



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)

23rd December 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN



The 1st Christmas as seen by a year 5 student in St. Joseph's

The Passionist community in St. Joseph's

Wish you every happiness at this Christmas time.

May your homes be filled with His Love and Peace

And may 2019 be a year full of blessings for all.

We pray for the sick and housebound of our parish, particularly – Gale Willner, Kacper Duda; **we remember those who have died recently** – Florence Cass (funeral 12 noon Tuesday 15th January 2019), Mary Dolores Cooke, Tracy Jennings, Martin Hegarty; **we remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time** – Ethelreda Carlisle, Pat Foran, Kathleen Scanlon, Stanislav, Vladzimesh & Josef, Donal Donoghue, Michael Redmond, Ian Madden, Jan & Dorothy Handereck.

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Christmas, New Year Schedule:

The detailed list of events is available in the porch. Here's a summary of the principle services.

24th Christmas Eve: 9.30am weekday morning Mass.

5.30pm – Children/Family Christmas Mass – children are encouraged to come dressed as angels or shepherds, and to bring their singing voices;

12 midnight – Midnight Mass, preceded by carol singing from 11.30.

25th Christmas Day – Masses at 8, 10 and 12. **No evening mass.**

26th Wednesday Bank Holiday, Mass at 9.30am only. **No evening mass.**

30th Sunday, Feast of the Holy Family: Normal Sunday Masses.

1st January, Tuesday: Bank Holiday, Mass at 9.30am only.

We're Almost There!

At this stage it doesn't look too likely that we'll be having a White Christmas! What was great a couple of weeks ago for the children on their sleds down the various slopes around, was very dangerous for us more senior citizens, carefully picking our way along ice-bound footpaths. Thank God all that has passed for the present at least. And you may have noticed in the midst of the mayhem that the days have started stretching again – so in reality we're heading once more towards the long summer evenings! It is only right that Christmas occurs at this time of the year. It is above all a feast of hope – hope brought to a world long ago by a Baby born to a simple couple, in an animal's feeding-trough, hailed by simple shepherds, and acclaimed by the angels of heaven. Think of all the hopes we've invested in our relationships, especially our families and loved ones. The Lord's coming has, in a sense, endorsed those hopes. He promises that His Coming, His participation in those hopes, brings the assurance that with His help they will be fulfilled. All we need do is make sure that He really is part of our family, that He really is counted among our loved ones! That's our prayer, our hope, this Christmas.

Christmas Carol Singing in the Whittington:

The Whittington Chaplaincy Department, is looking for volunteers who will help out in the Christmas Carol Singing in the wards. This is to help give the patients who will not be celebrating Christmas with their families a feel of Christmas. Carol services on the 24th December 2018, will begin by 7:30pm to 9:00pm. Meet at the Chaplaincy department, Level 3, Kenwood wing. You can reach us (Fr. Oliver, Sr. Aideen) at 02072885337.

Christian Stewardship:

Last week's collection amounted to £1,471. In addition to that we receive an average of over £900 per week in standing orders. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

100 Club Results:

The December Draw for the 100 Club was held in the Monastery during the week. The number of entries was 102 and the winners were: £400 Johanna Griffin (195), £100 Anne Rea (177), £50 Mrs N. Briggs (179). A copy of the results may be obtained from the Parish office on request. The January draw will be held as usual in the last week of the month, and monthly subscriptions should be paid by **Sunday 20th January**. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

Prayer Group Holidays:

The Charismatic Prayer will not be meeting during the Christmas season. Meetings resume at 7.30pm Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Christmas at the Repository:

Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, and 2019 Calendars and St. Joseph's Parish Diaries are all now available at the Repository shop at the back of church, as well as the usual range of cards, books and devotional items, and the weekly Catholic papers.

Job Vacancies in St. Aloysius College:

Once again St. Aloysius College is advertising a number of vacancies in various posts – teaching, mentoring and assistant Premises manager, etc. Please contact mcdonagh.d@sta.islington.sch.uk for more information and application forms.