



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 October 2018 – 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Paul of the Cross

On this Friday just gone, October 19th, we celebrated the feast of St. Paul of the Cross. Some people might ask – what's that got to do with us? A lot, actually. Without him, the present priests in our community, or the literally hundreds of Passionists who have been here over the last 160 years, would most likely never have ministered in Highgate. St Paul of the Cross founded the Passionist Congregation, who in turn founded St. Joseph's Parish in Highgate in 1858. So a good time maybe to say a few words about him, especially for the benefit of new arrivals to our parish.

Born Paul Francis Danei on January 3rd, 1694, in Ovada in Northern Italy, St. Paul of the Cross was the eldest of a large family. Paul's love for the Passion was learned at his mother's knee. From an early age he felt called to follow God in a special way, but was held back by the fact that being the eldest he was expected to help his father in providing for their large family. Finally, at age 21, he joined a crusade against the Turks, thinking this was the way God wanted him to serve. Quickly disillusioned, he soon returned home. Through prayer he came to realise that the Lord was calling him to lead a different crusade – to win over people's hearts by sharing with them the immense love for us shown by the Lord in His Passion and death. In a vision in 1720, our Lady showed Paul the black Passionist habit – sign of mourning and penance – which the members of his congregation were to be clothed in. He began on a very small scale, teaching catechism to the local children and giving spiritual counsel to the people of the town.



Convinced that he was called to share this mission with others, he invited companions to join with him. In his lifetime, he founded 13 monasteries throughout Italy. He wrote a Rule to guide their lives, and had received official approval for his Congregation from Rome. He also founded the Passionist nuns, and he founded the Confraternity of the Passion for the laity. Members, often referred to as lay Passionists, follow an inspirational, rather than obligatory, rule of life based on key concepts from the Passionist Rule.

As well as preaching hundreds of missions and retreats, Paul was a prolific writer of letters of spiritual direction. While living a very active life himself, he always based that activity on a deep spiritual life of prayer and penance. He was a confessor known for his compassion, encouragement and gentleness. He believed that if we could only have an inkling of the great love that the Lord has for us, shown particularly in His Passion and Death, we couldn't help but be touched and inspired to respond by living more loving lives ourselves. Paul's own life took many unexpected twists and turns, and involved many disappointments and much suffering, but he never lost sight of his original inspiration, to share the message of God's love with others.

He died in Rome in 1775. He was declared a saint in 1867. His Congregation has since spread throughout the world – including coming to England in 1843, and Highgate in 1858. Passionists wear a distinctive sign – illustrated in the picture of St. Paul of the Cross above – which consists of a heart surmounted by a cross. Written within the heart, in the three languages of the Cross, are the words "The Passion of Jesus Christ." And that is our constant prayer – that His Passion, and the love it represents, may always live in all our hearts.

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We pray for the sick and housebound of the Parish - Kevin Redmond, Elizabeth Casey; **we remember those who have died recently** – Maria Bitner-Glindzicz (funeral 11.00am Tuesday 23rd October), Georgina Moriarity (funeral 10.30am Wednesday 24th October), Mary Delaloy (Fr. Aidan's sister), Nora Fitzgibbon, John O'Hara; **we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Dorothy Ambler, Barbara Mayers, Nora McGarry, Matt Faherty.

NO 7.00, 9.00 or 11.00 a.m. Mass next Sunday!

Don't forget you've got an extra hour in bed next Sunday. Clocks go back one hour on Saturday 27th October.

November Dead List:

The usual envelopes and sheets for the November altar list of the dead are now available in the porch. Mass will be said each day in November for all whose names are entered on the list.

Parish Bazaar – November 24th:

Our Bazaar this year is on Saturday 24th of November which, believe it or not, is only **five weeks away**. As always we are relying on your generous donations of all the usual goods for the stalls: books, cakes, toys, toiletries, homeware, etc. (but do please remember that health and safety regulations nowadays forbid us to sell second-hand electrical goods, used soft toys or clothing that we cannot guarantee have been disinfected) and of course lots of bottles (full, please!) for the Tombola stall – thank you to the many of you who have contributed already. Please bring your goods for stalls AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that we can start sorting. But also we need volunteers to make it all happen, so if you would like to help in any way, either with the preparatory organisation or on the day itself, please contact Cheryl, felicitymaynard@hotmail.com. And finally, we hope you will be able to come on the day and help make this year's Bazaar the enjoyable social event it always is.

Christian Stewardship:

Last week's collection amounted to £1,806. In addition to that we receive an average of over £900 per week in standing orders. The recent CAFOD Fast Day collection raised £880. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

100 Club:

The October draw for the 100 Club will take place during the week. Would any members who have not yet handed in their subscriptions please do so as soon as possible. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

Holy Land Olive Wood Sale:

On the weekend 3rd/4th November there will be a sale of olive wood carvings from the Holy Land (Bethlehem). We are the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (based in Nottingham) and working alongside St. Vincent De Paul society for orphans and elderly in the Holy land. Our goal is to support and help the Christian families in the holy land to stay in work, as olive wood products is one of their most important source of income - 90% of the Christians rely on these sales. So by selling their produce here (rosaries, crosses, cribs and religious statues) on their behalf, helps prevent the Christians from leaving the country in search of better work opportunities, as a test survey from the bishops of Jerusalem there are only forty one thousands Christians left in the area.

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School & Nursery:

If your child is 3 years old or will be turning 3 in the Autumn /Spring Term, apply now for the school nursery. The school offers FREE part-time (8:40am -1:00pm) and FREE full time (8:40-3:15) nursery places for eligible children. Our fees for non-eligible children are £85 per week for half day sessions. Wrap around care is also offered subject to availability of additional breakfast club (£3) from 8am and after school care (£10) until 6pm. Applications are available on the website or contact office@st-josephs.islington.sch.uk

Pre-Marriage Course:

Our next pre-marriage course will be taking place on Saturday, November 17th. 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 and further details of the course can be obtained by emailing pfc44@yahoo.com

Parish Diaries:

St. Joseph's Parish Diaries for next year are now available in the Repository, along with 2019 Calendars.

Young Adult Meeting with Cardinal Nichols:

Calling all young people 18-30 years old for an evening of prayer and reflection with Cardinal Vincent on Tuesday 30 October 2018 from 7pm at Archbishop's House. The Cardinal will share his reflections from the Synod on Youth and there will be an opportunity for further dialogue. The event is free to attend but registration is required by email to youth@rcdow.org.uk.

Job Vacancies in St. Aloysius College:

St. Aloysius College has a number of vacancies in various posts – teaching, cleaning, etc. For more information and application forms, contact - mcdonagh.d@sta.islington.sch.uk .