

# ST. JOSEPH'S HIGHGATE

### PARISH BULLETIN

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On this sacred day of Father's Day, we gather to honour and embrace all the different forms of fatherhood that exist in this world. We send love and light to those who carry the heavy burden of losing a father, or those fathers who have experienced the unimaginable loss of a child. We recognize and hold space for fathers of all gender identities, whether they are non-binary, transgender, or cisgender, and whether they are part of a family with two dads, foster dads, adoptive dads, or single dads.

We stand in solidarity with fathers of colour and those who are raising children of colour, understanding the unique challenges they face in a world that is often unjust and unkind. We send our thoughts and prayers to fathers who are separated from their children due to circumstances beyond their control, whether it be borders or war.

We also acknowledge the pain of fractured relationships between fathers and their children, as well as the strength and love of father figures who step in to fill that void. We hold space for those who yearn to experience the joy of fatherhood, as well as those who grapple with questions about their own biological fathers.

Above all, we express gratitude and admiration for all the dads, papas, daddies, and father figures who show up each and every day to provide love, support, and guidance to the children who depend on them. Human connections are intricate and multifaceted, and days like today can bring up a mix of emotions. Let us take a moment to breathe in positivity and exhale negativity, finding peace and solace in the midst of life's complexities.

Happy Father's Day to all the amazing fathers out there.

## Church **Volunteering: Building a Community of Selfless Supporters**

Dear Parishioners,

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The Scripture calls us to serve in God's name by using our talents to benefit others. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards



of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10) Volunteering in the church benefits members of the congregation and the church itself. Church volunteers perform tasks that the staff doesn't have the capacity or skills to accomplish.

We are fortunate to have many volunteers in our parish who give their time and effort to a variety of parish activities. Please take a look through our Parish Groups & Activities and if there is an area in which you would be interested to volunteer, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Currently, we are seeking volunteers for various Ministries at St. Joseph's, such as: Filing, Data Entry, Counting, Social Media Management, Welcome Ministry **Coordinator, Event Managers (Christmas** Bazaar, Bring and Share Lunch, etc.), **Catechists and Youth Ministers** 

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Parish Office. Your support and contribution will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for considering volunteering your time and talents to serve in our parish. Blessings.



We are delighted to invite you to join us for a special Cafe Connect gathering after the 10am Mass this Sunday in our Red Room. As we celebrate Father's Day, we want to honour and appreciate all the fathers in our community for their love, guidance, and support.

Please come and enjoy some delicious treats as we come together to share stories, laughter, and gratitude for the fathers in our lives. Let us make this day a memorable one as we celebrate the wonderful men who have shaped us and continue to inspire us.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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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.





#### I invite you to join us on Thursday 27th June 2024 at 7pm for a special talk on the inspiring Apostolic 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 thoughtprovoking 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.

## Please pray for the recently deceased members of our Parish and their grieving families.

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.

Henry Casey (27 Thu. June 12pm) Eileen McNulty (Wed. 3 July 11am)

## WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGES

Join us on August 3rd for the 40th Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer at Walsingham, led by Bishop

David Oakley. Let us pray for the sanctity of life and a change in hearts across society. A coach will depart from the Cathedral at 7:30am.

Save the date for the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham on September 21st. Led by Fr Chris Vipers, Acting Director of the pilgrimage. For more details, please see the beautiful poster available in the porch.



## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

We are delighted to announce that on Sunday, 23rd June, the children of our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Hudson during the 12pm mass. This special occasion will bring a larger number of visitors to our church, so we kindly ask our regular congregation to consider attending mass at another time that day, if possible. Your understanding and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2024**

Join us for the Eucharistic Festival at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 14th September, Feast of the Holy Cross. Cardinal Nichols invites all to participate in a special afternoon starting at 2pm. The event will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and sermons from Fr Alan Robinson and Bishop Nicholas Hudson. Pontifical Benediction will be imparted at the end of the Procession. Don't miss the opportunity to venerate a relic of Bl Carlo Acutis, soon to be canonized. See you there!



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 weekend's collection amounted to £1642. Thank you very much.

## **Mass Intentions**

Do you have a special occasion coming up, such as a birthday or anniversary, that you would like to celebrate for a friend or loved one? Or are you



in need of comfort and support after the loss of a loved one?

You can have a Mass intention said for a person on these special occasions or for specific intentions. Simply grab a Mass Intention Envelope and notate the date of the Mass intention. If you prefer, you can also call or email the office to make your request.

This is a beautiful and meaningful way to pay tribute to loved ones and to lift up special intentions in prayer. Thank you for your support and participation in our parish community.

Mass intentions from 15th June 2024 "I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!" 1 Sam. 12-23

Sat, 15 Jun. 2024	07.00 pm	Ronan Family, Teatum Family	Anniversary
Sun, 16 Jun. 2024	08.00 am	John Courtney(sick), Patrick Devitt, Filomina Darr	Anniversary
	10.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	12 noon	Frank Byrnes, Ricky Mazur	Anniversary
1	07.00 pm	Moriarty Family	Intentions
Mon, 17 Jun. 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Jimmy Ferry and Family	Anniversary
Tue, 18 Jun. 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Wed, 19 Jun 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Thu, 20 Jun. 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 21 Jun. 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 22 Jun. 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.





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