



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

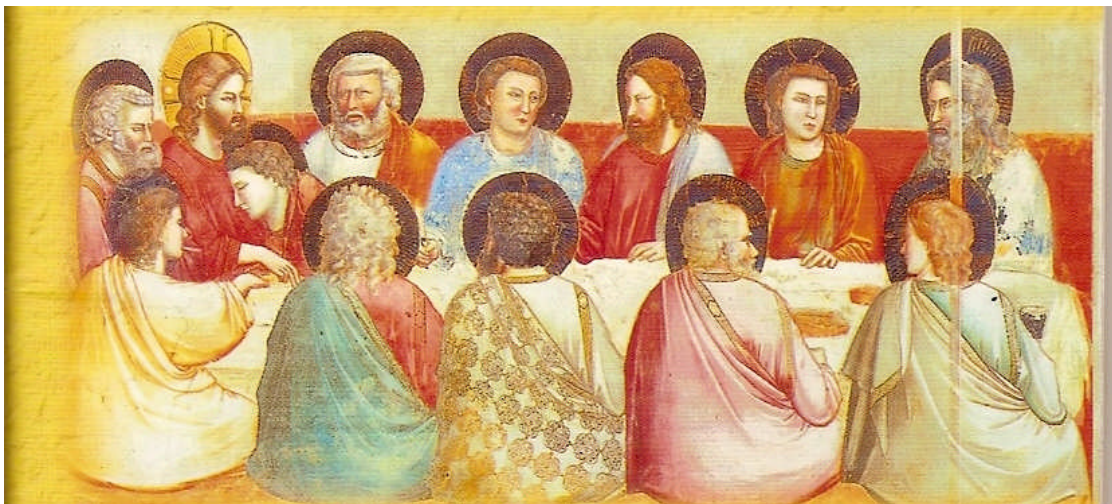
Weekdays: 9.30am, 6.30pm. **Saturday:** 9.30am, 7pm. **Bank Holiday:** 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10-10.30am, 6.30 -6.45pm

Weekdays: immediately after Mass (on request)

12th June 2016 – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Communions

At the 12 o'clock Mass this Sunday the first of our two groups of children will be receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. This is a very special occasion for our young people and their families, and the excitement level has been gradually building up over the past weeks. There's no doubt that this is one of the more enjoyable celebrations in the year - just to experience the air of simplicity and innocence and sheer joy in the children. You would need to be very hard-hearted not to have your spirits raised by the occasion.

We want to extend a very special welcome to all the visitors to our church today. We hope it is a day you will long remember and cherish.

And we offer a very special word of thanks to Noreen and all the Catechists who have given so generously of their time and talents in preparing the children for this wonderful day.

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish – Sean Doherty; **we pray for those who have died recently** – Joan Connell (funeral 11.00am Tuesday 21st June), Christine O'Hara, Elizabeth Lyons, Calixto Balseiro, Carmel Anne Temple (Month's Mind 6.30pm Thursday 16th June); **we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Paul Sutton, Fr. Michael Connor, Bill, Mollie & Ted Slow;

First Communions:

At the 12.00 Mass next week-end the second group of our young people will be making their First Holy Communions. Again this means that there will be a great increase in the numbers attending that Mass. Those who regularly attend the 12 o'clock mass are of course very welcome to come. We draw your attention to the fact that the entire front portion of the church will be reserved for the children and their families, and we expect that there will also be much crowding in the rear section of the church. So you might want to consider coming to a less crowded celebration next Sunday, but if you're prepared to endure the crowding you are most welcome to attend.

And also a reminder to the children in Group B that there will be a practice session for them at 11.30am next Saturday 18th June.

Christian Stewardship:

Last week's collection amounted to £1,454. In addition we also receive approximately £1,900 in standing orders each month.

Organ Recital:

The final performance in our season of organ recitals will be on Thursday 23rd June at 7.30pm, to be given by Giovanni Solinas from Germany. Admission is free, but all donations towards the repair and maintenance of the organ will be appreciated. Details are on the porch noticeboard.

Churches Together United Worship:

The last in the series of shared worship events taking place in the various churches in the Highgate area will be at 6.00pm this Sunday evening, 12th June, at All Saints Church in Talbot Road. Revd. Peter Vannozzi from St. Augustine's will be preaching on the subject of Barnabas.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham:

This year, to mark the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Diocese have organised a pilgrimage to Walsingham on the 9th of July. As there is a limit on the number of coaches the place can cater for, it has been agreed that St. Gabriel's Parish, Archway, and ourselves will just have the one coach between us. The coach will depart from St. Gabriel's church premises at 7am to arrive at Walsingham at 10am. The cost is £18.00. For further information please contact St. Gabriel's Parish office on 02072728195 or Mary Aherne -02072639217.

Catholic Referendum Debate:

On Wednesday 15 June, Catholic Voices have organised a debate, featuring a number of Catholics in prominent British public life, on the subject of the forthcoming referendum on Britain's membership of the EU. The debate will take place from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall. Tickets are £10 (£6 concessions). For further information and to book, please visit catholicvoices.org.uk.

Door & Phone Cover:

Due to various changes in circumstances we are once again looking for volunteers to help with answering the door and taking phone calls during the week. We particularly need help on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, also there are gaps in the rota for Thursday afternoon (12.00-3.00pm) and Friday afternoon (3.00pm onwards). If you could spare a couple of hours a week on a regular basis and would like to help, please contact Fr. Pat at pfc44@yahoo.com

Children's Summer Camps:

Bookings are being taken for the SVP John Bosco camps for boys (ages 8-13, weeks beginning 23rd & 30th July) and girls (ages 9-12, week beginning 6th August), near Colchester in Essex. Run with a Catholic ethos, these sports and activity based camps are especially for children who may not have any other holiday this year. See porch noticeboard or visit www.svpboscocamp.org.uk for details. Phone Eileen 020 7272 1263 if interested.

The Big Mile:

A one mile fundraising walk in support of Caritas Westminster and the St. Vincent dePaul Society (SVP). The walk on Sunday 26th June starts at 3.00pm from Westminster Cathedral and ends at the Houses of Parliament, then we will walk back to the Cathedral where refreshments will be available. There is a registration fee of £5 for adults and £1 for children and the unwaged. The money raised will go towards helping the SVP meet the needs of rough sleepers through the Vinnie Packs scheme and assist Caritas Westminster in their work with Deaf and hard of hearing people, people with learning disabilities, and women escaping human trafficking.

Register at www.bigmile.org.uk.