



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)

22nd July 2018 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What's in a Name?

With the schools closing this week, it's looks like we're going to have a very quite time over the next month and a half with so many people being away on holidays. But no matter how many people are away, life still goes on in the parish. There are Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals planned over the next weeks, so – as my granny would say – 'no rest for the wicked'! Not that anybody's complaining – it is a privilege to be part of these family occasions – especially the baptisms – even though at times I have trouble pronouncing the names the have nowadays.

I used to have a teacher in school who, even back then, thought the world was changing too fast, and not always for the better. One thing that particularly upset him was the names being given to children. As far as he was concerned any good Catholic parents should name their children after either Our Lady, or one of the saints. When he got on his hobby-horse one of his favourite lines was "back when boys were boys, and girls were girls, and Daisy was the name of a cow!" (No offence intended to anybody called Daisy – I'm just quoting the man!) Come to think of it, I don't know why he didn't say "and Daisy was the name of a flower" – possibly he saw problems with Rose and Lily, very popular Irish names in those days!

Speaking of daisies – they always remind me of my father's favourite excuse for not mowing the lawn at home. The grass was full of daisies, which he claimed to regard as being among his favourite flowers – he couldn't find it in his heart to be cutting them off in their prime! (I know – I wouldn't fall for it either, but it worked for him, because I usually ended up being the one who had to cut the grass!) But I digress. Getting back to my teacher, I never had enough nerve to ask him who did he think the saints were named after – eg. St. Bernard – if he was the first St. Bernard then clearly he wasn't named after a saint! As I say, I never thought it was worth risking life and limb just to find out his answer.

Whether naming them after saints or flowers or whatever, choosing a name for a child is a major step – the child is most likely to carry this name through life. I recall a wise parent once telling me of a number of important considerations she kept in mind in choosing names for her children. After narrowing down the field to a relatively small number that they liked, they then went through them individually and asked three questions – what would it be shortened to; how would children accidentally mis-pronounce it; how would children maliciously mis-pronounce it? If the name passed all three tests satisfactorily, then it was a real possibility.

Our gospel today features the Lord being concerned about his apostles – that the should get a proper break after their labours in his name. It wasn't their names that made them special, it was their commitment to living their lives in answer to God's call to them. On meeting with Jesus they knew that it is in His name that we are all saved! Amen to that!

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We remember those who have died recently – Sr. Bernardine Spink OSA (funeral 11.30am Friday 27th July), Tomasz Krol, Hallie Hewitt, Francis O'Neill, Anthony O'Malley, Ann O'Sullivan; **we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Mary Traynor, Tim Buckley.

Summer Break:

As you will see from the preponderance of repeat notices below we are struggling to keep the Bulletin going now that so many people are away and so little is happening. So we may as well face up to the reality and send the Bulletin on holiday as well! In other words, this will be our last bulletin until the end of August.

Afternoon Tea Social, Wednesday, 18th July:

A very sincere thank you to all who were involved in the afternoon tea social on Wednesday afternoon last. Once again there was a great turn-out, and a most pleasant time was had by all – thanks to the wonderful work in preparation do by Roni and her helpers. There will be none during August, but we will be resuming again on the 3rd Wednesday of September.

Keeping Our Church Clean:

A most sincere thanks to all who turned up for our cleaning day last Tuesday, 17th July. It was especially gratifying to see so many new faces, making a wonderful total of 16 people in all, who shared their time and talents with us. The only problem we had was in getting people to take a break, so that they could enjoy the refreshments on offer! And a special word of thanks to Roxane for co-ordinating everything.

Christian Stewardship:

Last week's collection amounted to £1,385. In addition to that we receive an average of over £900 per week in standing orders. Thanks again for your generous support of our parish.

Parish Youth Group:

The Youth Group for ages 13-17 years old will reconvene on Friday, 14th 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 for further details.

100 Club:

The July draw for the 100 Club will take place during the week. We remind any members who may not as yet have handed in their subscriptions to please do so as soon as possible. Thanks for your generous support.

World Youth Day 2019:

The next World Youth Day takes place in Panama, January 2019. The diocesan Youth Ministry team will be taking a group of young adults to Panama, from ages 18-35. Any young people in the parish interested in joining the pilgrimage are invited to contact youth@rcdow.org.uk. Bursaries of up to 50% of the cost are available. Spaces are limited, so interested youth are requested to contact Youth Ministry as soon as possible.

Children's Summer Camps:

Bookings are being taken for the SVP John Bosco camps for boys (ages 8-13, weeks beginning 21st & 28th July) and girls (ages 9-12, week beginning 4th August), near Colchester in Essex. Run with a Catholic ethos, these sports and activity based camps are especially for children who may not have any holiday this year. See porch noticeboard or visit www.svpboscocamp.org.uk for details. Phone Eileen 020 7272 1263 if interested.

Adoremus National Eucharistic Congress: 7-9 September:

Apologies to anyone who experienced difficulties booking tickets through the Bishops' Conference online portal at <http://unbouncepages.com/adoremus2018/> The issues have now been resolved and bookings can be made until Tuesday, 31 July – this is an absolute deadline. The Friday symposium is fully booked. You can add your name to a waiting list at adoremus@rcdow.org.uk but there is no guarantee of further tickets. There are tickets remaining for the main event on the Saturday, when the internationally-known Bishop Robert Barron will give two keynote addresses and Cardinal Nichols will give a reflection and lead us in Exposition and Benediction. There is a fee of £40 per delegate for the Saturday. There is no fee for the Sunday, but please still submit a booking form online for a place at one of the two Solemn Masses at the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Hope Together Gathering –Saturday 28th July

Recent news reports have highlighted the increase in violence affecting young people across London. Are you wondering how you can respond? Is there a way that together we can make a difference? Courtyard, part of the Catholic charity *Million Minutes*, presents 'Hope Together'. These gatherings offer an opportunity to explore the issues and discuss our potential response in supporting our local young people. There is still an opportunity to attend – on Saturday 28th July 2-4pm, Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, Enfield (EN2 6DS). To register and for more information please visit: millionminutes.eventbrite.co.uk

WE PRAY FOR . . .

(22nd July)

the sick and housebound of our Parish:

Jennifer Roberts,

Oliver Columb,

Anthony Boyle,

Eileen Riley,

Clive Nero,

Chris Beazley-Long,

Bridget McDonnell,

Isabel Pycroft,

Ita Watters,

William Pender,

Florence Cass,

Anne Bergin.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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