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Not long ago, my dear niece received news that no one ever wants to hear—she was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer. Our family was shaken, feeling the weight of this storm, searching for comfort and hope. My niece is very close to me, and watching her struggle with fear and despair has been incredibly hard.

Just yesterday, while waiting for her second session of radiotherapy and chemotherapy, my niece met another patient. This woman, already through four sessions of chemo and now facing radiotherapy, had lost all her hair, eyebrows, and even her eyelids. Despite it all, they began to talk. The woman said, "Yes, it costs a lot, it's expensive, but thank God there is treatment available, and we are being treated." My niece nodded, acknowledging the financial strain, and said, "God provides us with the money we need for the treatment."

Then, the woman said something that shifted my niece's perspective: "I see many people leaving here without any treatment." So, my niece told her that it is sad to hear that many people go away without getting treatment. We could help them with some money for the treatment. But the woman replied, "It's not that they don't



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have the money; it's that their cancer cannot be treated. There is no treatment available for them." Hearing this, my niece was overwhelmed. She told me how those words made her realize the blessing of having treatment options, even if they come with pain and challenges. She said, "Thank God we have treatment; even if we have to endure this suffering, thank God it can be treated."

When we are in a time of discouragement, depression, or doubt, we will find that the Lord knows just how to meet our need.

Often, He will deal with a symptom before He deals with the problem. Why? So that we might be in a position to listen more clearly! When the Lord comes to Elijah in the First Reading for today, there are no sermons, no lectures, no threats, no reproaches and no rebukes. The Lord simply touches the prophet, meets his need and gently speaks to him. "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you." May we always remember to find gratitude in our hearts, even in the face of adversity. Let us cherish the support of our community and the grace of God, who sustains us through all trials.

Confirmation 2025 & Communion 2025



Exciting News! Applications for St. Joseph's Confirmation and Communion Programmes for 2025 will be available from September 1st in the Church porch.

Confirmation: For those entering Year 9 or above, forms must be returned by October 1st. Confirmation sessions commence at 5:30 PM and gracefully conclude with the 7:00 PM Mass every Sunday, spanning from December through June. Email confirmation.joseph@gmail.com to express interest and receive a reminder.

Communion: For children aged seven and above in Year 3 or higher, forms are due by November 1st. Preparation takes place during the 10am Sunday Mass from January to June. Email communion.joseph@gmail.com for more details.

Visit our website for further information and join us in this sacred journey of faith at St. Joseph's Parish!

Light of Truth Certificate in Catechesis

Join the two-year course designed for catechists and those passionate about passing on the Catholic faith. Offered by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph, UK, this programme prepares you to teach and witness to others, facing cultural challenges with confidence and fidelity. No prior qualifications are needed. Applications for September 2024 close on Thursday, 15th August 2024. Late applications will be processed for September 2025. Sign up to enrich your faith journey!



RCIA

Are you seeking a deeper connection with your faith? Have you been wondering about Baptism, Confirmation, or simply learning more about the Catholic Faith? If so, we invite you to take the next step on your journey with RCIA, The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please reach out to us at rcia.joseph@gmail.com to learn more and take that next step towards spiritual growth and fulfilment.



Exciting News for Our Parish Community!

Dear Beloved Parishioners,
We are thrilled to announce a wonderful opportunity to stay connected with all the happenings at St. Joseph's Highgate!

Never miss our Parish Newsletter again! For your convenience, you can now have it emailed directly to your inbox every week. Simply visit our Parish Website at (<http://stjosephshighgate.org.uk>) and click on the 'Subscribe' button.

By subscribing, you'll receive all the latest updates, heartwarming reflections, and our thoughtfully prepared Home Worship Materials. It's the perfect way to stay involved and spiritually nourished, no matter where you are.

Read all about what is happening at St. Joseph's and embrace the beautiful journey we share together as a faith community.

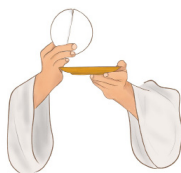
Thank you for being an integral part of our parish family. We look forward to sharing this enriching experience with you!

With blessings and warm regards,

The St. Joseph's Parish Team

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.



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 £1427. Thank you very much.

EUCCHARISTIC FESTIVAL AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL

On Saturday 14 September, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral in the afternoon (exact timings to be confirmed). Further information about this will be made available in due course but meanwhile please make a note of the date.

SEEDS OF HOPE, EVANGELISATION DAY

Everyone who is interested in evangelisation and wants to see the faith of those they care about come alive is welcome to attend Seeds of Hope event on Saturday 28 September, 10:30am - 3:30pm at Holy Apostles Church and Hall, Pimlico. It will be an interactive day that enables participants to voice their thoughts and concerns on different aspects of evangelisation in the morning and join one of a variety of workshops available in the afternoon. The event is free of charge but booking is required.



To book or to find out more please go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/seeds-of-hope-evangelisation-day>

Please pray

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 CASEY

(Tuesday 20 August 2024, 12noon at Sacred Heart Church, West Hampstead)

Mass intentions from 10th August 2024 "I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!" 1 Sam. 12:23

Sat, 10 Aug 2024	07.00 pm	Margaret Lane(B'day) Bernie Rock(LD) Theresa Murphy	Anniversary
Sun, 11 Aug 2024	08.00 am	Maria Del Carmen Pinilla, Jose Isidro Rincon, Late Filomena Darr	Birthday
	10.00 am	Daniel Norton	Anniversary
	12 noon	Marion Maxwell, Nancy & Brian Rooney	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Mick Casey, Mary McBride	Lately Dead
Mon, 12 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Teresa Rosati	Sick
	06.30 pm	Gwyneth Hughes	Lately Dead
Tue, 13 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Thanksgiving	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Maria & Giuseppe Zanre(thanksgiving for parents)	Anniversary
Wed, 14 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Mick Casey	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Eileen & Patrick Connole	Anniversary
Thu, 15 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Belarmino Carnay	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Holy Souls	Intentions
Fri, 16 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
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Sat, 17 Aug 2024	09.30 am	Lizzie	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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 19: 4-8, Eph 4: 30 5: 2, Jn 6: 41-51 Mon: Jane Frances de Chantal, mw, rf Ez 1: 2-5. 24-28c, Mt 17: 22-27 Tue: Pontian, pp, mt, and Hippolytus, p, mt, Ez 2: 8 3: 4, Mt 18: 1-5. 10. 12-14 Wed: Maximilian Mary Kolbe, p, mt M, Ez 9: 1-7; 10: 18-22, Mt 18: 15-20 Thu: **ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY S.** Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil: 1 Chr 15: 3-4. 15-16; 16: 1-2, 1 Cor 15: 54b-57, Lk 11:27-28. Fri: Stephen of Hungary, mm, Ez 16: 1-15. 60. 63, Mt 19: 3-12, Sat: Ez 18: 1-10. 13b. 30-32, Mt 19: 13-15, TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Prv 9: 1-6, Eph 5: 15-20, Jn 6: 51-58,

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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