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PARISH BULLETIN

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Welcome everyone, let's take a moment to gather ourselves and get comfortable. I invite you to close your eyes and listen to the music playing in the background as we reflect on turning points in our lives.

Think about your first day at school, your first date, a time when you decided what you wanted to do with your life, a time when something a friend did made you cry, and your first day at work. Imagine how these events might have gone differently.

Now, let's pause the music and refocus. How easy or difficult was it for you to imagine these different scenarios and why?

If you feel comfortable sharing, what do you think was the most significant

turning point in your life and why? What kinds of decisions do you frequently question, wondering if you made the right choice?

If you could go back to a turning point in your life, would you give yourself advice, even if it meant changing who you are now?

Now, let's shift our focus to how our choices help us live more or less faithfully with God. How do our decisions impact our relationship with God?

Let's close with a prayer for wisdom and guidance as we navigate the freedom and responsibility God has given us in making choices. Thank you for sharing and reflecting with me today.



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.

Church Volunteering:

Building a Community of Selfless Supporters

Dear Parishioners,

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.





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 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.

Lunch Club Join us for the next Lunch Club at St Joseph's Parish Centre on Monday, 17th June from

1pm - 3.30pm. Open to all Parishioners!

Cost is £5 and includes a main course, dessert, tea/coffee, entertainment and good company!

Members of Irish Elderly Advice Network are on hand during lunch to give advice and support on various issues. If you would like to attend please book your place by 10th June by calling 020 7428 0471 or emailing ciara@irishelders.org.uk

The first Artists Among Us Meeting held on Wednesday 5th June was a resounding success, with nine enthusiastic members in attendance. The atmosphere was electric with excitement as everyone felt called to participate in the creative and beautifying work



of God. Ideas flowed freely, with suggestions ranging from organizing events and exhibitions for the parish and larger community, to having a small-scale exhibition of the works of the group members.

The group was determined to take this initiative forward with enthusiasm, eager to make a positive impact through their artistic talents. As we look to the future, we are hopeful that more parishioners will join this wonderful initiative and heed the call to create a better world through art. The first meeting was just the beginning of something truly special, and we cannot wait to see where this journey takes us.





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 £1559. Thank you very much.

100 Club Committee

The 100 Club committee is looking for a new member to help with the monthly draw. Thanks to parishioners'



subscriptions, the club raises significant sums to help pay for maintenance and repair of the church – as in its £40,000 contribution to the Support Our St Joseph's appeal. If you are interested in joining the committee, please speak to the 100 club representative who will be present at each Mass this weekend or email the parish office: joseph.highgate@gmail.com.

100 Club Results

The May draw was held in the Monastery on 6th June. The number of entries was 89 and the winners were: £400 George Farrelly (145), £100 Caroline Kennedy (38), £50 J.P.McIntyre (180). 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.

Save the Date

Meditation Group Wed. | 12 June | 7pm

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.

Michael Oliver Dempsey (Thu. 13 June 1pm)
Eileen McNulty (Thu. 20 June 11am)



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 09 June 2024

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

Sat, 08 Jun 2024	07.00 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sun, 09 Jun 2024	08.00 am	Noel McCormack	Anniversary
	10.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	12 noon	Mary O'Shea	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Phoung Quach(Sick), Barbara&Thomas Chatterton	Lately Dead
Mon, 10 Jun 2024	09.30 am	Margaret O'Sullivan	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Marianne Floy(Nee Faherty), Margaret O'Sullivan	Anniversary
Tue, 11 Jun 2024	09.30 am	Imelda Nalongo	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Wed, 12 Jun 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Thu, 13 Jun 2024	09.30 am	Late Selerio Piccardi	Birthday
	06.30 pm	Anju	Birthday
Fri, 14 Jun 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 15 Jun 2024	09.30 am	Anne Moriarty	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.



