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MEMORY: PASSION REPEATED

St. Paul of the Cross, the founder of the Passionist Congregation, dedicated his life to contemplating the Passion of Jesus Christ and spreading its message of love and redemption. His legacy is deeply intertwined with themes of compassion, justice, and transformative suffering, which resonate with Theodore Parker's vision of the universe's moral arc bending towards justice.

St. Paul of the Cross saw in the Passion not only the sufferings of Christ but also a call to recognize and address the injustices and sufferings of humanity. He believed that through the Passion, individuals could find the strength to endure their own trials and the inspiration to alleviate the suffering of others. This perspective aligns with Parker's belief that it is our duty to actively work towards justice and equality. St. Paul of the Cross emphasized that true Christian living involves a deep engagement with the struggles of the world and a commitment to making the world a more compassionate and equitable place.

The Passionist Congregation, under the guidance of St. Paul of the Cross, became a beacon of hope and justice, working among the poor and neglected. This mission reflects the idea that, while the moral arc of the universe may naturally incline towards justice, it requires human effort and intervention to achieve true societal transformation. St. Paul of the Cross understood that contemplation of the Passion should lead to active service, echoing Parker's call to stand up for what is right.

In essence, St. Paul of the Cross's legacy is one of profound empathy and unwavering commitment to justice. His life serves as a reminder that while suffering and injustice exist, they can be met with love, action, and hope. By following his example, we can contribute to bending the moral arc of the universe towards justice, embodying the very principles that both he and Parker championed.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Dear Parishioners,

As the festive season approaches, we eagerly anticipate our beloved Christmas Bazaar on November 30th. This cherished event is a highlight of our community year, and we need your help to ensure it is as warm and welcoming as ever.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help with setting up, managing stalls, and tidying up afterward. If you are interested in lending a hand, please reach out to Fr. George. We have openings in Santa's Workshop, perfect for anyone eager to assist children with Christmas crafts or face painting. If you have a creative idea for a new stall, we'd love to hear it!

This year, we are excited to introduce an Art Stall showcasing the talents of our Parish artists. We sincerely appreciate your donations, as they are the heartbeat of this event. We are seeking new and unused items, delightful gifts, or pristine books to fill our stalls. The gardening and house plant stand will thrive with your support, and donations of luxury food items for our hampers are most welcome. Our Confirmation Class will bake delicious treats, but additional cakes are always a hit.

The Choir is practicing to bring us wonderful entertainment, and if you wish to perform, let us know.

Don't forget the Christmas Bazaar Raffle Tickets, on sale this weekend for £1 each or £10 for a book of ten. The grand draw will take place during the Bazaar on November 30th, featuring fantastic prizes like gift vouchers and luxurious hampers.

Your support and generosity mean the world to us. Let's make this Christmas Bazaar a joyous occasion filled with community spirit and festive cheer.

Thank you for your kindness.

THE NEW SUPERIOR GENERAL WITH HIS COUNCIL



In the photo (L-R): Fr. Paul Francis Spencer (First Consultor), Fr. José Gregório Duarte Valente, Fr. Paul Cherukoduth, **Fr. Giuseppe Adobati (new Superior General)**, Fr. Eddy Alejandro Vásquez López, Fr. Aloysius John Nguma and Fr. Aurelio Aparecido Miranda.



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Christmas Bazaar

SATURDAY 30
NOVEMBER 2024

Save the Date

Rosary

ON SATURDAYS
OCTOBER, 10.30 AM

autumn FAITH-SHARING GROUP

Dear Beloved Parishioners,
Join us for the Autumn Faith-Sharing Group at St. Joseph's Parish! Modeled after the successful Lent Groups. Through Scripture, dialogue, and community, we will work together to promote the common good. Your participation is key to enriching this experience, so we encourage everyone to join. Stay tuned for dates and registration details. Let us deepen our faith and strengthen our community together. Watch for updates in the coming weeks. Don't miss this inspiring opportunity to grow in faith with your parish family!



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.

Gina Doherty (Fri. 1st Nov. 11am)

Eileen Hanley (Thu. 31 Oct. 4pm)

Sarah Martina Feerick (Fri. 8 Nov. 12:30 noon)

Thank You, Dearest friends,

With hearts full of gratitude, we extend our sincerest thanks for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection. Your kindness and support are the pillars upon which we serve and nurture God's Kingdom. Together in purpose and love, we make a significant difference in our world. Last weekend's collection amounted to a remarkable £1585, a testament to your unwavering commitment and compassion. We are profoundly grateful. May God's boundless blessings shower upon you and your loved ones. Thank you once again for your extraordinary support.



