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SPEAK, O LORD, YOUR SERVANT IS LISTENING



Lord, it was you who knit us together. Creating us to be exactly who we are with our own unique gifts and talents. Help us to recognize those gifts and use them for you.

Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening.

Lord, help us to remember that we are one in Christ. To treat all those we meet as a beloved sibling. To honour the humanity and the Christ-like-ness in each other.

Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening.

Lord, it is you who continuously calls us. You call us to "Come and see" what the beauty of the Kingdom of God is like. You call us to the hard work of doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you.

Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. Amen.

Parish Centre

Dear Parishioners

For many years, St Joseph's Parish Centre has been an integral hub for our parish community. It is located just behind the main church and features several communal activity rooms and a licensed bar.

Our Parish Newslettwe and website will regularly feature news on events and activities at the Parish Centre for our St Joseph's community to participate in and enjoy.

Aligned to the governance of the parish, the operations of the Parish Centre are overseen by the Parish Centre Committee, on behalf of the Trustees of St Joseph's. The terms of reference for the committee is available on our parish website at stjosephshighgate.org.uk.

The Trustees are currently seeking volunteer members for the Parish Centre Committee and welcome all parishioners who are keen on undertaking the role to apply. If you would like to serve on the committee, please send an email stating your interest to stjosephsparishcentrecommittee@gmail.com by Thursday 15 February.

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Our New Signage:

Our splendid new signage is a gift from the Eastcote Sign and Display.

Its proprietors, Emma and Chris Kelly and family, are our parishioners and my great friends. We thank them for their generosity and pray that the Lord may bless their kindness in abundance.



Ofsted report on St. Joseph's primary school

Some wonderful news to begin the new term at St Joseph's Primary School ...Our school has been rated by Ofsted as OUTSTANDING in all categories.

The result of the inspection by His Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) last November - into which teachers and staff, governors, parents and, of course, the pupils themselves put such effort and thought - is a huge achievement for the school and for our parish community. It was the first inspection since 2009

The inspectors looked in depth at all aspects of the school life and they found

- * Pupils are enthusiastic about coming to this exceptional, nurturing and inclusive school.
- * Pupils' behaviour is exemplary. Throughout the school there is a purposeful, yet calm, atmosphere.
- * The school has set out a highly structured and aspirational curriculum
- * Pupils speak knowledgeably and eloquently about their learning, recalling in depth what they have learned during their lessons.
- * The school provides a rich range of opportunities for pupils to develop their interests and talents
- * All pupils are encouraged to aim high and do their best.



Huge congratulations to the teachers and staff, to the governors, to the parents and to the children. The parish is proud of you.



Lent Group 2024

This single short prayer of Christ has everything that needs to be said about God, his kingdom, his life, about all of us' - Fr Alexander Schmemmann

Looking for inspiration this Lent? Our Lent Group is right here to provide you with bite-sized reflections, prayers and insights to guide, encourage and challenge you as we approach Easter.

Our Lent Group meets in the Red Room at 11am every Lenten Tuesdays (February 20th – March 19th) We follow Westminster Course for 2024 "We Dare to Say."

Please find the sign-up chart in the church porch and let us have your contact number or email if you would like to join us. We look forward to meeting you and journeying together with you this Lent!

Adieu Fr. Tiernan

Saying goodbye is rarely easy. When a priest relocates, his leaving impacts the entire congregation. Yes, Fr. Tiernan is leaving our community and returning down under. We will certainly miss him and won't forget all the wonderful ways he has made a positive difference for so many of us throughout the years. His cheerful presence and wonderful liturgies will be missed! We're sad that he's leaving us, yet also happy for him that he gets to return to Australia, his home country. Our prayers and all good wishes go with him. Fr. Tiernan doesn't wish to have any party, presentations or speeches. You're warmly welcomed to personally catch up with him at the Retreat, give him a call or send him an email (tiernanpc@gmail.com) to bid him farewell.

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 weekend's collection amounted to £1578. Thank you very much.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY



We'll be thinking about The Gospel this week tells us that people wanted to follow Jesus because they had heard from others how special he was.



We'll be talking about... Who did Andrew tell about Jesus? We can think about it like a club, we hear good things about the club and we want to join. Our club is our church, what would we tell our friends about church?



We'll be praying for... That we will always follow Jesus



Our Gospel is about... Having been baptised by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist. John the Baptist recognises Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.



- Sarah Duncan

Save the Date Meditation Group Thu. | 18 | 7PM

100 Club: Financial Statement for 2023

Balance in account at end-December 2022	£5,788.63
Income from subscriptions in 2023	£10,800.00
Prizes paid out in 2023	£5,959.00
Net income after prizes & bank charges	£4,771.96
Allocated for church repairs etc in 2023	£0.00
Balance in account at end-2023	£10,560.59



This statement has been prepared by the 100 Club committee based on actual cash amounts received and paid out during 2023. The Club's bank statements are reviewed by the auditors as part of the annual audit of parish accounts. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 14 January 2024

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

Date	Time	Intention	Category
Sat, 13 Jan 2024	07.00 pm	Annette Flight(B'day), Thomas Hurdall	Anniversary
Sun, 14 Jan 2024	08.00 am	Tony McGovern, Terence Horgan	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	Tony McGovern(LD), Linda Elizabeth Fitzpatrick	Anniversary
	12 noon	Anne&Arthur Cross, George&Sandra O'Shea,Mary Butler	Anniversary
	07:00pm	Missa PP	Intentions
Mon, 15 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Terence Horgan	Lately Dead
	06:30pm	Reynold Pereira	Lately Dead
Tue, 16 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Anthony McNaughton	Sick
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Wed, 17 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Khriis, Maya, Andrew	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Thu, 18 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Domenico Innamorato	Sick
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 19 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 20 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions

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SUN: 1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19, 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1: 35-42 Mon: 1 Sm 15: 16-23, Mk 2: 18-22
 Tue: 1 Sm 16: 1-13, Mk 2: 23-28 Wed: 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51, Mk 3: 1-6 Thu: 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7
 Mk 3: 7-12, Fri: 1 Sm 24: 3-21, Mk 3: 13-19 Sat: Sebastian, 2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27, Mk 3: 20-21
 SUN: Jon 3: 1-5, 10, 1 Cor 7: 29-31/ Mk 1: 14-20

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