



# 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

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The Ascension is not Christ's absence from the world, but the beginning of His presence everywhere through His Church.

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## The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

(a Holy day of Obligation)

Thursday 14th May

Masses at 9:30am (with OLOV primary school),  
12.00 noon and 7.30 pm

## Catholic Women's League

The CWL meeting for May will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, at 6.30 pm in the Parish Centre. All will be welcome.

## Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

On Saturday 11th July we will be making a pilgrimage to Walsingham. Please leave your name in the parish office if you are interested. The cost for the coach is £25.00 per person.

## Rosary in May

May is month dedicated especially to devotion to Our Lady. The Legion of Mary will be praying the Holy Rosary during the month, every Monday to Friday at 11.15 am in Church. Please do come and let us pray the Rosary together.

## Training for Ministers of Eucharist

There will be a training session for all new and existing Eucharistic Ministers on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Capital Ring Rosary – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Join Catholics across London for a powerful day of prayer as pilgrims walk the Capital Ring, praying the Rosary and placing our city under Our Lady's care. Our Lady of the Visitation Church will be one of the starting locations and it would be wonderful to have some of our own parishioners praying with this event. More information can be found at [RadioMariaEngland.uk](http://RadioMariaEngland.uk).

## Coffee Drop-in

This month's coffee drop-in will be next weekend, 16/17 May. Donations of cakes will be much appreciated.

## Help needed

A lady who is vision impaired and lives in Greenford is in need of a driver. Ealing Social Club for Blind People meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month, from 7.30 to 9.30 pm. She would prefer a lady driver to volunteer to pick her up in Greenford and bring her home afterwards. If you have a current DBS certificate Rosemary would love to hear from you. Please call her on 020-8903-1097 or 07913-348-458.

## Pentecost Sunday- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

We are having our flag procession at the beginning of 10.00am and 12.00 noon Masses. If you would like to carry a flag, please arrive 15 minutes before mass starts.

There will no parking in the Church forecourt available that day.

## Feast of Our Lady of the Visitation-Sunday 31st May

This year we are having an Open-Air Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of the Visitation at 12 noon. Following the Mass we will be selling food, drink and more. We require volunteers to set up, during the day & clearing up at the end - If anyone is available, please contact David on 07968423860 or leave your details in the Parish Office.

*Please note that there will be no additional parking for the 10.00 am and 12.00 noon Masses in the school grounds on that day.*

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation  
cards and gifts are now available from the  
Parish Office.**

### **Bingo Night-Saturday 6th June**

Doors open at 7.30 pm, Bingo to start at 8.15pm prompt.

Cash/Card Bar, tea/coffee and snacks available.

Ticket price :

£8.00 including 6 bingo cards & no hot food.

£13.00 including 6 bingo cards & hot food.

Tickets will be available from next Sunday after Masses with Card payment available & in the Parish Office Cash only.

### **Funeral Arrangements**

#### **John Francis McGillicuddy**

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

#### **Richard Bell**

Mass at 1.00 pm, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

### **Sunday Collections**

Weekly Collection – 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> May - £2,825.00

Restoration Fund - £450.00

Next weekend's second collection will be for Catholic Communications.

### **Medjugorje Youth Festival Car wash**

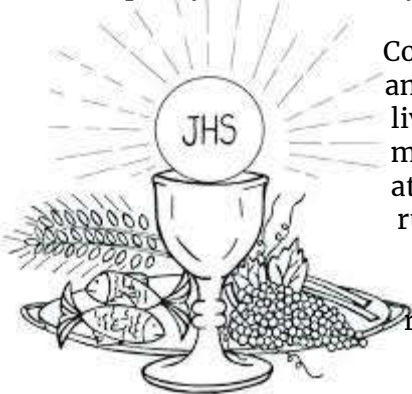
A big thank you to everyone who took part in and supported the car wash last Saturday. We raised £918.00, which will go towards sending some of our altar servers to the Medjugorje Youth Festival this summer. Your support is greatly appreciated and will make a real difference in helping our youth grow in faith through this special experience.

## **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 4 — Not Just One Miracle**

The Eucharist is not a single miracle, but a profound mystery made up of many miracles happening at once. At every Mass, the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ, while Jesus becomes fully present—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. At the same time, the one sacrifice of the Cross is made present again, allowing us to enter into Christ's saving act here and now. When we receive Holy Communion, God humbles Himself to come to us personally, uniting Himself to our lives and slowly transforming us to become more like Him. Every Mass is a quiet yet extraordinary meeting of heaven and earth.



Confronted by this profound reality we are invited to examine our own hearts and habits around the Eucharist. Do we approach Mass expecting to encounter living realities, or have familiarity and routine dulled our sense of wonder? We might ask ourselves whether we prepare intentionally before Mass, participate attentively during it, and give thanks prayerfully afterward—or whether we rush in and out without allowing the grace of these many miracles to take root.

This secret gently challenges us to notice our posture, our silence, our reverence, and our openness, and to consider whether our outward actions and inner dispositions truly reflect what we profess to believe: that heaven touches earth at every Mass, and that Christ comes to transform us through the gift of His Body and Blood.

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