



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

“Jesus is the Shepherd who draws us to himself, whose gaze reveals that life is truly beautiful when one follows him...Only the one who pauses, listens, prays and welcomes the Shepherd’s gaze can say with confidence: “I trust him; life with him can truly be beautiful. I want to walk this path of beauty.” Pope Leo XIV

First Holy Communions

On Saturday 2nd and 9th May, there will be no 12.00 Mass and no confessions due to the First Holy Communions. Also, there will be NO Parking in the forecourt.

The Felix Project

This will open at 11.30 am on Saturday 2nd and 9th May.

Prayer and Life Workshops

The next meeting is Monday, 27th April.
This is a Christ centred and transformational programme founded by Fr Ignacio Larranaga, a Spanish Capuchin priest and approved by the Vatican Holy See in 2002.

The aim of the weekly workshops is to learn how to pray so you can establish a deeper and more personal relationship with God; through Bible readings and the practice of 15 different methods of prayer, from the simplest to the depths of contemplation.

Allowing God’s love, peace and joy to progressively fill your heart.

It gives a practical approach to living the Christian life by following the Gospel message.

WHEN : Mondays 7- 9pm.

WHERE : Parish Centre, Our Lady of the Visitation Church,
358 Greenford Road. UB6 9AN

For any queries contact Jean 07791442565
or Nora 07951048968

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Aylesford

On Saturday 9th May, the annual pilgrimage to Aylesford will take place, The coach price is £22.00 adults, and children £15.00. The coach will leave Cardinal Wiseman car park at 7.30 am. For more information please contact Lizette 07404 211 194.

Training for Ministers of Eucharist

There will be a training session for all new and existing Eucharistic Ministers on Tuesday 20th May at 7:00pm, held in the church.

Attendance is essential for those who currently serve or wish to begin serving in this ministry.

Please make every effort to attend.

Funeral Arrangements

Mary Margaret Roberts

Mass at 10.00 am, Tuesday 28th April, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Maria Anthonypillai

Mass at 10.00 am, Wednesday 29th April, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

John Mark O’Dea

Mass at 1.00 pm, Thursday 30th April, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Claire Sobers

Mass at 12.00 noon at **Ealing Abbey**, Thursday 30th April.

Kathleen Brennan

Mass at 1.00 pm, Thursday 7th May, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery

John Francis McGillicuddy

Mass at 10.00 am, Wednesday 13th May, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Sunday Collections

Weekly Collection – 18th / 19th April - £2,695.00

St. Vincent de Paul Society - £595.00

Restoration Fund Dance - £4,005.00

Many thanks to all who supported this event.

This weekend’s second collection will be for the Priests’ Training Fund.

*Please collect your Planned Giving envelopes from the Parish Office,
if you haven’t already done so. Thank you.*

Rekindle Eucharistic Amazement

For the weeks leading up to the Feast of Corpus Christi we will have a series of reflections to rekindle our amazement of the great gift of the Eucharist.

Secret 2 — The Eucharist is Alive: The Host is not a “thing.” It is the Living Christ — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. The Catechism says, **“Under the consecrated species of bread and wine Christ himself, living and glorious, is present in a true, real, and substantial manner: his Body and his Blood, with his soul and his divinity”** (CCC 1413). When you receive Him, you receive the beating Heart of God. The Eucharist is alive with mercy, healing, and power. Approach with expectation. The One who rose from the dead comes to dwell in you, bringing resurrection life into every corner of your heart.



What are your expectations when you come to Mass? Jesus said to St. Faustina, **“When I come to a human heart in Holy Communion my hands are full of all Kinds of graces, which I want to give to souls. But souls do not even pay attention to me...”** The question is not whether He desires to give, but whether we are ready to receive. Each Communion is an invitation to deeper trust, deeper healing, deeper union. Christ enters our weakness with His resurrected life. He brings light into hidden wounds, strength into weary places, and mercy into areas we thought beyond hope. Even when we feel nothing, He is at work. Grace is not measured by emotion, but by surrender. What would change if we came to Mass truly expecting an encounter? If before Communion we quietly said, *“Jesus, I believe You are alive. I believe You are here for me. I trust You want to heal, forgive, strengthen, and transform me”*?

“The discernment of this vocation, as Pope Leo reminds us, calls for “a relationship based on prayer and silence.” Such prayer and silence require a commitment of time, but this is time that will bear great fruit. It is important for us all – in our parish communities, schools and homes – to foster time for such prayer and support those whom the Lord calls to share in His priesthood...The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is an aspect of parish life in many parts of the Diocese. Times of Adoration provide excellent opportunities for prayer for priestly vocations and I ask every parish to hold a Holy Hour each week over the next month for this intention...

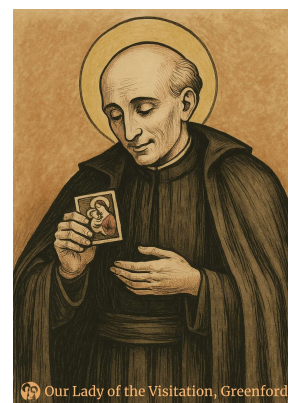
To those of you who sense these stirrings of the Holy Spirit, calling you to service of Christ and his Church, “pause, listen, entrust yourselves. In this way, the gift of your vocation will mature, bringing you happiness and yielding abundant fruit for the Church and the world.”

Archbishop Richard Moth

Prayer for Vocations

HEAVENLY FATHER, Lord of the harvest, help the men and women of our parish hear your call to serve. Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence. Open the hearts of many; raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy sisters, brothers, deacons and priests, who will give themselves for your people and their needs. Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Shepherd. Amen

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, pray for us.
St Vincent Pallotti, pray for us.



Our Lady of the Visitation, Greenford