



# ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHGATE

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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## SPOTTING HOPE

Most Merciful Sustainer of My Life:  
Your love is the holy meaning of life.  
Your love surges to bring all life into being and carries me into your promised beyond. Your love heals broken hearts and mends fractured homes and nations.  
Your love speaks in the middle of the night when I feel all alone.  
Your love stays with me when no one else will.  
Your love remembers when everyone else forgets.  
Your love gives third chances, again and again.  
Your love sees a life of beauty when others only see emotional baggage.  
For every marriage wandering.  
For every child hurting.  
For every friend alone.  
For every spouse grieving.  
For every wound healing.  
For every heart longing.  
For every soul passing on.  
For every parent worrying.  
For every teen questioning.  
For every need seeking.  
There is and shall be love.  
In this Trinity of affirmation, love shall be.  
God is love.  
We come from God.  
We return to God and in between we become love.  
All things come and go.  
Love endures forever.  
Amen.

Happy  
**NEW**  
Year



We would like to thank all parishioners who brought in Christmas gifts and treats for the priests and staff. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

A special Thank You to all our Liturgical Ministers – Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Choir – for your ministry.

We also thank our florist and decorating team for creating a beautiful space for all of us!



## CONFIRMATION 2024

A reminder that our next meeting for candidates will take place on Sunday 14th January at 5.30pm (entrance at 107 Highgate Hill). The meeting will include attendance at the 7pm Mass. We look forward to seeing all our candidates then.



## NEW SITE. NEW STYLE

Insert loud cheering here!

If you haven't seen it yet, visit [stjosephshighgate.org.uk](http://stjosephshighgate.org.uk) to check it out.

We are so excited to present our newly designed website. As you can see, it has a fresh new look and easy navigation to help you get the information you need quickly and efficiently.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



**We'll be thinking about**  
What was Jesus' childhood like?  
What do you think is different between Jesus growing up and children growing up now?



**We'll be talking about...**  
Jesus as a child  
Who were Jesus' family?  
Who were Simeon and Anna?



**We'll be praying for...**  
Children.  
That we can be good children and follow the teachings of Jesus. Our families.



**Our Gospel is about...**  
Today's feast is the feast of The Holy Family. Mary and Joseph took the baby Jesus to the temple. At the temple Simeon and Anna praised God for Jesus. Jesus grew up with his family in Nazareth. Our Gospel today talks about Jesus' childhood.



- Sarah Duncan

## Welcome

Whether you come from across the street, around the corner, from another country, whether you are a parishioner or visitor, we extend a warm welcome! We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us. We encourage you to complete a parish registration form as this will ensure that you receive current news and information and will help if any sacraments are needed. Register online at the link on our website or contact us for a hard copy form. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us!  
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## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you weren't able to give a gift in person this year, we invite you to consider our online parish Giving Opportunities. Please find the Standing Order and GiftAid Forms in our porch and on our website. Your generosity makes it possible to continue our important ministries. Thank you.

[View our Giving Opportunities Online](#)



## Mass Intentions

Do you have a birthday you would like to celebrate for a friend? Sympathy for the loss of a loved one? You can have a Mass intention said for a person on these special occasions or for special intentions. Grab a Mass Intention Envelope and notate the date of the Mass intention. You can call or email the office as well. This is a beautiful and special way to pay tribute to loved ones.



We worship and serve a "give first" God, who calls us to imitate God's selfless, life-giving ways. When we give to what God cares about, we share in the

work of building God's Kingdom. When we give generously, we share in the true nature of God's abundant love.

Last week's and Christmas collection amounted to £4190.00. Thank you very much.

### Mass intentions from 30th December to 6th January 2024

"I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!" 1 Sam. 12:23

Sat, 30 Dec 2023	07.00 pm	Noel Joyce(Sick), Christine Wilson	Lately Dead
Sun, 31 Dec 2023	08.00 am	Missa PP, Metary Family	Intentions
	10.00 am	Justina D'sa (Birthday), Maureen Friel(LD)	Intentions
	12 noon	Eileen&Seamus Cawley(Cel.), Timothy O'Shea, Paul Ryan, Margaret Holleran	Lately Dead
	07.00 pm	Neill Cahill	Anniversary
Mon, 01 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Sr. Elizabeth Forde, Frank Dorrian	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Katie & Kieran Duffy(Intns) Christy Calum	Anniversary
Tues, 02 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Rosemary Davis	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Anna Jackiewicz	Anniversary
Wed, 03 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Josefa Antrobus	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Thur, 04 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Sr. Catherine Vaughan	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 05 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Maura Conway	Lately Dead
Sat, 06 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions

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## Welcome to St. Joseph

God loves everyone. No exceptions.  
St. Joseph's Welcomes You. We are here for you!  
We Invite you to join us on the spiritual journey as we learn and grow together, and as we seek to help and serve others.

**MASS TIMES** - Weekdays: 9:30am, 6:30pm,  
Saturdays: 9:30am followed by adoration until 11am,  
7pm Vigil Mass. Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 7pm  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
Saturday: 10am to 10:30am and from 6:30pm to 6:45pm. Weekdays on request

**SUN: HOLY FAMILY** Gn 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3, Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19, Col 3: 12-21/ Lk 2: 22-40 **Mon:** MARY, MOTHER OF GOD Nm 6: 22-27, Gal 4: 4-7, Lk 2: 16-21 **Tue:** Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, 1 Jn 2: 22-28, Jn 1: 19-28 **Wed:** Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2: 29 -- 3: 6, Jn 1: 29-34 **Thu:** 1 Jn 3: 7-10, Jn 1: 35-42 **Fri:** John Neumann, 1 Jn 3: 11-21, Jn 1: 43-51 **Sat:** Andre Bessette, 1 Jn 5: 5-13, Mk 1: 7-11 or Lk 3: 23-38 **SUN: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD** Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2: 1-12



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