



# 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)

## 7th April 2019 – 5th Sunday of Lent

### Passionist Jubilee Icon

Not so long ago I mentioned that shortly we – the Passionists – would be celebrating the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our founding by St. Paul of the Cross. The official dates for the Jubilee are from 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. That might seem a long way off at this stage, so why am I mentioning it now? To commemorate this major occasion in the history of our Congregation, our General Council commissioned an Icon, a photo of part of which you see to the right. It is a representation, in Byzantine style, of the Virgin Mary and St Paul of the Cross at the foot of the Crucified. This central section has two doors that, when opened, show St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin, St. Gemma Galgani, Blessed Bro. Isidore de Loor and the ecumenical missionary, Blessed Dominic Barberi (of the Mother of God).

To emphasise and celebrate that we are a worldwide group dedicated to spreading a deeper understanding of the meaning of the Passion of Jesus, this icon is being brought to all the places where there are Passionist foundations today. Within the Jubilee year there would not be enough time to adequately do this, so the icon is already on its way. It will be here in Highgate from Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of April. Our present hope is to feature it during all the masses at the weekend, and have a special ceremony on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Any additional suggestions will be welcomed. (I will also try to get more detailed explanation of some of the less obvious parts of the icon.)



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**We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish** – Eileen McNulty; **we remember those who have died recently** – Joseph Clabby (Requiem Mass, 4.30pm Monday 8th April), Bridgette McDwyer (funeral 11.00am Thursday 11th April, Reception 7.15pm Wednesday), Eileen Newland; **we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Fr. Hubert Condron CP, Fr. Charles Owen CP, Catherine (Kitty) Press, Tom, John & David Lavelle, Susie Hamlin, Leo Kenny.

### **Coffee Morning today:**

We hope you have time to drop in to our coffee morning taking place in the Red Room immediately after the 10.00am mass. All welcome.

### **Mothering Sunday:**

We want to say a most sincere thank you to Paula and her team for organising such a successful Mothering Sunday celebration last week. It mightn't have helped those counting calories, but it was worth it to see the many happy faces. Thanks also to Chiara for one again organising the flowers.

### **Posts Available in St. Joseph's School:**

Due to an increase in demand, the Governors are seeking to appoint qualified and experienced School Play-workers at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery to support our popular Breakfast Club. We are particularly interested in applicants who have experience in EYFS who have valid qualifications for working in Early Years. The salary is based on term-time only scale 3 (hourly rate £12.49) hours: 7:45am - 8:45am and required ASAP. If you are interested in applying, please contact the school office [office@st-josephs.islington.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-josephs.islington.sch.uk) for an application form.

### **Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse:**

The Bishops of England and Wales designated the Friday, 12th April, to be observed as a Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse. Prayers will be said for the many children and vulnerable adults, who have been abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. We pray that within their communities and families they may find understanding and support that may bring healing and peace.

### **Planned Giving Boxes:**

The new collection envelopes come into effect this week-end. If you haven't already done so we invite you to collect your new boxes of envelopes from the sacristy after any of the masses, or from the office during the week. If you haven't had a box before but would like to start now, no problem – just let us know and a new number can be assigned to you. If you prefer to donate by standing order, forms can be obtained at the back of the church.

### **Do You Gift-Aid?**

The value of your donation can be increased by 25% at no extra cost to yourself, simply by Gift-Aiding it – if you are a tax-payer. The Parish learns nothing about your private financial affairs. The average weekly collection, between plate and standing orders, is approximately £2200 a week. If only half of that was Gift-Aided, it would mean an extra £275 a week, or £14,300 a year, to Parish funds. We are genuinely grateful to those who have been Gift-Aiding. If you haven't been doing so already, and are in a position to Gift-Aid, perhaps you might think of doing so now. Forms can be obtained at any time from the office, or contact Fr. Pat by email.

### **Church Cleaning Fest:**

You will appreciate that with all the dusty work going on in the church for the past few months, we're in need of a thorough cleaning in preparation for celebrating Holy Week and Easter. We would greatly appreciate your assistance on Monday, 15th April, at 10.00am. Light refreshments will be served – for those who haven't given them up for Lent! No sign-up sheet – just turn up on the day. Thanks.

### **Cardinal's Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony:**

This annual event will be taking place this year in Westminster Cathedral, on Saturday 8th June 2019 at 3pm. The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2019. If you qualify, and would like to attend, please give to Fr. Pat the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or telephone number, if no email). The actual invitation will eventually come directly from the Cardinal's office.

### **Christian Stewardship and Lenten Project:**

Last week's collection amounted to £1,682. In addition we receive an average of over £900 per week in standing orders. Thanks also for your magnificent response to our Lenten Project in aid of Fr. Rick's work in Haiti - £843 in total was donated last week, bringing the total to date to just over £3,550. We are very grateful for your outstanding generosity.

### **Stations of the Cross:**

The Stations will take place immediately after the 6.30 pm. Mass on Friday. If the set time is not suitable for you, feel welcome to do this particular form of prayer at any time on your own or with some friends.