



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 noon & 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

Stations of the Cross during Lent

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 7.30 pm in the Church. Everyone welcome.

Mother's Day Afternoon tea celebration - 14th March

We are celebrating this special day of the year with an Afternoon tea in the ballroom from 3-5pm. There will be a selection of sandwiches & cakes and scones with jam & cream. Tickets priced at £10 per person & must be pre booked before Sunday 8th March. Tickets will be available from next weekend.

Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 2:30pm.

The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email and telephone number. Our email address is greenford@rcdow.org.uk

CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day

This Lent, answer the Gospel call to love your neighbour. Family Fast Day is a day of fasting, prayer and giving—inviting you to eat simply and share what you save to support communities in need.

Your donation can help families around the world grow food in challenging conditions, using tools like floating gardens or solar-powered water pumps.

Alternative ways to donate are by scanning the QR code, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope, or call 0303 303 3030. To give £10 please text CAFODLENT to 70085



Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the CWL will be on Monday 2nd March, at 6.30 pm, in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

Funeral Arrangements

Elizabethrany Thiruchelvam

Mass at 10.00 am, Wednesday 4th March, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Vincenza Cacioppo

Mass at 1.00 pm, Wednesday 4th March, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

Therese Barrett

Mass at 10.00 am, Monday 9th March, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

Leonard MacNair

Mass at 10.00 am, Thursday 12th March, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Mortlake Crematorium.

Mary Sheehy

Mass at 1.00 pm, Thursday 12th March, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

Patricia Casey

Service at 2.00 pm, Thursday 19th March at Breakspear Crematorium.

Sunday Collections

Weekly Collection - 21st / 22nd February £2,490.

This week's second collection will be for CAFOD.

Next week's second collection will be for Cardinal Wiseman School's pilgrimage to Lourdes.



CATECHESIS NEWS & EVENTS
Email: kim.olvgreenford@gmail.com

Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptised, contact Kim at least six weeks before your proposed Baptism date.

Little Sunday Liturgy Sessions

For all children before they start First Holy Communion Preparation. Twice a month - every 1st and 3rd Sundays during term time. The next session 5th March. 12.00 noon Mass, Old Church Hall.

Leap (ages 14–17, post-Confirmation) – Thursdays 7–8 pm, twice a month. Next session Thursday 12th March Parish Centre.

Rosary for Revival

If you have a heart for prayer and would like to pray for the revival within the hearts of all members of the Greenford community, please join us in praying the Rosary every Wednesday at 7.00 pm in the church, during Adoration.

Teams of Our Lady

A lay movement designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. Improving prayer life, helping couples grow closer to God and each other. For more information, email the team at central@teams.gb.org.uk

Special Coffee Drop: Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Primary School Open Day

The coffee Morning on Sunday 8th March will be held in Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Primary School Hall, adjacent to the Church, and not in the Old Church Hall. The school would like to give parishioners and families the opportunity to visit your local school and find out more about it. Some of you may have attended Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Primary School and will be interested to see how it has changed. Others may be looking for a local Catholic School for your child. There will be past and present students, parents/carers and teachers available to talk with you and walk you round. The school will be open after 8am, 10am and 12pm Mass. ALL ARE WELCOME.



There will also be a bake sale hosted by students from Cardinal Wiseman School, to raise funds for the school's pilgrimage to Lourdes. The second collection on that day will also be for this good cause.

Encountering the Thirst of God: "If you only knew the gift of God..." Jn 4:10

Today we continue with our preaching series at the 10.00 am, 12 noon and 2pm Masses called "Encountering the Thirst of God." This preaching series is meant to speak directly into that experience of sometimes feeling lost in our lived faith and in our celebration of the Eucharist.

In this week's homily we hear his week's homily focuses on a powerful truth: When you come to Mass, you come to the Cross on Calvary. The Mass is not just a gathering or a ritual—it is a real participation in Jesus' sacrifice. At every Mass we stand spiritually at Calvary, where Jesus offered His life out of love for the world.

The Eucharist makes the sacrifice of the Cross present, not repeating it, but allowing us to enter into it.

We bring our own struggles, sins, hopes, and gratitude, uniting them with Jesus' offering to the Father.

Mass is an encounter with sacrificial love, reminding us of the price of our redemption and the depth of God's love and mercy. Ultimately, the homily emphasizes that Mass is not just something we attend—it is a sacred moment where heaven touches earth, and we meet Jesus at the Cross.

Understanding Conversion:

Mutation: Conversion is what happens in other peoples' lives (e.g., when the Protestant comes to RCIA, when the pagan becomes Christian); "I'm Catholic because I grew up Catholic, no decision is necessary and if my parents weren't Catholic, I probably wouldn't be either"; it's once and done. Faith becomes something inherited rather than embraced. Conversion is reduced to a one-time event, something in the past, requiring no ongoing response. Christianity becomes cultural, automatic, or accidental, rather than intentional and transformative.

Healthy: Conversion is the only way to become a Christian. It can't be because parents were or even just because you were baptized. Each person must personally choose to follow Jesus, to entrust their life to Him, and to live as His disciple. Conversion is not a single moment but a lifelong process—a continual turning of the heart toward God. It involves ongoing growth, repeated decisions, deepening relationship & continual renewal by grace.