

#### **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

# OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH NEWSLETTER

# **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

# <u>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Blessing of the Graves</u> Meet by the Cemetery Chapel at 3.00 pm Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, will be Remembrance Sunday.

#### Christmas Bazaar

There is a box in the Church Porch 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.

#### Catholic Women's League

The next meeting for the Women's League will be at 6.30 pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November in the Vincent Pallotti Room. Everyone welcome,

#### **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). 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.

#### Olive wood carvings from the Holy Land

Representatives from the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land will be here next weekend to sell the items they produce. The sale of these items is one of the most important sources of income for the Christians who live in Bethlehem, and will prevent them from leaving the country in search of better working opportunities. Please come and say hello.

#### Coffee Drop-in

The Coffee Drop-in for November will take place next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, after the 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm Masses.

#### **Table Sale for Mary's Meals**

Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November there will be a table sale after the 10.00 am and 12.00 noon Masses. Items for sale include hand knitted pieces, Christmas items and a raffle. Please come and say hello.

#### Thank You

Josie and John Clarke would like to thank everyone who supported them with love and prayers over the recent passing of their beloved son Michael. One of his last wishes was that donations should be made to the local Food Bank. We have received a letter from them, which is displayed in the Church Porch, thanking us for our generous donation of £720.00. A Mass will be celebrated for all your intentions.

Cardinal Wiseman High School Sixth Form Open Evening

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

#### **Recently Deceased**

Please pray for Daniel Spinola, Monica Lola Bough and Claudine Veronica Benjamin who died recently. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

#### **Sunday Collections**

26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> October £2,322.00 World Mission Sunday £512.00 (MISSIO) Collection 20<sup>th</sup> October

This weekend's second collection will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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