continuing generosity.

### **Stations of the Cross:**

During the season of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross immediately after the 6.30 pm. Mass each Friday. This is a particularly appropriate form of prayer during Lent, especially in a Passionist church, as it encourages meditation on the profound mystery on the depth of the Lord's love for us as expressed in His passion, death and resurrection. Of course, if the set time is not suitable for you, you can also do this particular form of prayer at any time on your own or with some friends.

### **Lent Groups:**

Details of the ecumenical Lent Groups meeting this year are available in the porch. There is a range of courses with daytime or evening meetings to choose from. Remember the first Course begins next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, in St. Anne's Church on Highgate West Hill. Please pick up a leaflet and sign up on the list in the porch as soon as possible. St. Joseph's Group will be studying the new York Course "*The Psalms: Prayers for Today's Church*", meeting in the Red Room, 10.30am–12 noon on Tuesdays beginning February 16th.

### **John & William Kelly RIP:**

Brothers John & William (Bill) Kelly have both died recently, with no relatives traced so far. John lived in Milton Park and is known to have attended Mass at St. Joseph's. If anyone who might have known them is able to offer any information which could help to find their family, please contact Muswell Hill parish 020 8883 5607 or Carol Walker at Cranley Dene Court care home 020 8444 0113.

### **Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 3pm.**

This annual event will be taking place in Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 14th May 2016 at 3pm. For the past few years members of our Parish have attended this very meaningful celebration. The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2015. If you are celebrating any of the above anniversaries this year, please give Fr. Pat (email or letter) the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). Fr. Pat will forward any details received to the Diocese, who will eventually issue the invitations directly to the couples involved.

### **"Vinnie Packs":**

The SVP are distributing 12,000 Vinnie Packs containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. They would be very grateful if you could sponsor packs at a suggested donation of £3.25 per pack. Donations can be sent to **Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ** with cheques made out to SVP or go to **virginmoneygiving.com** and type "SVP" into the charity section. Vinnie Packs is in the **Campaign** drop down box. Thank you so much for your support.

### **World Youth Day – Krakow 2016:**

Westminster Youth Ministry are leading a pilgrimage for youth aged 16 years and over to World Youth Day in 2016, visiting both Lodz for Days in the Diocese and Krakow for World Youth Day. The pilgrimage runs in total from 18th July until 31st July and is priced at £750 – this price being inclusive of all accommodation, travel, WYD fees and food. There is an option for those over 18 to join the pilgrimage for the WYD week only. For more information [youth@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:youth@rcdow.org.uk), <http://dowym.c4om/events/wyd/> or 0207-387-1971.

### **St. Dominic Barberi?:-**

The Archbishop of Birmingham, Bernard Longley, (previously Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster and frequent visitor to St. Joseph's) has organised a Novena (26 February to 5 March 2016) for a miracle for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi C.P. who received John Henry Newman into the Church in 1845. As a Passionist Parish, I suggest this is something we could support with our prayers.