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Luce

In the heart of the 2025 Jubilee, Luce emerges as a beacon of hope and faith, embodying the timeless journey of a Catholic pilgrim. With her striking blue hair and her vibrant yellow rain jacket, she stands resilient against the storms of life, a vivid homage to the Vatican's flag and a testament to the endurance of the human spirit. Luce's pilgrim's staff, a steadfast companion in her hand, points toward eternity, reminding us of the sacred journey each soul must undertake.

Her mud-stained boots narrate tales of long pilgrimages, of trials faced and overcome, mirroring the arduous paths many traverse in life. Accompanied by her loyal pet, Santino, and cherished friends Fe, Xin, and Sky, Luce's journey is rich with camaraderie and shared dreams. Her eyes, illuminated with scallop shell highlights, are windows to the hope and aspirations that dwell



in her heart, reflecting a profound connection to the spiritual journeys of her ancestors.

At her waist, a rosary swings gently, grounding her in faith and devotion. Luce becomes a symbol, a reflection of the dreams and desires embedded in the hearts of the younger generations, inspiring them to embark on their pilgrimages, fortified by faith, hope, and love.



WINE OF HOPE

Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to extend a heartfelt invitation to our annual "Wine of Hope" gathering, dedicated to honouring the vital Christian ministry of healing. Since the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception during the pandemic, this event at St. Joseph's has provided a unique space for reflection, inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan. St. Augustine's insight into the "wine of hope" highlights the profound impact of giving hope, as well as healing, to those in need.

In these challenging times, our mission resonates deeply: to embody hope and compassion, particularly for those suffering in mind and body. As we continue this cherished tradition, we invite you to join us on Monday, December 9th, at 5 p.m. for a special Mass, followed by a warm gathering with refreshments in the Red Room.

Whether you are a dedicated healthcare professional, or someone who lovingly cares for family and friends, your presence enriches our community. Together, let's embrace this sacred moment of prayer and reflection. We look forward to welcoming you.

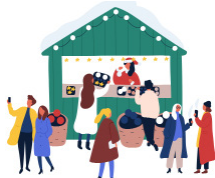
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

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 Confirma-



tion 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.

THANKS A MILLION!

Dear Rev. Fr. Joachim Rego and Fr. Mirek Lesiecki,

With heartfelt gratitude, we extend our deepest thanks for the unwavering love and support you have shown to St. Joseph's, Highgate, and to me personally. Your guidance and compassion have been a beacon of light during the pandemic, helping us navigate through challenging times with grace. Your steadfast belief in our vision and plans has been a source of inspiration. As you embark on your future ministries, we hold you in our prayers, wishing you abundant blessings and fulfilment. Know that our prayers accompany you always, as a token of our heartfelt appreciation. With all our love and gratitude.



November Shrine

The community extends its heartfelt gratitude to Sr. Aideen Keaney for the exquisite shrine she has lovingly installed in the sanctuary, honouring those who have gone before us. Her unwavering dedication and the beautiful tributes she creates at St. Joseph's enrich our spirits and inspire us daily. Her kindness and artistry are treasured by all who gather here.



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.



Please pray

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.

Marilyn Omobonike Bello
(Wed. 6th Nov. 11)

Kathleen Dromey
(Thu. 7th Nov. 7:30pm)

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



Confirmation 2025

Applications for the 2024-25 Confirmation preparation are now closed. 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.

All those who have submitted their application form will have received 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: Applications for the 2024-25 Communion programme close this weekend. Preparation takes place during the 10am Sunday Mass from January to June. Email communion.joseph@gmail.com for more details.



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 £1568, 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 03 November 2024

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

Date	Time	Intention	Category
Sat, 02 Nov 2024	07.00 pm	Faherty Family	Intentions
Sun, 03 Nov 2024	08.00 am	Agnes McCormack, Pauline Walsh	Anniversary
	10.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	12 noon	Cis Moriarty, Susie Burrows	Sick
Mon, 04 Nov 2024	07.00 pm	Karl Moriarty, Patrick Condon	Anniversary
	09.30 am	Fieke Van Den Berg	Lately Dead
Tue, 05 Nov 2024	06.30 pm	Hanna Coyle (RIP), James & Patrick Lynch & Family, Younan & Family	Intentions
	09.30 am	Sr. Margaret Catlow	Lately Dead
Wed, 06 Nov 2024	06.30 pm	Seamus & Family	Intentions
	09.30 am	Amorette Pereira (Retirement)	Intentions
Thu, 07 Nov 2024	06.30 pm	Eileen & Patrick Connole	Anniversary
	09.30 am	Late Hayley Beavington	Birthday
Fri, 08 Nov 2024	06.30 pm	Theresa Noronha	Lately Dead
	09.30 am	Sodilva Murphy	Sick
Sat, 09 Nov 2024	06.30 pm	Leonard Fernandes	Lately Dead
	09.30 am	Late Passionists of St. Joseph's	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.

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

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Dt 6: 2-6, Heb 7: 23-28, Mk 12: 28b-34

Mon: Charles Borromeo, bp M Phil 2: 1-4, Lk 14: 12-14, **Tue:** Phil 2: 5-11, Lk 14: 15-24, **Wed:** Phil 2: 12-18, Lk 14: 25-33, **Thu:** Phil 3: 3-8a, Lk 15: 1-10, **Fri:** Phil 3: 17 4: 1, Lk 16: 1-8 **Sat:** DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME F Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12, 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17, Jn 2: 13-22

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Kgs 17: 10-16, Heb 9: 24-28, Mk 12: 38-44