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## PARISH BULLETIN

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## In Cana's Joyful Feast

At Cana's feast, the jars stood bare,  
Yet Christ transformed the water there.  
Beyond the cleansing of what's wrong,  
He filled each heart with Heaven's song.

Not just a guest in troubled days,  
In His embrace, our spirits raise.  
A wedding of divine design,  
Where human hearts with God align.

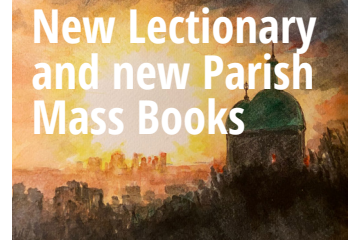
Invited guests in His own life,  
Where grace transcends all earthly strife.  
In sacred union, we behold  
The merging of both young and old.

Our souls are filled with life anew,  
As love abounds in all we do.  
A banquet waits, an eternal plan,  
Where God and humankind began.

Come drink the wine, abandon fear,  
Christ's invitation draws us near.

## Café Connect

We joyfully extend a warm invitation to Café Connect this Sunday, January 12th, following the 10 AM Mass. Join us in the welcoming embrace of our Library and Parlours, where you can savour a cup of coffee, delightful treats, and the heartwarming company of fellow parishioners. This gathering offers a wonderful chance to foster new friendships within our vibrant community. To the cherished parents of our First Communion children, a special welcome awaits you—your presence beautifully enriches our parish family. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to meet and connect with each of you in a spirit of joy and fellowship!



## New Lectionary and new Parish Mass Books

Dear St. Joseph's Family,  
We are delighted to announce that our new Parish Mass Books are now available in the pews. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in faith and deepen our spiritual journey. We warmly invite you to partake in this meaningful project by making a contribution.

For your convenience, envelopes have been placed inside the new Parish Mass Books for your generous donations. Additionally, you will find a new header at our Paying Stands for those who prefer to contribute via card payments.

Your unwavering support and kindness are truly appreciated, and they play a vital role in nurturing our community. Thank you for being a cherished part of our parish family and for your continued generosity.

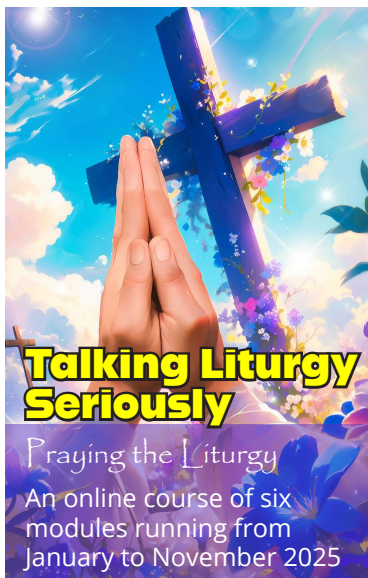
## Welcome Back to Confirmation Sessions!



We are thrilled to announce that our Confirmation sessions will resume this Sunday, January 19th, at 5:30 PM in the welcoming Red Room. Families are warmly invited to join the candidates for Mass at 7 PM, where we will unite in prayer and community. This is a special opportunity to support our candidates as they deepen their faith. We eagerly look forward to reconnecting and embarking on this beautiful journey together. Your devotion inspires us all.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th to the 25th January is Christian Unity Week. As we celebrate the 1,700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed, accepted by nearly all who bear the name Christian, let us mark every day of that week with prayer. Churches Together in Highgate, invite you to join us on Sunday 19th January at 6pm at All Saints' Church (Talbot Road, N64QH) for a service of prayer for Christian Unity as we reflect on this year's theme, 'Do you believe this?' All are welcome!



## Talking Liturgy Seriously

Praying the Liturgy  
An online course of six modules running from January to November 2025

**Module 1** Liturgy as Prayer; 23rd, 30th January, 6th February: *Kathryn Turner*

**Module 2** The words we speak-Prayer and the Liturgical texts 13th, 20th & 27th March: *Rev Kevin McGinnell*

**Module 3** Word of God Praying through Scripture 8th, 15th & 22nd May: *Fleur Dorrell & David McLaughlin*

**Module 4** Praying as we serve Spirituality and ministry; 19th, 26th June, 3rd July: *Rev Paul Turner*

**Module 5** Here in this place... Prayer and the environment 18th, 25th September, 2nd October: *Prof Tom O'Loughlin*

**Module 6** Whoever sings, prays twice Prayer through music 6th, 13th and 20th November: *Martin Barry and Mary Rouse*



Flame is the largest gathering of young Catholics in England and Wales - 10,000 from around the country coming together to celebrate, sing, laugh, listen to speakers, music, drama and more. <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/> Having thousands of people together with the same purpose creates a lot of great energy and feeling – why not say yes to coming?!

