



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

Christmas Bazaar

There is a box in the Church Porch for any items you would like to donate to our Bazaar. We are not able to accept clothing or electrical items. However, **if you have any bottles to donate, please bring them to the Parish Office.**

If you could help, even for an hour, on Friday 29th November, that would be wonderful. The Parish Centre will be open from 1.00 pm on that day. You can just turn up.

Don't forget the Christmas Bazaar takes place on Saturday 30th November 1.00 pm to 4.00 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 6th, 13th and 20th 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 22nd December to Saturday 28th 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). 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 Novena cards are now available in the Parish Office, as well as a selection of Christmas gifts and cards

Vacancy

The Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School require a Medical & Welfare Officer. 35 hours per week, term time only. Salary scale Grade5 SP 12-15. Further details are available on the school website: www.wiseman.ealing.sch.uk

Save the date

Tuesday 31st December – New Year's Eve Dance
Saturday 8th February – Quiz Night
Saturday 1st March – Disco Bingo

Proposed Controlled Parking Zone Greenford South

Ealing Council is proposing a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in Greenford South and Greenford Town Centre. As most of you are already aware, the church carpark is fully utilized during school time in order to accommodate both the Visitation Primary school and Cardinal Wiseman Secondary school staff. This means that those who come for funerals, weddings and other church services during the week rely heavily on parking on streets in the nearby area. Additionally, as there are limited spaces in the church carpark, many of the school staff have to park on the street during school time. Therefore, the Council's proposal would cause significant cost and disruption to both church services and school staff.

We would like you to join us as a church community in opposing this proposal. Next week we will provide details of how we are going to do this, either by online or written petition.

Funeral Arrangements

Claudine Veronica Benjamin

Mass 1.00 pm, Thursday 21st November, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Stella De Silva

Service 1.15 pm, Thursday 21st November, Breakspear Crematorium.

Monica Lola Bough

Mass 1.00 pm, Friday 22nd November, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Recently Deceased

Please pray for Michael Richard Patel, Joseph Anthony, Josie O'Neill and Secondo Negrotti who died recently. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

Sunday Collections

16 th / 17 th November	£2,970-00
Mary's Meals	£1,130.00

This weekend's second collection will be for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.

Most priests offer their resignation at age 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a fundamental part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting this fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.

New Lectionary

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version – Catholic Edition of the Bible. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive. The new lectionary volumes will be used from 1st Sunday of Advent 2024 in all dioceses in England and Wales.

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 now closed.

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.

Café Catechism

After the 12.00 noon Mass, Sunday 24th November, 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, 22nd 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 28th 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
- Family of Faith
- Children's Liturgy
- Exploring Catholicism • Youth Group
- First Communion Prep • Young Families Formation
- Post First Holy Communion Young Adults •