



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

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Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, at the Mass for the 25th Anniversary of the Massacre of five Argentine Pallottines in 1976*

Farewell Celebration for Ms. Kathleen Coll

Please join us as we give thanks for the dedicated service of Ms. Coll and wish her every blessing for the future.

A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 12th July, at 12:00 noon, followed by food and refreshments in the Old Church Hall. **Donations of cake/biscuits would be much appreciated.**

All parishioners, family, and friends are warmly invited to come along as we celebrate Kathleen's many years of faithful commitment to our school and parish community.

Afternoon Tea Cardinal Wiseman

The Year 12 Business students at The Cardinal Wiseman would like to warmly invite members of the Parish to join them for Afternoon Tea following the 12 noon Mass on Tuesday 7th July at The Cardinal Wiseman High School. Please leave through the side exit of the church, where the students will guide you through the car park to the area where the event is taking place. This event provides a wonderful opportunity for the school and parish communities to come together, enjoy tea and homemade cakes, whilst enjoying good company. We look forward to welcoming you.

Catholic Women's League

The next meeting of the Women's League will be in the Parish Centre, at 6.30 pm on Monday 6th July. All welcome.

Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham

On Saturday 11th July we will be making our pilgrimage to Walsingham. Please note that the coach will leave **promptly at 7.00 am**. Please bring a pack lunch.

Funeral Arrangements

Bridie Skehan
Service at 1.15 pm, Tuesday 7th July, Breakspear.

Mary Agatha James
Mass at 10.00 am, Friday 10th July, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Joseph McMenamin
Mass at 10.00, Friday 17th July, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear.

Ellen(Nell)Mary Flanagan's burial will take place at 12.00 noon, on Friday 17th July in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Sheena Catherine Chambers
Mass at 1.00 pm, Monday 20th July, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear.

Assumption Rodrigues
Mass at 1.00 pm, Wednesday 22nd July, Visitation Church to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Sunday Collections

27th / 28th June £2,4445.00
Peter's Pence £390.00

Next week's second collection is for Stella Maris.

Pallottine Five Argentina—50th Anniversary

During the Dirty War 1976 to 1983 the military dictatorship in Argentina targeted suspected political opponents. Thousands of people were kidnapped, tortured, killed, or forcibly disappeared in a campaign of state terrorism. Human rights groups estimate that around 30,000 people disappeared, although the exact number remains disputed.

Fr. Alfie Kelly, knowing that some of those attending his church (St. Patrick's Parish Belgrano in Buenos Aires), had bought furniture from disappeared persons, decided to speak to them one Sunday during Mass. "Brothers and sisters: I have learned that some people in this parish are buying furniture from

the homes of people who have been arrested and whose fate is unknown. More and more of these cases are emerging throughout the country. Mothers who don't know where their children are, children who don't know where their parents are, families forced into exile, signs of death everywhere. We read the Old Testament where we see the people of Israel persecuted, mistreated, and exiled; we are moved by these passages, yet we cannot be moved, we cannot recognize, the persecution our people are suffering these days. I want to be very clear about this: the sheep of this flock who profit from the situation so many Argentine families are going through cease to be sheep in my eyes and become cockroaches."

The Pallottines began receiving threats. There was tension. They were being watched—there was a car with men inside in front of the parish—but no one could have imagined that what happened would actually happen. On July 1, 1976, Kelly wrote in his diary: "I realized the seriousness of the slander circulating about me (...) the danger to my life. Last night I prayed intensely... more calm in the face of the possibility of death. I wept a lot, but I wept begging the Lord that the grace He has given me to live would accompany those whom I have tried to love, ... I wept for having to leave them (...) the Spirit will go to some of His children, I prayed that it would go (...) to those who hate me (...) I realized through my tears that I am very attached to life (...) That I will be called by the Father at the time and in the way He wills, and not when I or others will."



In the early morning of July 4, 1976, the assassins broke into the parish house and shot to death three Pallottine priests and two seminarians: Fr Alfredo Leaden, Fr Alfredo Kelly, Fr Pedro Dufau, Salvador Barbeito, and Emilio Barlett. In his homily at the Mass for the 25th Anniversary of the Massacre Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, SJ, (Pope Francis) said: "This parish has been anointed by the witness of those who lived "together and died together." By the witness of those who chose not to live for themselves, who chose to be a grain of wheat and died so that others might have life. It wasn't just the altar that was anointed with oil when this parish was consecrated. The tiles of this site are anointed with the blood of those whom the world could not recognize because they were not of the world... This parish, anointed by the decision of those who lived together, anointed by the blood of those who died together, tells us something about this city, something that each of us must take to heart and embrace. ... There are people who continue to bear witness to the Gospel; there are people who were like grains of wheat, who gave their lives and sprouted."

Novena Prayer

Lord, you chose your servants Alfredo, Pedro, Alfie, Salvador and Emilio from among your people and granted them the grace of embracing the Gospel with one heart and one purpose. May we proclaim the message they preached and bear witness to the unity they lived, remaining faithful even to the laying down of their lives, strengthened by the same Spirit and sustained by the power of your love.

In faith and hope, we pray that our Pallottine brothers may dwell forever in the light and peace that know no end. We also ask for repentance, conversion, and the gift of your mercy for those responsible for their deaths. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady Queen of Apostles, pray for us.

St Vincent Pallotti, pray for us.

