



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)

21st April 2019 – Easter Sunday



*May the celebration
of Resurrected Life
bring you new hope.*

*May the victory over death
turn your eyes
to the promises of heaven.*

*May the empty tomb
help you to leave your sorrows
at the foot of the cross.*

*So that God's hope,
promises and forgiveness
reign in your life forever.*

May your Homes be Blessed with Easter Peace and Joy.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish – Sheila Farrell, Joan & Tony Boyle; **we remember those who have died recently** – John Kelly, Bridgette McDwyer; **we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Anne Gorman, Jos Byrne, Maisie Murray.

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Bank Holiday:

Easter Monday is a bank holiday so there will only be one Mass, at 9.30am.

Visit of Passionist Jubilee Icon:

I have mentioned a few times recently that we – the Passionists – will be celebrating – by means of a Jubilee Year – the 300th anniversary of our founding by St. Paul of the Cross. The official dates for the Jubilee are from 22nd November 2020 to 1st January 2022. To commemorate this major occasion in the history of our Congregation, our General Council commissioned an Icon, pictured 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 this Tuesday, 23rd, to Tuesday 30th of April. Our present hope is to feature it during all the masses next week-end, and have a special ceremony on Monday 29th April. Any additional suggestions will be welcomed.



The visit of the icon here is, in a very real sense, a once in a lifetime special opportunity to celebrate the gift that the Passionists have been to this area of London over the last century and a half. Even within the lifespan of our present congregation many of you will have lasting memories of priests and brothers who served here and did so much to build up the sense of community and joy that still pervades the life of our parish. I am aware that the beautiful weather we are having at present may be tempting many of you to make plans to be away next week-end, but I ask you to make a special effort to be here with us on the week-end of 27th/28th April, into Monday 29th, during which we would like to make a special effort to celebrate our being part of the world-wide Passionist community.

Church Cleaning Fest:

A most sincere thank you to the magnificent number of magnificent people who turned up to do a magnificent job of cleaning our magnificent church in preparation for the magnificent Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

Christian Stewardship and Lenten Project:

Last week's collection amounted to £1,748. In addition we receive an average of over £900 per week in standing orders. Thanks also for your wonderful response to our Lenten Project in aid of Fr. Rick's work in Haiti - £955 in total was donated last week, bringing the total to date to just over £5,500. We are very grateful for your outstanding generosity. Though the Lenten Project is over you can still contribute to our Haiti Fund by means of the wall boxes at the back of the Church.

100 Club:

The April draw for the 100 Club will take place during the week. Members are reminded to have their subscriptions in as soon as possible. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

Charismatic Prayer Group:

The Prayer Group will not meet during the Easter season. Meetings resume Tuesday 30th April 2019.

Planned Giving Boxes:

The new collection envelopes are now in effect. We invite you to collect your new boxes from the sacristy after any of the masses, or from the office during the week. If you haven't had a box before 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. 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. 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.