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## PARISH BULLETIN

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## The Quiet Wisdom of November

"In November, the earth becomes a canvas of simplicity, teaching us to find beauty in stillness and wisdom in the whispers of the wind."

As we transition into November in the Northern Hemisphere, we find ourselves in a month marked by change and introspection. The days become shorter, and a chill begins to settle in the air. The trees, now bare, stand as silent witnesses to the cycle of life, reminding us of the beauty in letting go and embracing the season's quiet wisdom.



Rather than resist November's dark yet profound wisdom, we can choose to lean into it, allowing it to guide us towards healing and growth. Here are some ways we can embrace November's quiet teachings:

- **Nurture Your Body:** Warm soups, teas, and cozy layers offer comfort against the chilling winds. Let scarves and hats become your daily companions.
- **Embrace Stillness:** Give yourself permission to slow down. Ease the burdens of deadlines where possible and cherish moments of rest.
- **Prioritize Rest:** Sleep, rest, and recovery are crucial. Remember, it's okay to pause and replenish in this season of dormancy.
- **Gentle Movement:** Exercise softly, honouring your body's need for a slower pace.
- **Acknowledge Grief:** Create space to grieve past and recent losses. Reflect through old photos, letters, or shared stories that honour those who have moved on.
- **Observe Silence:** Dedicate moments of silence to reflect upon your losses, allowing yourself the grace to feel and heal.
- **Value Rest and Grief:** Recognize the importance of these aspects of life. Embracing them can alleviate stress rather than resisting their natural flow.
- **Cultivate Creativity:** If your creative spirit feels dormant, let it rest. Allow dreams to germinate, trusting that motivation will return as seasons shift.

November invites us to embrace its serene wisdom, offering us lessons in stillness and reflection. Let us open our hearts to its teachings, finding deeper connection with ourselves and our community as we remember, grieve, and grow together in this poignant season.

## Confirmation 2025 Updates

Applications for the 2024-25 Confirmation preparation are closed. An introductory meeting for candidates and their guardians is on Sunday, November 10th at 5:30 pm in the Red Room, followed by the 7 pm Mass. Contact confirmation.joseph@gmail.com for details or if interested in becoming a young catechist.



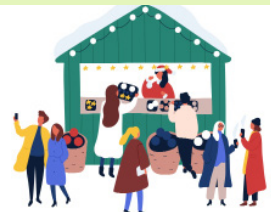
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 5PM

We warmly invite you to our annual "Wine of Hope" gathering, a cherished event dedicated to celebrating the Christian ministry of healing. This tradition, which began during the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception amidst the pandemic, finds inspiration in the compassionate narrative of the Good Samaritan. Drawing on St. Augustine's profound insight into the "wine of hope," we are reminded of the transformative power of offering hope and healing to those in need.

In these times, our mission is more important than ever: to instil hope and compassion, especially for those suffering in mind and body. We are blessed to have Rev. Fr. Chris Vipers join us for a special Mass at 5pm, followed by a heartwarming gathering with refreshments in the Red Room. Whether you serve in the healthcare profession or care for loved ones at home, your presence is a gift to our community.

Come, be part of this sacred moment of prayer and reflection. We look forward to welcoming you with open arms and hearts.

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



Saturday, 30th November, from 12pm to 4pm

With hearts overflowing with joy and gratitude, we warmly invite you to join us for the highly anticipated St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar! Please mark your calendars for Saturday, 30th November, from 12pm to 4pm. We look forward to a day brimming with festive cheer and the wonderful spirit of our community.

This delightful event is made possible by the generous support of our amazing congregation. We are reaching out with hope and excitement, inviting you to help us create a truly special celebration.

### How You Can Help:

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Friday, 29th November: Assist us in setting up stalls and preparing the venue.
- Saturday, 30th November: Be a part of the joy by volunteering at various stalls and activities.

