



# 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

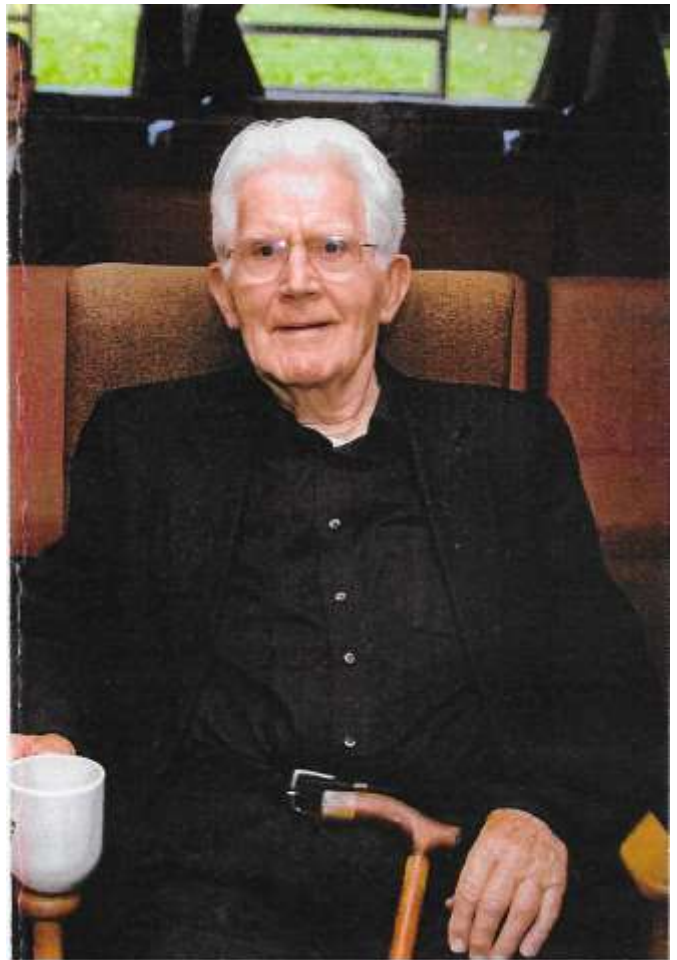
**Weekdays:** immediately after Mass (on request)

## 12th February 2017 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Very Much Alive Fr. Christopher!

I had to give a great amount of thought to the front page of our Bulletin this week. That's not to say that I don't always do so, but because of the unusual nature of the presentation this week, I was very aware that there is a severe danger that when people take a first glance at it – maybe during the homily? – and see a photo of Fr. Christopher, they might think the man has died. Be assured, he hasn't – and hence the rather clumsy heading above. But he has made what is nowadays often referred to as a life-style altering decision some time back, which is being implemented this coming Monday. I asked him if he might write a little summary of what he would want to convey to you at this time, and below is his response. It is written in the third person, as the original intention was to include it with the rest of the notices on the other page, but I felt that for a priest who had given so much of his life in the service of the people here, and in many other parts of the country, over such a long number of years, it was only appropriate that he get front page coverage. (And that's apart from the fact that we all know how frequently Spurs supporters don't relish the back page!)

*Due to his present health issues, Fr. Christopher has decided that it's in his best interest at this time to move from his residence here to Nazareth House Care Home. He will be making the move this Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February. His new address will be Nazareth House Care Home, 162 East End Road, East Finchley, London N2 0RU. Fr. Christopher is known to many of you for his dedicated work over several decades in our Parish. Despite his change of residence he will remain a much appreciated member of our Passionist Community here in St. Joseph's. We will be expecting him to still be present at events in the Parish Centre, as well as coming to the 12 noon Mass and Sunday lunch with the community as often as possible.*

*Friends can arrange to visit Fr. Chris at Nazareth House via telephone number 020 8444 1104 – but please try to avoid meal-times. Fr. Chris asks you to pray for him at this special time, and promises that he will be praying for all at St. Joseph's.*



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**We pray for those who have died recently** – Denis McGarry (funeral 11.00am Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, Reception 5.30pm Wednesday), Richard Hill (funeral 10.30am Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February), Margaret Leydon RIP (funeral 11.30am Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February), Annie B. Casey, Michael Lonergan; **we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Bekmin Alcantara, Patrick Garvey, Anne May MacDonogh.

