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EXPECTATION SUNDAY

As I reflect on my recent visit to my dementia-stricken and ailing mother, I am reminded of the concept of 'Expectation Sunday'. Just as the disciples were instructed to wait and expect the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, I found myself in a similar state of waiting and watching over my mother as I cared for her. Leaving her was incredibly difficult, as I felt a deep sense of pain and longing to stay by her side. However, I was reminded of the significance of waiting and expecting God to do something miraculous in our lives.

The idea of 'Expectation Sunday' holds a profound meaning for me. It serves as a reminder that as Christians, we are called to live in a state of expectation and hope, always anticipating the fullness of God's kingdom to come. Just as the disciples eagerly waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, I too am filled with anticipation for the blessings and grace that God will bestow upon my family and me.

So as we continue to wait for the coming of Pentecost, let us embrace this season of expectation and hope. Let us watch and wait for God to move in our lives, knowing that He is always present and working in ways we cannot yet see. And may we find comfort in the knowledge that just as the disciples' waiting was rewarded with the Holy Spirit, our waiting will be rewarded with the abundant blessings of God's love and grace.



In the midst of caring for my mother, I have learned the value of patience and trust in God's plan. Just as the disciples waited for the promised Holy Spirit, I too am waiting for God's grace and strength to guide me through this challenging time. The waiting is not easy, but it is during these times of waiting that our faith is deepened, and our hearts are prepared to receive God's blessings.

As we approach Pentecost and celebrate 'Expectation Sunday', may we all be reminded of the importance of waiting with hope and anticipation for God's kingdom to come. Let us trust in His perfect timing and continue to watch and wait for the miraculous ways in which He will work in our lives.



As we celebrate Earth Day and reflect on our responsibility to care for our common home, I invite you to join us on Thursday 27th June 2024 at 7pm for a special talk on the inspiring Apostolic

Laudato Si Talk

Exhortation of Pope Francis, Laudato Si. Our parishioner and activist, Katie De Kauwe, will be sharing her insights and reflections on this important document that calls us to care for our planet and protect the environment for future generations. I encourage you to come and listen to Katie's passionate and thought-provoking presentation, as we continue to deepen our understanding and commitment to stewardship of creation. Let us come together as a community to learn, discuss, and take action for the well-being of our world. I look forward to seeing you there.



Café Connect

Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time visitor, we invite you to join us for Café Connect after our 10am Mass on Sunday. It is a time for fellowship, conversation, and connection with one another. We believe that sharing a cup of coffee or tea together

creates a warm and welcoming atmosphere where we can support and encourage each other in our faith journey.

If you are interested in helping with coffee hour, whether it be setting up, serving, or cleaning up, please reach out to our hospitality committee. Your involvement will not only help us continue this important tradition but will also allow you to be a part of strengthening our community and welcoming others into our church family.

We look forward to seeing you at Café Connect and getting to know you better as we share this special time together. Thank you for being a part of our community of faith at St. Joseph's.



100 Club Results

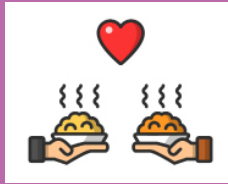
The April draw was held in the Monastery on 2nd May. The number of entries was 89 and the winners were: **£400 Margaret Mwanga (17), £100 Maureen Tayler (29), £50 Anne Miles (91)**. We apologise to our recent winners for a delay in sending out prizes, as we are currently in the process of updating our bank mandate. Thank you once again to those who support the parish in this way.



We just wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt appreciation for the beautiful evening of praise and worship that was Summit 2024. The theme of "My Jesus prayed for me, had me on his mind, took the time to pray for me. I'm so glad he prayed, I'm so glad he prayed, I'm so glad he prayed for me" truly touched our hearts and reminded us of the love and sacrifice of our Lord.

A special thank you to our Confirmation candidates and catechists for hosting the event, and to Westminster Youth team members Iona and Zuzanna for their hard work in organizing it. We are grateful for all

St. Joseph's Bring and Share Lunch



We are thrilled to announce that the next 'Parish Bring and Share Lunch' to celebrate the feast of St Joseph will be held on Sunday, May 19th after the 12 noon Mass in the Red Room. We are hoping for good weather so that we can also enjoy the garden. All parishioners and their families are invited to join us and are encouraged to bring a traditional dish from their country, as well as some drinks (in moderation). Please remember that we can only keep food warm on the day, not cook or reheat it. You can drop off your food after the 10am Mass. This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in our church community, meet new people, and strengthen our bonds. We welcome everyone and hope to see as many of you there as possible.

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.



Please Pray

May we lift up in prayer the souls of our departed sisters and brothers from our parish, may they find eternal peace in the arms of our loving God. And may we ask for comfort and strength for their families as they navigate through their grief and loss. Let us come together in solidarity and support, holding each other up in prayer during this difficult time.



Frederick Dunne
(Thu. 16 May 11am)



the participants from our Islington Deanery who joined us in worship and praise, as well as the priests who encouraged the children from their parishes to attend.

We also want to extend our gratitude to all the priests who helped us with the sacrament of Reconciliation during the service, and to our parish council members and parishioners who supported the event through their prayers and presence.

Thank you all for coming together to create a truly memorable and uplifting experience. We are blessed to have such a strong community of faith, and we look forward to more opportunities to come together in worship and praise.

THANK YOU Thank you to all who contributed to last weekend's collection. Your generosity helps us continue to serve and build God's Kingdom. Together, we can make a difference in the world. Thank you for your support and may God bless you abundantly. Last two weekend's collection amounted to £1307 and £896. Thank you very much.

Save the Date
Meditation Session
Wed 15 May at 7:15pm

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 12 May 2024

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

Sat, 11 May 2024	07.00 pm	Rosanna	Anniversary
Sun, 12 May 2024	08.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	10.00 am	Raymond Joseph McCamley	Anniversary
	12 noon	Kathleen and Michael Laing	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Kathleen Murray	Lately Dead
Mon, 13 May 2024	09.30 am	Catherine Defoe(LD), Genedina Aquilar	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Eileen Tarrevt and Family	Intentions
Tue, 14 May 2024	09.30 am	Phil Comiskey	Sick
	06.30 pm	Canon John Gallagher	Anniversary
Wed, 15 May 2024	09.30 am	Fr. Anthony Harnett(Ordination)	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Thanksgiving	Intentions
Thu, 16 May 2024	09.30 am	Ionel	Sick
	06.30 pm	Charles Madden	Lately Dead
Fri, 17 May 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
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Sat, 18 May 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions

Mass Intentions get fully booked for several weeks ahead. If you would like a Mass said on a particular date or anniversary it is advisable to request it in good time.

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 4: 1-13, Mk 16: 15-20 **Mon:** Our Lady of Fatima, Acts 19: 1-8, Jn 16: 29-33, **Tue:** Matthias, Acts 1: 15-17. 20-26, Jn 15: 9-17, **Wed:** Isidore the Farmer, Acts 20: 28-38, Jn 17: 11b-19, **Thu:** Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11, Jn 17: 20-26, **Fri:** Acts 25: 13b-21, Jn 21: 15-19
Sat: John I, Acts 28: 16-20. 30-31, Jn 21: 20-25, **PENTECOST** Acts 2: 1-11, 1 Cor 12: 3b-7. 12-13, Sequence Veni Creator Spiritus, Jn 20: 19-23



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