



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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am - 4.00pm & Sunday from 11.00am to 1.30pm.

COMMUNITY

Fr. Liam O'Donovan SAC, Fr. Joe McLoughlin SAC, Fr. Tom Daly SAC

Feast of Our Lady of the Visitation

Sunday 31st May

We will be starting our Celebration of Our Lady's feast day with a procession leaving the Church at 11.30 am, and ending in the playground of Our Lady of the Visitation Primary School for the 12.00 noon Mass. Following the Mass we will be selling food, drink and more. We need volunteers to set up during the day and to clear up at the end - if anyone is available, please contact David on 07968 423 860 or leave your details in the Parish Office. Donations of cakes would be much appreciated.

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

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 are 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.

Friendship Club

The friendship Club will be closed on Thursday 28th May, due to half-term.

Also, we will be closed on Thursday 4th June, out of respect for the Gleeson family, as it is the day of Sean's funeral.

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 after the weekend Masses, and in the Parish Office.

Funeral Arrangements

Mary McDonnell died at home & has been cremated.

A Requiem mass will be held on Friday 29th May at 12noon for the repose of her soul.

Tom Reynolds

Mass at 1.00 pm, Friday 29th May, Visitation Church.

John (Sean) Gleeson

Reception at 6.00 pm, Wednesday 3rd June, Visitation Church.

Mass at 1.00 pm, Thursday 4th June, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Con O'Neill

Mass at 10.30 am, Friday 5th June, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Julia Towey

Mass at 10.00 am, Tuesday 9th June, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Basingstoke.

Sunday Collections

Weekly Collection – 16th / 17th May - £2,753.00
Catholic Communications - £190.00

This week's second collection will be for Mary's Meals.

This charity serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them energy to learn and hope for a better future.

Rekindle Eucharistic Amazement

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

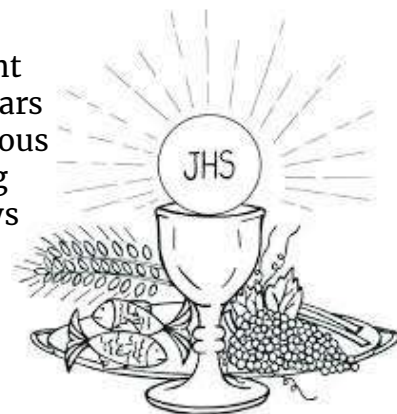
Secret 6 — Every reception of the Eucharist is different

Every reception of Holy Communion is unique. While Jesus is fully present and gives Himself totally each time, but the degree to which His grace bears fruit in us varies depending on how open, attentive, repentant, and desirous we are at that moment. The Eucharist is not a repetitive ritual but a living encounter with Christ that can deepen and transform us in different ways each time we approach the altar. This is why two Communion can be radically different experiences, even though both are truly the same Eucharist. One day a person may approach distracted, hurried, carrying unacknowledged resentment, or simply "going through the motions." Another day that same person may come after sincere prayer, an honest examination of conscience, and a deep longing to be united to Christ.

Jesus doesn't change; what changes is the interior "capacity" with which we receive.

Another dimension of "difference" is that God often applies Eucharistic grace to what we most need right now. Some Communion strengthen us against a temptation we didn't even notice; others awaken gratitude; others bring quiet healing; others give perseverance in suffering.

This means our preparation for Mass and Holy Communion truly matters. We are invited to come prayerfully, with intention—examining our conscience, seeking reconciliation when needed, and consciously offering our desires and struggles to God. Even small acts, like arriving early, focusing during the liturgy, and making a sincere thanksgiving after Communion, can open our hearts more fully to grace. By doing so, each reception of the Eucharist becomes not just routine, but a deeper, more fruitful encounter with Jesus that shapes our daily lives.

**Please note:**

There will be NO car parking in the school playground next Sunday, 31st May.