New Lectionary

A new edition of the Lectionary, the book which contains the readings which are proclaimed at Mass, will come into use in England and Wales on the First Sunday of Advent 2024. It is a big moment of change as we move away from the now familiar Jerusalem Bible translation to the new English Standard Version - Catholic Edition translation. The new lectionary will use better biblical scholarship and more up-to-date translations to make the Bible more faithful to its original languages.

To learn more about this please go to:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/>
<https://www.newlectionary.org/>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 20 October 2024

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

Sat, 19 Oct 2024	07.00 pm	Mary McGovern, Mae O'Brien	Lately Dead
Sun, 20 Oct 2024	08.00 am	Ciara Mahon(B'Day), Celine Antony	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	12 noon	Kathleen&Michael Boylan(Anni.), Celine Antony	Lately Dead
Mon, 21 Oct 2024	07.00 pm	Fieke Van Den Berg	Intentions
	09.30 am	Hannah Edwards	Anniversary
Tue, 22 Oct 2024	06.30 pm	Lilian Bates	Anniversary
	09.30 am	Joseph Tsang Man Kin	Sick
Wed, 23 Oct 2024	06.30 pm	Celine Antony	Lately Dead
	09.30 am	Nora McGary	Anniversary
Thu, 24 Oct 2024	06.30 pm	Shane	Anniversary
	09.30 am	Khris	Birthday
Fri, 25 Oct 2024	06.30 pm	May A., Andrew, Khris	Intentions
	09.30 am	Lizzie	Intentions
Sat, 26 Oct 2024	06.30 pm	Jenny Lee	Intentions
	09.30 am	Dylon(B'Day), Mani Xavier	Anniversary

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.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

November 2nd,
All Souls Day

Dear Beloved Parishioners,
With hearts full of love and reverence, we invite you to join us in commemorating the Feast of All Souls on November 2nd. On this sacred day, the Passionists extend an invitation for you to unite with us in a prayerful remembrance of our dearly departed.

Together, we will offer a special All Souls' Day Mass, lifting our prayers to heaven for those who have journeyed from this life. Throughout the entire month of November, our prayers will be especially dedicated to those you lovingly recommend.

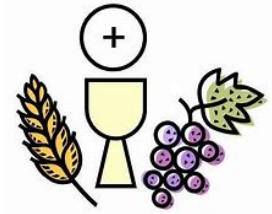
In the Porch, you will find envelopes where you can enrol the names of your deceased loved ones. By doing so, they will be remembered in our special Masses and daily prayers throughout this grace-filled month. It is our profound honour to carry your intentions and to pray for the needs of our cherished friends.

May our collective prayers bring comfort to our hearts and peace to the souls of our loved ones.

You Can Help Your Marriage

Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue ... or have stopped talking all together? Retrouvaille helps married couples through difficult times.

8th- 10th Nov 2024. Call 0788 7296983 or Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com



Confirmation 2025 & Communion 2025

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

Confirmation: For those entering Year 9 or above, application forms for the coming year's Confirmation course will be available in the Church porch from 1st September and must be returned along with a copy of your child's baptismal certificate by 1st October at the latest. The course begins in November, with the sacrament being conferred on Sunday 29th June at 12 midday-Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. There are 12 sessions which take place on Sunday evenings at 5.30pm and include attendance at the 7pm Mass. There are an additional 2 sessions with parents. You can already email your interest to confirmation.joseph@gmail.com and you will receive a reminder when the forms are available.

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!

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

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 53: 10-11, Heb 4: 14-16, Mk 10: 35-45 **Mon:** Eph 2: 1-10, Lk 12: 13-21

Tue: John Paul II, pp, Eph 2: 12-22, Lk 12: 35-38 **Wed:** John of Capistrano, p, Eph 3: 2-12, Lk 12: 39-48

Thu: Anthony Mary Claret, bp, rf, Eph 3: 14-21, Lk 12: 49-53 **Fri:** Eph 4: 1-6, Lk 12: 54-59 **Sat:** Eph 4: 7-16, Lk 13: 1-9

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jer 31: 7-9, Heb 5: 1-6, Mk 10: 46-52