



# ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHGATE

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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## CHASING THE PRESENT



Begin with a time of silent and personal reflection, using the following prompts and allowing some time to process each stage:

- Take some moments to reflect on your life. Perhaps there are areas with which you are currently unhappy or dissatisfied, such as work, your relationships, your body, your attitude, your faith, your politics, or others.
- List those things with which you are unhappy or dissatisfied (one per slip of paper). Be as honest as you can, and do not judge whether or not your unhappiness or dissatisfaction is "good" or "bad".
- Look at your slips of paper and share their contents with God in silent prayer, listening for God's response.

- Consider releasing your unhappiness or dissatisfaction to God to tend in God's timing, love and wisdom. As you consider each item, either place that slip of paper in the small trash can or pick up a rock to represent each item and drop it into the bucket of water.
- When you are done with this reflection, spend a few moments just resting in God's presence.

**Please stay with your experience and ask yourself:**

- What are some common threads to this experience?
- What are some frustrations that we might all share as the year goes on and what might we be able to do together to address them?
- How might we help others who are experiencing similar challenges?

## 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 Newsletter 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](http://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](mailto:stjosephsparishcentrecommittee@gmail.com) by **Thursday 15 February**.

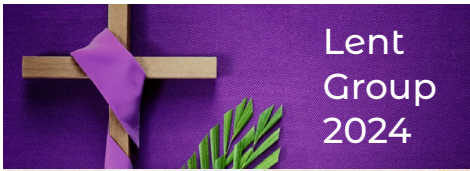
## Meet 2024 – Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors

As we head into 2024, we thought it would be good to recharge our spiritual batteries and get together with fellow Lectors and Eucharistic ministers on the evening of Thursday 1st February at 7:30pm in the Red Room. Fr. John Deehan has kindly agreed to lead the session. There will be refreshments of course! We hope that all our current ministers will join us, as well as those who may have stepped back during the pandemic and are now ready to return and, certainly anyone who is keen to become a minister and wants to enquire further before making a commitment. All are welcome!



## Confirmation 2024

Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers this weekend. They will be officially received as candidates for Confirmation at the Rite of Enrolment which will take place during the 7pm mass on Sunday evening. They will also fittingly receive a copy of the Bible on this 'Sunday of the Word of God'.



## 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!

## Prayer of the Catechists

Lord Jesus, Word made flesh, thank you for inviting me to proclaim you to others. Thank you for filling my life with your word. Help me to speak a language of faith that will help others to recognize you in their lives and deepen their relationship with you. May your Word echo within my heart and within the hearts of those I teach. Amen.



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

At St. Joseph's Highgate


FRI. | 1 | MARCH 3PM

(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)

*'I beg you, bear with one another in love'*

### PLEASE PRAY

FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH AND THEIR GRIEVING FAMILIES



**Terence John Linton**  
(Thu. 25 Jan. 12:30pm)


**Angela Moroney**  
(Mon. 29 Jan. 11am)

**Lynette Eugena Ellington**  
(Tue. 30 Jan. 11am)

**Anna Josephine McLoughlin**  
(Thu. 8 Feb. 11am)

**Sheila Buckley (TBC)**

### 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 weekend's collection amounted to £1502. Thank you very much.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



**We'll be thinking about**  
The Gospel this week tells about fishermen. Their work was important to them. But when Jesus called them, they immediately stopped their work and followed him

**We'll be talking about...**  
Jesus wanted the fishermen to stop fishing and follow him. He tells them they will be fishers of men. Can you think of any other stories from the bible about fishing or fishermen?

**We'll be praying for...**  
Help to be Jesus' disciples too

**Our Gospel is about...**  
This week the Gospel story is by Mark who tells us about when Jesus calls the fishermen, Simon, Andrew, James and John to become his disciples.

- Sarah Duncan

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 21 January 2024

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

Date	Time	Intention	Category
Sat, 20 Jan 2024	07.00 pm	Catherine Chisholm	Anniversary
Sun, 21 Jan 2024	08.00 am	Sofia Darr	Anniversary
	10.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	12 noon	Sheila Buckley(LD), John and Gerry Munnely	Anniversary
	07:00pm	William Lawlor	Anniversary
Mon, 22 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Erica	Intentions
	06:30pm	Eileen and Patrick Connole	Anniversary
Tue, 23 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Catherine&Jeremiah Harrington(Ann.), Barbara&Gerald McGowan Family	Sick
	06.30 pm	Linda Fitzpatrick	Anniversary
Wed, 24 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Ecaterina(Anni.), V. C. Gomeze(LD)	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Hugo Gallagher	Lately Dead
Thu, 25 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Sean Stiles	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Mr. Torpos	Lately Dead
Fri, 26 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Ignatius Herron	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 27 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Brenda Penaverde	Lately Dead

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**SUN:** Jon 3: 1-5, 10, 1 Cor 7: 29-31, Mk 1: 14-20 **Mon:** 2 Sm 5: 1-7, 10, Mk 3: 22-30 **Tue:** 2 Sm 6: 12b-15, 17-19, Mk 3: 31-35  
**Wed:** Francis de Sales, 2 Sm 7: 4-17, Mk 4: 1-20 **Thu:** Conversion of Paul, Acts 22: 3-16, Mk 16: 15-18  
**Fri:** Timothy and Titus, 2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5, Mk 4: 26-34 **Sat:** 2 Sm 12: 1-7a, 10-17, Mk 4: 35-41  
**NEXT SUN:** Dt 18: 15-20, 1 Cor 7: 32-35, Mk 1: 21-28

## 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



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