



# OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH NEWSLETTER

## MASS Times

Weekdays 12:00 noon  
Saturday 12:00 noon & Vigil 7:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am &  
12:00 pm & 2:00 pm

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday  
11:00am - 12:00 noon &  
6:15pm - 6:45pm  
or available on request

## ADORATION

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Friday 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am - 4.00pm & Sunday from 11.00am to 1.30pm.

## COMMUNITY

Fr. Liam O'Donovan SCA, Fr. Joe McLoughlin SCA, Fr. Tom Daly SCA, Rev. Deacon Jayson Wingrove

### **31<sup>st</sup> October: Halloween or All Hallows' Eve**

is the evening before *All Saint's Day*.

You may wonder, if each Saint has a feast day, why do we then celebrate All Saints Day? In the book of Revelation, John describes heaven in this way: After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' Rev 7:9-10. This suggests that everyone who has conquered death and is now in Heaven deserves recognition, and we celebrate them on this day. We ask them for their help and intercession to become Saints and friends of God.

### **All Saints Day Celebration**

Join in celebrating our sisters and brothers in Heaven. Families and children come dressed as one of your favourite saints or angels at the 12 noon Mass next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - The Feast of All Saints**

Masses at 12.00 noon and 7.30 pm.

(A holyday of obligation)

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - The Feast of All Souls**

Masses at 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Blessing of the Graves**

Meet by the Cemetery Chapel at 3.00 pm

Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, will be  
Remembrance Sunday.

### **Cardinal Wiseman High School**

**Sixth Form Open Evening**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, at 6.00 pm

### **Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter**

Once again, this year we will be hosting the Winter Night Shelter. We will not be able to look after our guests unless we have the volunteers to help them. The Night Shelter will be open on Fridays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December from supper time on Fridays to after breakfast on Saturdays. If you would like to be involved, even for an hour or so, please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office.

Also, this Christmas we will be running the shelter during the day as well, from Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December, and need volunteers to make this happen. Twenty volunteers a day are needed, doing shifts of 4 hours. If you are interested please contact Mandy Hudson ([mandy.ecwns@outlook.com](mailto:mandy.ecwns@outlook.com)). Other ways to help are by donating food and drink, or offering to organise an activity for the guests. There will be a list at the back of the church after Mass. If you wish to volunteer, please give us your name and contact number or leave your details in the Parish Office.

### **Christmas Bazaar**

There will be a box in the Church Porch from this weekend for any items you would like to donate to our Bazaar. However, if you have any bottles to donate, please bring them to the Parish Office.

### **Friendship Club**

Please note that there will be NO Friendship Club this Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> October, due to half-term.

### Funeral arrangements

**Margaret Lenihan** Mass 10.00 am, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation in Breakspeare Crematorium.

**Antonio Medrano** Mass at 10.00 am, Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation in Breakspeare Crematorium.

**Joseph Coughlan** Mass at 1.00 pm, Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery

**Daniel Spinola** Mass at 1.00 pm, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery

**Claudine Veronica Benjamin** Mass at 1.00 pm, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery

### Sunday Collections

19 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> October	£2,322.00
CAFOD collection	£1,395.00

### Gift Aid

If your circumstances have changed in any way, please inform the Parish Office, so that we can amend our records. Thank you.

*Novena cards are now available  
in the Parish Office,  
as well as a selection of  
Christmas gifts and cards*

### CATECHESIS NEWS & EVENTS

Interested in joining a team? Visit our website to learn more.

#### Baptism Preparation

Those interested in baptising their child, please contact Kim at kim.olvgreenford@gmail.com to express interest. We suggest you contact us at least six weeks prior to your proposed baptism date.

#### Exploring Catholicism (18 yo+ RCIA)

Fortnightly sessions for Adults interested in exploring the Catholic Faith and in being Baptised/ Confirmed. Please get in touch with us by speaking to a priest or Kim.

#### First Holy Communion (8-12 yrs)

FHC sessions will begin in January 2025. Applications have closed. Kim will be in touch with information soon. Starts January.

#### Family of Faith ( FHC parents & Family Sessions)

All families are very welcome to join us in our family of faith sessions. Please check website for next dates.

#### Youth Group (11-17 yrs)

We will no longer run a separate Confirmation preparation. If your young person is thinking about Confirmation, we would love to see them join our Youth Group and be an active part of it.

#### Ignite Teens for 8 to 12 year olds (post FHC)

#### To the Top (youth group) for 13 to 17 year olds.

Applications have closed. Kim will be in touch with information soon. Starts January.

#### Family Holy Hour & Mass

Once a month, same as First Friday devotion day. From 5pm until 7 pm and Mass afterwards.

#### Café Catechism

After the 12.00 noon Mass, every third Sunday of the month in the Old Church Hall. Join us for a quick 15 minutes of input and stimulating conversations about the faith.

#### Visitation Young Adult Ministry (18 yo+)

We meet next on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of November, our last meeting before we break for Christmas.

#### Discipleship Evening

Whether you are new to faith or have been walking with Jesus for years, you are welcome to come to our Discipleship evenings. We meet on the last Thursday of the month for a time of reflection, fellowship and deep conversations. Our next session is on the 28<sup>th</sup> November.

#### Be a part of the mission

Please prayerfully consider taking part in the mission of our parish. Even one hour a week would make a huge contribution to the spreading of the gospel and the growth in faith in the parish. Here are some of the ministries you might get involved with:

- Baptism Preparation
- Children's Liturgy
- First Communion Prep
- Post First Holy Communion
- Young Families Formation
- Family of Faith
- Exploring Catholicism
- Young Adults
- Youth Group