



# ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHGATE

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## PARISH BULLETIN

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Beckoning God,

It's that time of year again, when you call us to the wilderness, and if we're honest, we'd really rather not go.

Actually, for many of us, it feels like we never left.

The wilderness is full of twists and turns, struggle and unknowns.

So, if it's ok with you, we'd rather stay here, even if it's not exactly comfortable or life-giving.

Right now, staying right here sounds way better than the wilderness.

Do we have to go? We know this journey leads to death.

And yet every year, about this time, you remind us that the way to life is death, and though it is hard to understand we trust you.

We will follow you into the wilderness, whether we really want to or not, trusting that there are gifts along this road, too.

Accompanying God,



Open our eyes to see. Open our ears to listen.

Open our hearts to all that you have for us in the days ahead.

Protect us on this journey.

Teach us. Transform us.

Burn what must burn, and lead us into new life.

May it be so with us. Amen.



### Children's Liturgy

Our mission is to serve God and His people of St. Joseph's by helping children to engage meaningfully in the Liturgy, thus beginning a lifelong practice of praying, learning, and celebrating at Mass.

During the 10am Mass, children will be dropped off and signed in and the children will return to mass, after the homily, for the Liturgy of The Eucharist.

During this time, we will unpack the Gospel and Mass for children ages 4-7 years old.

Please contact our Children's Liturgy Coordinator for registration:

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The cross is the word of hope and mercy to all the crucified of the world; for those who are oppressed, the sick, the poor, and marginalized. Victims of violence and abuse still find the courage to turn their gaze to the One who was pierced.

From this look of divine love, they receive comfort, peace, consolation, and mercy, even the strength to forgive their executioners. What would man be without the cross of Christ? St. Paul of the Cross replied, "Meditation on Jesus Christ crucified is a precious balm which sweetens all pains." So, Pope Francis invites us to continue this Way of the Cross in our daily lives. "Let us walk together along the Way of the Cross and let us do so carrying in our hearts this word of love and forgiveness."

Stations of the Cross:

**Every Friday of Lent immediately after 6:30PM Mass.**



### Church Cleaners

Do you have one hour to spare once a week on a Friday afternoon? Join one of our friendly church cleaning teams for hoovering, light mopping and good company to keep our church looking in good order. All help welcome and appreciated. For more information, please contact the parish office at joseph.highgate@gmail.com

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 £1627. Thank you very much.



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!

# SAVE THE DATES

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Prepared by the women of Palestine.

At St. Joseph's Highgate  
**Fri. | 1 Mar | 2pm**

(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)

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

Help would be appreciated.

## Lent Group

**Tue. | 20 Feb. | 11am**

## Stations of the Cross

**Fri. | 23 Feb. | 7pm**

### PLEASE PRAY

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



**Olivia Freitas** (Mon. 26 Feb. 11am)  
**Fitz Gibbon** (Tue. 27 Feb. 11am)

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY



**We'll be thinking about**  
What is temptation?  
Why was it difficult for Jesus to resist temptation when he was hungry and thirsty?  
When have we been tempted to do something that is wrong?



**We'll be talking about...**  
What do we do during Lent?  
What colour is used the church today?  
Why is it different to other times of year?  
Sometimes making the right decision is hard but that should not stop us making good choices



**We'll be praying for...**  
The strength to not be tempted to do bad things.  
Help to be more like Jesus and think of others before ourselves.



**Our Gospel is about...**  
Today is the first Sunday of Lent. Our Gospel today tells the story of Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights. During his time of fasting a tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus answered, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."



- Sarah Duncan

## 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.

### Mass intentions from 17th to 24th February 2024

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

Date	Time	Intention	Category
Sat, 17 Feb 2024	07.00 pm	Missa PP	Intentions
Sun, 18 Feb 2024	08.00 am	Teresa Roseingrave	Birthday
	10.00 am	Jacqui Morris	Sick
	12 noon	Elizabeth O'Gomas Vera Hoykin	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Mon, 19 Feb 2024	09.30 am	Phonsie Miley	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Daniel Collins & Scott Rafferty	Sick
Tues, 20 Feb 2024	09.30 am	Jack Devitt	Birthday
	06.30 pm	Bridget Mahon	Birthday
Wed, 21 Feb 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Thur, 22 Feb 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 23 Feb 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
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Sat, 24 Feb 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** Gn 9: 8-15, 1 Pt 3: 18-22, Mk 1: 12-15 **Mon:** Lv 19: 1-2, 11-18, Mt 25: 31-46  
**Tue:** Is 55: 10-11, Mt 6: 7-15 **Wed:** Jon 3: 1-10, Lk 11: 29-32 **Thu:** Chair of Peter, 1 Pt 5: 1-4, Mt 16: 13-19  
**Fri:** Ez 18: 21-28, Mt 5: 20-26 **Sat:** Dt 26: 16-19, Mt 5: 43-48  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT** Gn 22: 1-2, 9a. 10-13, 15-18, Rom 8: 31b-34, Mk 9:2-10

# 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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