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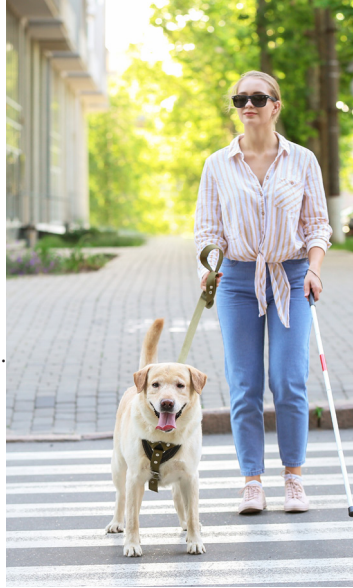
SIGHT BEYOND SIGHT

In shadows stood a beggar, blind yet bold,
God's voice a gentle whisper in his ear,
"What shall I grant?" The beggar, truth untold,
Knew not the path, his future yet unclear.

A world of choices danced within his mind,
Wealth, power, fame, and endless dreams to chase,
Yet wisdom called from realms of the divine,
Seek not what's seen, but grace, through love embrace.

For eyes that see may miss the heart's true plea,
Petitions vast, their outcomes fraught with doubt,
But in the soul, the light of love set free,
Reveals the truth that casts all shadows out.

"Let me see, Lord," the beggar's humble word,
To glimpse the heart, where boundless love is stirred.



Pope Francis' new encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus

In his latest letter, Pope Francis shares a simple truth: Jesus showed his love not with words, but through actions. By looking at how Jesus interacted with people, we can understand how he loves each of us. Our modern world, filled with individualism and complex ideologies, often struggles to grasp that Christianity isn't just a set of rules or ideas—it's about meeting a living, caring person. Understanding Jesus' love is about the heart; it's a story of friendship and connection.

Jesus, known also as Emmanuel, meaning "God with us," focused on individuals and their needs, showcasing a friendship's mutual belonging. He bridged distances, becoming like the everyday things we cherish. Encountering the Christian faith means meeting the heart of Christ, who invites us to embrace his endless mercy and to act compassionately. This heart-centred approach can spark change in a world challenged by wars, inequality, and technological coldness, as emphasized in Pope Francis' encyclical, 'Dilexit nos'.



Jubilee Year Initiatives

As we eagerly anticipate the Jubilee Year of 2025, themed 'Pilgrims of Hope,' we embrace an era of renewal, rebirth, and restored hope. Beginning on December 24, 2024, with the sacred opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica, this transformative journey will culminate on Epiphany, January 2026. It is with great joy that we introduce our two initiatives for this extraordinary Jubilee Year.

Announcing an Inspiring Talk at St. Joseph's Highgate:

In Preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

Dear St. Joseph's Family,

As we journey together towards the Jubilee Year 2025, we invite each of you to partake in a special gathering that promises to ignite the flame of hope within us all. Join us on Tuesday, 3rd December at 7:15 pm in our cherished Red Room for an evening dedicated to reflection, renewal, and inspiration.

Patricia Ridge, our esteemed speaker, will guide us through the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," encouraging us to embrace the future with open spirits, trusting hearts, and visionary minds. Her insights aim to revitalize our collective strength and certainty as we prepare for this significant year.

This event, lovingly organized by our dedicated Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers, will also cast a special light on the New Lectionary, offering fresh perspectives for our spiritual journey.

We warmly extend this invitation to all within our community and beyond. Come, share in thoughtful discourse, and enjoy fellowship as we offer refreshments after the talk.

Let us come together to nurture hope and envision a future brimming with promise.



Advent Groups

We are planning Advent Groups for this year. The new liturgical year 2025 begins on the 1st of December, the First Sunday of Advent. This year is also the Jubilee Year, which happens every 25 years. Pope Francis has chosen the motto Pilgrims of Hope.

The Advent Groups, designed to deepen our faith and restore our hope, will take place on Thursdays before the four Advent Sundays. The groups will focus on the Gospel readings, on the theme of Advent and the theme of Hope.

