

# ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHGATE

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### PARISH BULLETIN

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## Into the Desert

#### Fr. George Koloth CP

"In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit:

'Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew' (No. 123). Jesus' Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer."

-Pope Francis

Lord Jesus,

When you faced temptation, you refused to turn stones into bread.

When we face it, we too often turn bread into stones.

When you faced temptation, you refused to use power for its own sake.

When we face it, we too often assume power that belongs to

When you faced temptation, you refused to test the promises of God. When we face it, we too often want God to do what we should do ourselves.

Strengthen our trust in your promises, and give courage to follow through with our promises.

Give us a humility to understand that without you, we are nothing.

Open our eyes to the daily bread of your Word, and to the ways we limit others from receiving it.

Amen.

#### PRAYER

As we approach these words of wisdom which uncover our nakedness, which reveal our unlovely thoughts and deeds, give us strength to face ourselves, dear Lord. Help us not to be defensive, hiding our faults even from ourselves, but to be confident in the sure knowledge that by submitting our sins to you, we can be free of them. Help us to see ourselves as you see us, clean of bruises and free of disease, able to fulfil the tasks that you would have us do. Help us to believe in the abundant life you offer, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



## Elating Altar Service Experience

proactive at St
Joseph's Church since the
ly as members of Children's

age of five. Firstly as members of Children's Choir and immediately after our First Communion as Altar Servers. It has been and still is an elating experience. It is a gracious gift. From the beginning, our parents have been very encouraging and supportive. In the early years, Fr Mark White (Parish Priest then), Ms Shirley Taylor who led the Choir and Ben a Senior Altar Server were helpful and their guidance boosted our confidence. Beside the holy experience, it helped us to be punctual, be actively involved during the Mass and have a better understanding for what is used and why, during the service or Mass. Most of all, rather than just sitting in the pews, Altar serving is a way to help our community experience the mass in a completely different way. It helped us to know our parishioners too.

Recently, Fr George and Andrew, invited us, all the young Altar servers for the different Masses, and some senior ex-Altar Servers to an amazing pizza night at the local restaurant. This was the first of its kind! We enjoyed

Akuac: My experience for the pizza night was very amazing and entertaining. I can tell we all enjoyed ourselves, there was a raffle and a lot of food and drinks! The food was very tasty and delicious, one of my favourite nights! It was really pleasing and I would love to go again! Thank you for this opportunity Father George and Andrew.

**Ajong**: Pizza night was very fun and I had an amazing time. We played games and ate delicious food and from start to finish the night was amazing. It was an absolute pleasure to have this night thanks father George and Andrew.

Akoor: The best night out with all the readers and Altar services. It was a great opportunity to meet and eat together. Thank you father George and Andrew for organising a night out. It was fun and I really enjoyed it.

sharing our experiences and how we should encourage young parishioners and children at St Joseph's Primary School, to join and have this amazing gift. We are very grateful

to Fr George for bringing us together and his continued kindness, appreciation and blessings.

- Serghel, Naghib and Mesdar

## LENTEN APPEAL 2020

Dear sisters and brothers,

Lent is the season for us to receive God's love and mercy and to grant it to others. In this light, I'd like to present to you a fund-raising appeal from my fellow Passionists in India, to replace an old church in Tamil Nadu with a new one. This could be our Parish Lenten Project to transform ourselves and others to be closer to God and Mother Mary.

The following is a condensed version of the appeal which I received from my Superior:

"We extend to you our warm wishes in the Name of Jesus Our Lord.

In India, our Passionist Community has a beautiful parish, dedicated to Mother Mary at Arani in the State of Tamil Nadu, South India. This shrine of our Lady is a place of miracles, conversions and manifold socio-cultural changes in the minds of our people, bringing integral empowerment unmindful of many human differences and inevitable disparities. At this parish, evangelisation has been very fruitful. It is our humble request that the devotion to the Mother of God could be extended among the people with your kind help.

Building a new Church will tremendously help our faithful. We have to bring as much witness value into the minds of our Faithful through their relationship with the non-Christian friends around us. With your magnanimous support, we could cluster together about 15 villages for appreciating the TRUE LOVE OF OUR LORD AND OUR LADY.

With prayers and note of anticipated Gratitude, Yours in our Lord and Our Lady,

Fr. Paul <mark>Che</mark>ruk<mark>odu</mark>th, C.P.

Vice Provincial Superior, Bangalore"

#### You can contribute to this cause in several ways:

- By placing cash/cheques\* in the exit collection on all Sundays of Lent
- Putting your contributions in the 2 wall boxes at the sides of the church
- Sending your cheques\* directly to our parish office
   \*crossed-cheque payable to 'St. Joseph's Parish'
   Please state at the back of cheques' Lenten Project India'

For further enquiries on this project please contact me at gaskoloth@hotmail.com

Your generosity, prayers and support for my fellow countrymen is much appreciated.

-George Koloth, CP





The February Draw for the 100 Club was held in the Monastery during the week. The number of entries was 122 and the winners were: £400 Paul O'Shea (13), £100 Elisabeth Eidinow (35), £50 Felicity Juckes (87). A copy of the results may be obtained from the Parish office on request. The March draw will be held as usual in the last week of the

month, and monthly subscriptions should be paid by **Sunday 22nd March**. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

### DIMIMBLD

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time

John Anthony Murphy Desmond Cardiff Regina Barbara Salazar Janette Faherty Wright Michael Jameson

### DDAY

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish

**★ Carmen Pinilla** 

We pray for those who died recently.

- **№ Peter Conway**
- **☞ Sr. Maria Margaret LSU**

#### **Pre-Marriage Course**

A Big Thank
You to those
who made the
Pre-Marriage
Course possible.
Elizabeth and
John Eidinow,
Isabel and George

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Farrelli, Lorraine Redmond, Geraldine Reidy and all the wonderful couples.

Your generous support enables Holy Joes to continue being at the service of God's people. Last week's collection amounted to £1,219. Thank you very much.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Lenten Fridays after 6.30PM Mass

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#### Lent Groups

Tue | MAR 3 | 11 am ST. JOSEPH'S GROUP

## Annual Mass for the Sacrament of Matrimony

Westminster Cathedral
Sat | May 30 | 3 pm

### THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

By Women of Zimbabwe United Reform Church

Fri | MAR 6 | 4 pm POND SQUARE

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

10int Session

Thu | **MAR 12** | 7.30 pm Red Room

Pastoral Visitation

BP. NICHOLAS HUDSON

Sat, Sun | MAR 21, 22

#### HEALING MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Sat | MAR 21 | 2.30pm joseph.highgate@gmail.com

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAY** 10-10.30am, 6.30-6.45pm, **WEEKDAYS** immediately after Mass (on request)

#### MASSES

SUNDAY (Saturday 7pm), 8am 10am 12pm 1 30pr

8am, 10am, 12pm, 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

