



# ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHGATE PARISH BULLETIN

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**Masses: Sunday:** (7pm Saturday) 8am, 10am, 12noon, 1.30 (Polish), 7pm.

**Holydays:** 6.30pm vigil, 9.30am, 11am, 6.30pm

**Weekdays:** 9.30am, 6.30pm. **Saturday:** 9.30am, 7pm. **Bank Holiday:** 9.30am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday** 10-10.30am, 6.30 -6.45pm

**Weekdays:** immediately after Mass (on request)

## 1st September 2019 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Welcome and emocleW!

Welcome – and welcome back, as the case may be! A very special welcome to those who have recently arrived in Highgate, and are still wondering what kind of parish they have landed in. A very special welcome back to those who are returning after Summer holidays, eager once again to get stuck in to the joys of their normal routines! Who knows what the year ahead is going to hold for us? Much will depend on you who actively play your part in building the St. Joseph's of the future. Taking our lead from today's Gospel, yes, we are all invited to the party, as it were. It's not for us to worry who are going to have what seats where, as long as we realise we all have our part to play.

But then, in St. Joseph's we don't believe in sitting around and waiting to see what will happen to us – in modern terms, we like to be 'pro-active'. We have been blessed down the years with people who are not only talented, but anxious to use their talents to build up our Parish as a welcoming, joyous community, celebrating and working together to make our world a better place. I'm not going to give a listing of all the wonderful achievements of the Parish over the years, or even last year – this is a new year, and in a sense a new parish. Our challenge this year is not simply to be better than last year, but to be the best possible Parish we can be this year – we're looking forward, not back.

As a parish we have many wonderful traditions extending back over the years, but we don't allow those traditions to hamper our desire to be ready to face the challenges of an ever new and changing world. And one of the best ways of keeping our parish life fresh is by encouraging more and more people to be active participants. If you didn't get around to it last year, well, now's your chance. Have a word with one of the priests, or a member of the Parish Council, and let them know how you would like to be involved. Do us the honour of taking an active part in St. Joseph's!

### Fr. Timothy Cullen, C.P. (1933 – 2019)

Fr. Timothy Cullen was born in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal in November 1933. His family moved to Liverpool when he was quite young, and apart from a period during the war, that's where he was raised. He went to the Passionist junior seminary in Ormskirk, and then entered the Passionist Novitiate in Broadway where he was took his first vows as a Passionist in September 1951. From there he moved to Minsteracres in Northumberland to pursue his studies in philosophy and theology. While nothing was recorded about his studies, Timothy was noted for being a very tough and uncompromising football player!



He was ordained in July 1957 and initially spent time in Sutton St. Helens. His primary apostolate was with the local youth, and this developed into his forming a branch of the Young Christian Workers. Eventually he was moved to south Wales where he really began to develop his apostolate. In particular he nurtured his interest in Celtic spirituality and to that end began to learn Welsh. At St. Non's, the Passionist retreat house on the outskirts of St. David's (Britain's smallest city), he promoted retreats for youth, families, married couples, and crucially he fostered strong links with the local non-Catholic community; he was noted for his ecumenical spirit.

Due to failing health he moved to Highgate, but continued helping out in south Wales. In recent years Timothy needed more care and so moved to the Nazareth House in Finchley where the Sisters took superb care of him. Even though Timothy had been out of active ministry for several years, the large congregation at his requiem Mass on Friday clearly shows the love so many had for him. May his good soul rest in peace.

**We pray for those who have died recently** – Fr. Timothy Cullen CP, Kevin Barry (funeral 11.30am Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, Reception 7.30pm Tuesday), Leonard Connor (funeral 11.30am Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September), Eileen Hanifin; **we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Elvis Buckley, Alice Ryan.

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### **Happy New (School)Year:**

It seems only the other day that we were looking forward to the holidays, and here we are having almost already forgotten how we spent them! Anyway, let me take this opportunity on behalf of all the community here to welcome you back, and also to extend a very warm welcome to the many new people who have come to our parish over the past few months. Whether you stayed at home, or travelled, I do hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable time and have your batteries re-charged as we face into a new year.

### **First Holy Communion and Confirmation:**

While detailed dates for the actual beginning of the programs have not been finalised as yet, application Forms for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programs will be available in the porch of the church from next Sunday. We remind you once again that these programs are solely for children either living in the Parish, regularly attending mass in the parish, or attending school in the parish. We also remind all parents concerned, that children will not be accepted on either program unless the application form is **accompanied by a baptism certificate** – so if you don't have one to hand, then we advise you to immediately set about getting one! For children baptised here in St. Joseph's the date of baptism is sufficient. Preparation for the sacraments is a joint project between the parish and the homes of the students, and hence involves quite a degree of commitment by families as well as that being made by our catechists, who voluntarily give of their time and talents. Naturally the children are required to attend mass each Sunday, and we of course expect their families to support them by good example.

### **Christian Stewardship:**

Last week's collection amounted to £1,058. In addition to that we receive an average of over £900 per week in standing orders. Thanks for your continuing generosity in support of your Parish.

### **Parish Youth Group:**

The Youth Group for ages 13-17 years old will reconvene this coming Friday, 6th September. If you are interested in being part of this group it's very important to try and attend this session, where, among other things, we will be trying to plan out a program of meetings and activities for the coming year. Some refreshments will also be available to help the social and planning activities. It would be great to see some new faces so please do join us if you have not been involved before and help shape the way forward! The gathering will run 7pm till 9pm and we ask you to use the entrance on Highgate Hill (just down from the traffic lights) when you arrive. Please contact Mirek on mirek17@hotmail.com or Nicholas on njbaumgartner@yahoo.com for further details.

### **100 Club:**

The August Draw for the 100 Club was held in the Monastery during the week. The number of entries was 123 and the winners were: £400 Paula Waldron (162), £100 Nick Sharp (166), £50 Tom Kelly (170). A copy of the results may be obtained from the Parish office on request. The September draw will be held as usual in the last week of the month, and monthly subscriptions should be paid by Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

### **Pre-Marriage Course:**

We expect our next pre-marriage course will be taking place in late November. This course is open to all those planning on getting married during 2018 – they need not be members of the parish, or be planning on getting married here. Application forms will be available once the date is confirmed.

### **Adult Religious Education, and RCIA:**

It is too early yet to know whether we will be having an RCIA course here this year. The course is free, and takes place if enough interest is expressed. Anybody interested in taking part should contact either Fr. Pat or Fr. George, so that we can have some idea as to what needs to be provided. Any members of the Parish who would like to take part and use the opportunity to refresh their knowledge of the faith, as well as sharing their experience of faith with others, are also very welcome. Each session is a complete unit, so you don't have to commit to the whole program. Please let us know if you are interested.