There are two choices, one in the morning, 11-12. The other in the evening, 7-8pm. Thursdays: November 28; December 5, 12, & 19.

For those interested, please sign up at the back of the church.

Further details to follow.

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.



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.



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.

- Eileen Hanley**
(Thu. 31st Oct. 4pm)
- Gina Doherty**
(Fri. 1st Nov. 11am)
- Marilyn Omobonike Bello**
(Wed. 6th Nov. 11)
- Kathleen Dromey**
(Thu. 7th Nov. 7:30pm)
- Sarah Martina Feerick**
(Fri. 8th Nov. 12:30)

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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: Applications for the 2024-25 Confirmation preparation at St Joseph's close this weekend. The introductory meeting for future candidates and their parents/guardians will take place on Sunday 11th November at 5.30pm in the Red Room (entrance at 107 Highgate Hill), followed by the 7pm Mass.

Once we have received your completed application form, you will receive an email acknowledgement with details of the dates of the sessions. For further information, please contact the Confirmation Team confirmation.joseph@gmail.com

Young Catechists

If you were recently confirmed at St Joseph's and would like to be a young catechist, accompanying our new Confirmation candidates on their faith journey, we would love to hear from you! Please speak to Fr George, or contact us at confirmation.joseph@gmail.com

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!

Adult Confirmation and RCIA

We are delighted to share that a blessed journey towards Adult Confirmation is beginning to take shape within our community.

If your heart is calling you to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church with the grace-filled Sacrament of Confirmation, we warmly invite you to reach out to us.

In addition, if you are contemplating embracing the Catholic faith and would like to embark on this spiritual preparation starting in October, we are here to support and guide you through this beautiful journey. Interviews and more information are available for those discerning this sacred path.

To arrange for an interview or to learn more about the RCIA program, please kindly email us at: rcia.joseph@gmail.com



Sympathy Note for Fr. Jenish

Dear Parish Family,

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of the passing of Mr. M. Curusanthony, the beloved father of Fr. Jenish. Fr. Jenish traveled to India upon receiving this sorrowful news early Thursday morning to be with his family and to celebrate the funeral rites, which took place on Friday morning.

During this difficult time, let us come together as a community to support Fr. Jenish, his beloved mother, and his family with our prayers and heartfelt condolences. We pray for the repose of Mr. Curusanthony's soul, trusting in God's eternal embrace.

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 £1490, 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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 27 October 2024

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

Sat, 26 Oct 2024	07.00 pm	Celine Antony(LD), Anthony Vasquez-Persaud	Anniversary
Sun, 27 Oct 2024	08.00 am	Missa PP	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	M. Curusanthony(LD), Felix Renner	Sick
	12 noon	Mary O'Shea(Birthday)	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Fieke Van Den Berg	Intentions
Mon, 28 Oct 2024	09.30 am	Deirdre Pyke	Sick
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Tue, 29 Oct 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	All Souls	Lately Dead
Wed, 30 Oct 2024	09.30 am	Steve and Ancestors	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	M. Curusanthony	Lately Dead
Thu, 31 Oct 2024	09.30 am	Frank Byrnes	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 01 Nov 2024	09.30 am	Giuseppe Zanre	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Jenny Lee	Intentions
Sat, 02 Nov 2024	09.30 am	Sheila Hunt	Lately Dead

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Jer 31: 7-9, Heb 5: 1-6, Mk 10: 46-52 **Mon:** Simon and Jude, aps F Eph 2: 19-22, Lk 6: 12-16

Tue: Eph 5: 21-33, Lk 13: 18-21 **Wed:** Eph 6: 1-9, Lk 13: 22-30 **Thu:** Eph 6: 10-20, Lk 13: 31-35

Fri: ALL SAINTS S. Holy Day of Obligation. Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14, 1 Jn 3: 1-3/ Mt 5: 1-12a **Sat:** THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

Readings from Common of Masses for the Dead **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Dt 6: 2-6, Heb 7: 23-28, Mk 12: 28b-34