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# 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 0r 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

"The rediscovery of the value of one's own Baptism is at the root of every Christian's missionary commitment, because as we see in the Gospel, those who allow themselves to be fascinated by Christ cannot fail to witness to the joy of following in his footsteps... We understand ever more that it is precisely in virtue of Baptism that we share in Christ's missionary vocation." Pope Benedict XVI

#### Sacramental Preparation

We will be resuming sacramental preparation sessions for Baptism, First Holy Communion and the Youth Group this month.

#### <u>Two Hearts Group</u>

The Two Hearts Group will be meeting in the bar area of the Parish Centre on Saturday 18th January from 12.45 pm to 4.00 pm.

## Coffee Drop-In

The Coffee Drop-in for January will take place this weekend, the 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> January in the Old Church Hall, after the Saturday 7.00 pm Mass, and the Sunday Masses at 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 12.00 noon

#### <u>Quiz Night – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February.</u>

Tickets for this event on sale after the Masses from this weekend.

#### Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will re-open this Thursday  $16^{\rm th}$  January.

## Save the Date

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea celebration on Saturday 29th March from 3-5pm - More details to follow.

## Ealing Food Bank

Ealing Food Bank have asked us to send their thanks to our parish for the continuing generosity towards them. The most recent shopping list can be seen in the Church Porch. If you would rather donate food online, GiveToday is a really convenient way to give. Order online and they will deliver the tins straight to the Food Bank's warehouse. <u>https://givetoday.co.uk/ealingfoodbank/</u>

### Mass for the Goan Community

OUR LADY OF THE

VISITATION PARISH

NEWSLETTER

There will be a Mass in Konkani for the Goan Community at 5.00 pm on Wednesday 15th January.

#### <u>Funeral Arrangements</u> Kathleen McGowan

Mass 10.00 am, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, Visitation Church to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

#### Margaret Hanrahan

Mass 1.00 pm, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

#### **Rosa McGregor**

Mass 12.45 pm, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

## Sunday Collections

 $4^{\text{th}}/5^{\text{th}}$  January £2,329.00

Standing orders and online payments £5,116.00

Card Donations £1,547.00

Next weekend's second collection will be for the White Flower Appeal.

Every life matters. We ask the UK Government to support <u>all life</u>, however small, vulnerable or marginalised, in accordance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of the Child, which states:

"the child, by reason of his or her physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth". We ask the UK Government to follow the United Nations in

supporting the human rights of the unborn. www.spuc.org.uk/white-flower-2025

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# A Volunteer's Experience of the Winter Night Shelter

"We all have times in our lives when we need a listening ear and a bit of positive support to start life afresh. I have been paying attention to our Sunday sermons and was inspired by our wonderful priests, to challenge myself and do something a bit out of my comfort zone. I volunteered to do several shifts at the Homeless Winter Night Shelter in our Parish Centre. I really liked the idea of giving something back to our community and doing something that makes a difference to others. I felt privileged and useful to be part of a team that was strengthening community bonds in supporting essential services needed by homeless people in our area.

There was a really lovely atmosphere of real care and equality between volunteers and guests. It was really well organised and I met some really lovely people. I was lucky to be part of the overnight team. It was a calm and quiet shift to be on. The surprising thing is, I didn't need any special skills. Simply being friendly and welcoming, opened up relaxed conversation with guests and other volunteers. I realised that small moments can make a positive, lasting impression on people, so everyone feels good and enjoys the time spent together.

Well done to everyone who organised it. I'd definitely volunteer again."





**The feast day for St. Vincent Pallotti will be on Wednesday 22**<sup>nd</sup> **January**. Please join us for a healing service and blessing with the relic of St Vincent beginning at 11:30am followed by Mass at 12:30. After Mass all are invited to the Cardinal Wiseman school for lunch.

The Novena to St Vincent Pallotti will begin on Monday 13th January at the 12.00 noon Mass.

# Novena Prayer to St. Vincent Pallotti

Almighty and ever living God, you glorified Vincent Pallotti and made him a powerful intercessor in heaven. We come before you with our petitions and place before you all our needs and cares. Trusting in your divine providence, we place ourselves like Vincent Pallotti in your loving care seeking your protection.

O God of all consolations, have compassion on all those who suffer and are in need. We beg you today through the intercession of St. Vincent Pallotti to inspire all Christians to join in the work of the Catholic Apostolate. Remind us of our call to be apostles everywhere and to bring the whole of humanity as one flock under the one Shepherd Jesus Christ. May your kingdom extend to the ends of the earth. Above all we place before you our special needs ... (pause).

O glorious St. Vincent, intercede for us before the Lord and obtain for us all the graces which we seek. Merciful Father, St. Vincent glorified you before all while here on earth. Now glorify him, by answering his prayers on our behalf. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.