### **APF - Mill Hill Mission Thank You & Appeal:**

At all Masses next weekend we welcome Mrs. Eileen Tompkins who will speak on behalf of APF - Mill Hill and their Missionary work. This thank you & appeal is not for money specifically but for parishioners to become members and take a Red Mission Box. The Red Box is a focus of Prayer and direct giving for all Catholics in over 200,000 homes across England & Wales.

### **Christian Stewardship:**

Last week's collection amounted to £1,535. In addition we also receive approximately £1,800 in standing orders each month. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

### **Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony Saturday 3rd June 2017 at 3pm.**

This annual event will be taking place in Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017 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 2017. 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.

### **Thanksgiving for the Holy Year of Mercy:**

You are invited to the last of 6 talks organised by St Patrick's, Soho in thanksgiving for the Holy Year and also to mark the proposed stained glass windows for the Church. Dr Gabriele Finaldi, who is a Director of the National Gallery, is giving the talk on "The Crucifixion, icon of love and mercy" on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7pm. All are welcome.

### **Churches Together Highgate Service:**

There will be a Churches Together Highgate Service this Sunday 12th February, 6pm, at All Saints Highgate. The theme is Christian Unity and the preacher is Mark Davies from Highgate International Church. There will be light refreshments and time for fellowship after the service.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima:**

Since the good old days of Frank Hughes of happy memory, there have been no pilgrimages run specifically from St. Joseph's Parish (hint, hint – if there's anybody out there willing to take on his mantle!), but there are of course many Pilgrimages run on a Diocesan-wide basis, which members of the Parish are welcome, indeed encouraged, to join. In a few months time there will be the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima, from 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017. This is the Centenary Year of the Apparitions in Fatima, so it will be a particularly significant pilgrimage. Places are still available to book. If you are interested you should contact Gill of Tangney Tours directly on 01732 88 6666 for further information. The Pilgrimage will be led by HE Cardinal Vincent Nichols and the Pilgrimage Director is Fr Chris Vipers.

### **Celebration in Westminster Cathedral:**

It never rains but it pours! On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February, beginning at 1.45pm, the Cathedral will be visited by the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima along with the relics of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco for the Fatima centenary. Cardinal Nichols will be receiving and crowning the statue and celebrating mass for the occasion. Big crowds are expected, so if you wish to attend be sure to be there in good time.

### **SVP Vinnie Packs:**

The St Vincent de Paul Society is distributing 12,000 Vinnie Packs to the homeless over the winter, mostly in the Westminster diocese. See [svp.org.uk/node/330](http://svp.org.uk/node/330) for more information. They cost about £3.20 to produce. Any contribution will be very welcome. Donations can be made by text VIMP33£[AMOUNT] to 70070 or by cheque made out to SVP and sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, SW1P 9EZ.

### **Free safeguarding training** available to all members of the Catholic Community!

The National Catholic Safeguarding Commission (NCSC) has worked with Educare to provide an online, interactive E-Learning safeguarding course which is now available to all in the Catholic Church. If you have a role (voluntary or paid) working with children/adults at risk or have an interest in safeguarding, the online training is a great opportunity to learn how to better protect children/ adults at risk in your care and community. Some of the modules available include: Child Exploitation & Online Safety and Adult Safeguarding. To register please email: [safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:safeguardingadmin@rcdow.org.uk) with your following details: parish/order/congregation, and your role e.g. parent, catechist leader. For more information please ask for a brochure from the parish office.