



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)

10th April 2016 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Thoughts from our Holy Father on Mercy for Jubilee Year *using Matt. Chapter 25*



Mother Church teaches us to give food and drink to those who are hungry and thirsty, to clothe those that are naked. And how does she do this! She does it though the example of so many saints, men and women, who did this in an exemplary fashion; but she does it also through the example of so many dads and mums, who teach their children that what we have extra is for those who lack the basic necessities. It is important to know this. The rule of hospitality has always been sacred in the simplest Christian families....

Mother Church teaches us to be close to those who are sick. So many saints served Jesus in this manner! And so many simple men and women, every day, practise this work of mercy in a hospital ward, or in a rest home, or in their own home, assisting a sick person.

Mother Church teaches us to be close to those who are in prison...Each of us is capable of doing the same thing that put that man or women in prison. All of us have to capacity to sin and to do the same, to make mistakes in life. They are no worse than you and I! Mercy overcomes every wall, every barrier, and leads you always to seek the face of the man, of the person. And it is mercy which changes the heart and the life, which can regenerate a person and allow him or her to integrate into society in a new way....

To change the world for the better it is necessary to do good to those who are not able to return the favour, as the Father has done with us, by giving us Jesus. How much have we paid for our redemption? Nothing, totally free! Doing good without expecting anything in return. This is what the Father did with us and we must do the same. Do good and carry on!

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We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish – ; we pray for those who have died recently – Michael John Barrett (funeral 11.30am Monday 11th April), Patsy Robb, Brendan Dunne; we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time – Fr. Hubert Condron CP, Catherine (Kitty) Press, Emma Louise Dawson William McGarry, Christina McGarry, Patrick Pender, Ann Pender;

Christian Stewardship:

Last week's collection amounted to £1,432. In addition we also receive approximately £1,900 in standing orders each month. The Good Friday collection for the Holy Places amounted to £537.

Planned Giving Boxes:

The new sets of planned giving envelopes come into operation this week. If you have not yet picked up a box for the new tax year, please ask for one after Mass today or during this coming week. 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.

Churches Together United Worship:

The next in the series of shared worship events taking place in the various churches in the Highgate area will be **here at St. Joseph's**, this Sunday evening, 10th April, at 5.30pm. We will be welcoming Revd. Bryce Wandrey from St. Michael's as preacher, on the theme of Discipleship.

Organ Recital:

The first of our 2016 season of organ recitals takes place this Thursday, April 14th, at 7.30 pm. The organist on this occasion will be our own Alberto Brigandi, so do come along and show your appreciation of his musical talent. Admission is free, but all donations towards the repair and maintenance of the organ will be appreciated. Details of further recitals in the series are on the porch noticeboard.

Door & Phone Cover:

Due to various changes in circumstances we are once again looking for volunteers to help with answering the door and take phone calls during the week. We particularly need help on Mondays and Tuesdays, also there are gaps in the rota for Thursday lunchtime (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, or Ed in the office.

Ceilidh for The Passage:

There will be a ceilidh to raise funds for The Passage (homeless day centre) on Saturday 23rd April from 7.30 to 11.00pm at the Holy Apostles Church Hall, Cumberland Street, Pimlico. Tickets £20 including a curry supper. Tickets from <http://buytickets.at/fundgroup16/49506>, or email John.Stewart@faststream.civilservice.gov.uk to get more details or phone 020 7592 1856.

World Youth Day – Krakow 2016:

Westminster Youth Ministry are leading a pilgrimage for youth 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 from 18th July until 31st July and is priced at £750 - 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. The cut-off date for bookings is 27th May, and there will be a pre-cut off gathering at the Youth Ministry centre at St. Aloysius parish in Euston on Thursday 14th April, 7pm start. See porch notice board for more information, or contact youth@rcdow.org.uk, dowym.com, or 0207-387-1971.

Permanent Deacon Come and See:

Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting from 10am to 12 at Ealing Abbey on Saturday 16th April, or St Augustines, Hoddesdon 21st May from 10am to 12. No booking needed. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony Clark 07545 373548.

Beginning Experience:

There is a healing weekend for men and women who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 15th to 17th April 2016 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham, Kent. For details please contact Sandra 01293-783965, Freda 01322-838415 or John 01992-642443 or email johnabrotherton@hotmail.co.uk