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Home by Another Way

"Later they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and they went back home by another way. "

Dear St. Joseph Family,

Have you made any resolutions for the new year? Resolutions can be a helpful means of self-improvement. To be sure, sometimes resolving to do something or to live differently can lead to transformation. Maybe the most important question behind all our resolutions is "What kind of person is God calling me to become, and how is God inviting me right now to become that person?" Growing in the image and likeness of God is harder and more intentional than simply making resolutions, because it's not simply about improving ourselves. It's about transforming ourselves and transforming the world. And it's more urgent, of course, because the world needs a lot more transformations than resolutions right now. So would you go for resolutions or transformations!

Just a quick word of thanks before signing off: 2023 has been a remarkable year of ministry. I am filled with hope as we move into a new year together, and I am grateful for you, St. Joseph Family, because you made great 'transformation' happen here at St. Joseph's. I want to take a few moments to express my thanks and appreciation to you for your



dedication and devotion to St. Joseph's. I wouldn't dare to think what would happen to St. Joseph's if not for our dear volunteers. Our volunteers who serve in the various ministries including our Parish Council, Finance Committee, Conservation and Development Committee, Cleaners, Altar Servers, Florists, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, choir and catechists. . .are our treasure! So again, thank you! What a blessing you are to me, but beyond that, what a blessing you are to the people you serve, and of course, our precious Lord and Saviour.

Rest assured that we love you here at St. Joseph's and will continue to pray for God's richest blessings in your life! YOU are highly valued and greatly appreciated! I remember you daily in my prayers and give thanks for the life and ministry we share together. And I'm grateful beyond measure to share the journey with you 'another way'!

Be well, be blessed, and be loved!

Happy New Year!



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.

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.

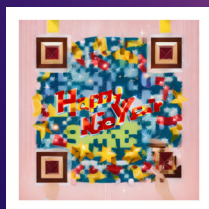
Last weekend's collection amounted to £1482. Thank you very much.

NEW SITE. NEW STYLE

Insert loud cheering here!

If you haven't seen it yet, visit 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.



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](#)



- Sarah Duncan

100 Club Results

The December draw was held in the Monastery on 4th January. The number of entries was 91 and the winners were:

£400 Paul O'Shea (13), £100 John Kennedy (15), £50 Pat Kennedy (44).

May we remind our members who pay annually that subscriptions are due for the new year. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.



Mass intentions from 6th December to 13th January 2024

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

Sat, 06 Jan 2024	07.00 pm	Missa PP	Intentions
Sun, 07 Jan 2024	08.00 am	Tony McGoven	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	Aida Dacosta, Patrick Donnelly	Lately Dead
	12 noon	Christine Wilson(LD) Timothy O'Shea, Marilyn O'Regan	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Paddy Healy	Anniversary
Mon, 08 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Shannon O'Connor (Birthday)	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Tues, 09 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Jimmy Hicky, Micheal O'Keeffe	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Antony	Anniversary
Wed, 10 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Thur, 11 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Erica	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 12 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 13 Jan 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions

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SUN: EPIPHANY Is 60: 1-6, Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2: 1-12 **Mon:** BAPTISM OF THE LORD Is 55: 1-11, Mk 1: 7-11
Tue: 1 Sm 1: 9-20, Mk 1: 21-28 **Wed:** 1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20, Mk 1: 29-39
Thu: 1 Sm 4: 1-11, Mk 1: 40-45 **Fri:** 1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a, Mk 2: 1-12
Sat: 1 Sm 9: 1-4, 17-19; 10: 1, Mk 2: 13-17 **SUN:** 1 Sm 3: 3b-10, 19, 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20, Jn 1: 35-42

CHILDREN'S LITURGY



We'll be thinking about
 Who was Matthew?
 What are the Gospels?
 Who were the Wise Men?
 Why do we think they decided not to tell Herod where Jesus was?



We'll be talking about...
 The story of the Nativity
 Who were the Wise Men?
 Why did they bring gifts? What did they bring?
 What gifts might we bring for Jesus?
 Why do we give gifts at Christmas? The importance of giving as well as receiving



We'll be praying for...
 That people from all communities will gather as one nation



Our Gospel is about...
 Our Gospel today was written by Matthew. He tells of the Wise Men coming from the East to Jerusalem to see the baby Jesus. The Wise Men said, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?" The Wise Men told King Herod, who was angry at the news, and told them that when they found Jesus they should tell him where the baby was. The Wise Men followed the star to Jerusalem and brought gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. On their return home, the Wise Men decided not to tell Herod where Jesus was.



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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