There are a limited number of tickets available for this year's event on Saturday 15th March and the possibility of attending the event with a small group of other young people from another north London deanery. If anyone is interested in attending this great event to share faith and fellowship with other young Catholics, please email us at [confirmation.joseph@gmail.com](mailto:confirmation.joseph@gmail.com) and we will put you in contact with other young people who are attending. The event is largely sold out, so let us know quickly if you are interested.



**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.

**Catherine Ann Judge**  
(Fri. 24 Jan. 1pm)  
**Patrick Joseph Galvin**  
(Tue. 21 Jan. 1:30pm)

## INTENTIONAL ACCOMPANIMENT

Many people are in need of someone to journey with them and give them a hope. Could this be you? Join our 6-week online series, Isaiah 49 produced by Catholic Christian Outreach to learn how.



## Retreat via Zoom

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat via Zoom 25th January, 10.00-1.00: 'Pilgrims of Hope: Jesus Is The Way' includes Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Daniella Stephens. Please register in advance at [bit.ly/ADOREJAN2025](http://bit.ly/ADOREJAN2025)

More details at [www.altonrenewal.com](http://www.altonrenewal.com)



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1,637. Your kindness and support empower us to serve and nurture God's Kingdom. Together, we make a significant impact on our community and beyond. May God's blessings shower upon you and your loved ones. Thank you sincerely for your support.

## Supporting Our Parish: An Expression of Gratitude



At St. Joseph, our vibrant community flourishes because of your incredible generosity, for which we are deeply grateful. Our faith encourages us to give joyfully, reflecting the priorities of our hearts, rather than out of obligation. When Christ is at the centre of our lives, supporting the church becomes a natural expression of our spiritual dedication. Indeed, we rely entirely on your generous contributions to sustain St. Joseph. Without the kind-heartedness of our community, our parish simply couldn't continue to thrive.

Remember, God doesn't seek your money—He desires your heart. We give as a response to the myriad blessings God has bestowed upon us. Through giving, we worship and mirror the selfless love of a "give-first" God. When we invest in what God cherishes, we actively contribute to building His Kingdom and relish the joy of sharing in His abundant love.

### Ways to Give:

**- Giving Stands:** Use the newly installed 'Giving Stands' at the church's entrance.

**- Online:** Donate via PayPal on our website.

**- Standing Order & Gift Aid:** Request forms or find them on our website.

**- Legacy Gift:** Consider including us in your will or trust to support future church endeavours.

Thank you for your continued support in nurturing our beloved parish.



### Mass intentions from 18th January 2025

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

Date	Time	Intention	Intensions
Sat, 18 Jan 2025	07.00 pm	Missa PP	Intensions
Sun, 19 Jan 2025	08.00 am	Sean McDonnell	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	Patsy Brady	Lately Dead
	12 noon	Ivor O'Connor & Michael Devitt(Sick), Kevin Sheridan	Lately Dead
	07.00 pm	Jimmy Devitt(95th B'Day), Fr. Sean Murphy	Lately Dead
Mon, 20 Jan 2025	09.30 am	Xander Vincent Viegas(Test), Ivor O'Connor	Sick
	06.30 pm	Jack & Catherine O'Sullivan	Anniversary
Tues, 21 Jan 2025	09.30 am	Private intention, Sean Stiles, Tony John Plotando	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Shannon O'Connor	Birthday
Wed, 22 Jan 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intensions
	06.30 pm	Michael, Ellen, Pete, Nora, Iea & deceased family memebtrs	Anniversary
Thur, 23 Jan 2025	09.30 am	Catherine Harrington, Jeremiah Harrington	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intensions
Fri, 24 Jan 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intensions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intensions
Sat, 25 Jan 2025	09.30 am	Monica (Celebration)	Intensions

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.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Is 62: 1-5, 1 Cor 12: 4-11, Jn 2: 1-11, **Mon:** Fabian, pp, mt/ Sebastian, mt, Heb 5: 1-10, Ps 110: 1. 2. 3. 4, Mk 2: 18-22, **Tue:** Agnes, v, mt M, Heb 6: 10-20, Ps 111: 1-2. 4-5. 9 and 10c, Mk 2: 23-28, **Wed:** Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children M, Heb 7: 1-3. 15-17. Ps 110: 1. 2. 3. 4, Mk 3: 1-6. **Thu:** Vincent of Saragossa, d, mt/ Marianne Cope, v. Heb 7: 25 -- 8: 6. Ps 40: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17. Mk 3: 7-12, **Fri:** Francis de Sales, bp, rf, dr M. Heb 8: 6-13. Ps 85: 8 and 10. 11-12. 13-14. Mk 3: 13-19. **Sat:** Conversion of Paul, ap F, Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22. Ps 117: 1bc. 2. Mk 16: 15-18. **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.** Neh 8: 2-4a. 5-6. 8-10, Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 15. 1 Cor 12: 12-30. Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

**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