### Donations Needed:

- We kindly welcome your contributions of the following items:
  - Delicious cakes and mince pies (to be delivered on the day)

- Hampers and quality toys
- Bottles for our Tombola
- Bric-a-brac, jewellery, and accessories
- Plants and kitchenware
- Crafts and raffle items from local businesses

Please drop off any donations in the sacristy. Your contributions are vital to the success of our event!

Raffle tickets are on sale this weekend—£1 each or £10 for a book of ten. The grand draw will be held during the Bazaar, featuring fantastic prizes like gift vouchers and luxurious hampers.

Thank you, dear parishioners, for your unwavering support and kindness. With your help, this year's Christmas Bazaar promises to be a memorable celebration. All proceeds will be gratefully directed toward our cherished church needs.

For further details or to volunteer, please connect with our priests or the Bazaar team after every Mass.

# 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.

### Mass intentions from 9th November 2024

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

Sat, 9 Nov 2024	07.00 pm	Margaret Fitzpatrick	Lately Dead
Sun, 10 Nov 2024	08.00 am	Robert Marchant, Andrew Coppel, John O'Brien	Anniversary
	10.00 am	Cormac Naughten(Sick) M Curusanthony, Pauline Atlas	Lately Dead
	12 noon	Martina Feerick	Lately Dead
	07.00 pm	Missa PP	Intentions
Mon, 11 Nov 2024	09.30 am	James Waldron	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Fieke Van Den Berg	Lately Dead
Tues, 12 Nov 2024	09.30 am	M. Curusanthony	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Sr. Margaret Catlow	Lately Dead
Wed, 13 Nov 2024	09.30 am	McGovern Family (Thanksgiving)	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Thur, 14 Nov 2024	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Chisholm Family	Intentions
Fri, 15 Nov 2024	09.30 am	Norman Haddon	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Josephine Dyne Scott	Anniversary
Sat, 16 Nov 2024	09.30 am	Fieke Van Den Berg	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.

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

**Mon:** Martin of Tours, bp M, Ti 1: 1-9, Lk 17: 1-6, **Tue:** Josaphat, bp, r, mt M Ti 2: 1-8. 11-14, Lk 17: 7-10, **Wed:** Frances Xavier Cabrini, v, r M, Ti 3: 1-7, Lk 17: 11-19,

**Thu:** Phlm 7-20, Lk 17: 20-25, **Fri:** Albert the Great, bp, r, dr, 2 Jn 4-9, Lk 17: 26-37, **Sat:** Margaret of Scotland, mw/ Gertrude the Great, v, r, 3 Jn 5-8, Lk 18: 1-8,

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Dn 12: 1-3, Heb 10: 11-14. 18, Mk 13: 24-32



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.

**Frederica Van Den Berg (Thu. 21st Nov. 11:30)**

## THANKS A MILLION!

Dear Parish Family,

We are profoundly grateful for your overwhelming support during the funeral Mass of our beloved Mary. Your prayers, presence, and heartfelt condolences have been a source of immense comfort to us during this difficult time. For those who stood by us during Mary's illness, offering prayers and encouragement, we thank you from the depths of our hearts. Your kind messages and unwavering support have truly lifted our spirits. Mary cherished this community deeply, and we are touched by the love you have shown. Thank you for honouring her memory with such grace and compassion.

With heartfelt gratitude,

**Gerry McGovern and Family**



### 100 Club Results

The October draw was held in the Monastery on 7th November. The number of entries was 96 and the winners were: **£400 Neil Golding (31), £100 Bridget Fogarty (21), £50 Maggie Feely (14)**. Thank you once again to those who support the parish in this way.

## 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.



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 £1953, 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.

## Invitation to a Holy Hour of Prayer

Join us for a special Holy Hour at 5:30pm on Wednesday, November 13th. Cardinal Vincent Nichols invites all Catholics in England and Wales to unite in prayer for the dignity of human life. As the Bishops gather for their autumn plenary meeting, they will pause to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Let us come together in our parish to reflect and pray in response to the proposed assisted suicide legislation.

## 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