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EMBRACING THE JUBILEE YEAR

In the Gospel for today, we witness the profound moment when Jesus steps into the synagogue, unrolling the scroll of Isaiah, and boldly proclaiming His mission to transform lives. Here, Jesus is not just introducing an abstract concept or a distant hope. He is declaring a present reality—a divine upheaval that redefines existence itself. This scriptural passage invites us to reflect on the nature of true change, the kind that only God can initiate through the living presence of Christ.

When Jesus reads, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," He is not offering mere future promises or calls to incremental improvement. He is announcing a radical shift—an alteration of the status quo that starts with Him. This is the messianic deliverance, where God, through Jesus, refuses to leave us untouched and unchanged. An encounter with Jesus is not just a brush with divine inspiration; it is a complete overhaul of one's spiritual and worldly conditions.

The essence of this transformation is vividly encapsulated in the Jubilee imagery—a time of release, restoration, and renewal. But unlike the historical uncertainty surrounding the literal practice of Jubilee, Jesus embodies its fulfilment. His words carry the power to bring about the freedom and restoration they herald. This is not a governmental program or policy change; this is the divine power to transform hearts and lives at their core.

Jesus' mission is clear: to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind. Each action He takes redefines what it means to live in God's kingdom. As we continue our spiritual journey, let us embrace this transformative message. Christ calls us into a life where the old is made new, where despair is replaced with hope, and where every encounter with Him reshapes our very souls. Let us open our hearts to the real change that Jesus Himself embodies, a change that continues to unfold in our lives today.

Join Our Lent Groups: A Journey of Faith and Renewal



As we enter this sacred season of Lent, we warmly invite you to participate in our Lent Groups, a unique opportunity to deepen your faith and spiritual understanding. In this Jubilee year, let us come together as a community to explore the richness of the scriptures and receive spiritual nourishment for our souls.

Our Lent Groups will guide us through a thoughtful series of Bible studies, fostering meaningful discussions and reflections. Whether you are new to Bible study or a seasoned participant, these sessions promise to enrich your spiritual journey and strengthen our bonds as a parish family.

We eagerly anticipate embarking on this path of growth and renewal with you. Watch this space for more information on dates, times, and how you can take part in this transformative experience.

Together, let us embrace the spirit of Lent with open hearts and a desire for deeper connection with our faith and one another.

Save the Date

1st February Mass for Religious and Consecrated Life (Cathedral)

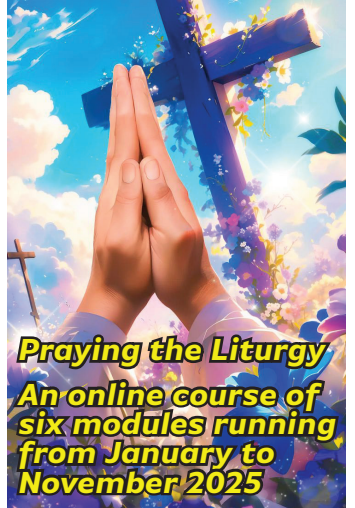
8th February Lourdes Mass with anointing of the sick at 2pm (Cathedral)

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!

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

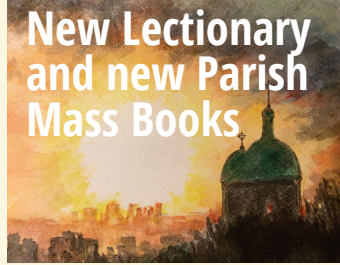
Module 6 Whoever sings, prays twice Prayer through music 6th, 13th and 20th November: Martin Barry and Mary Rouse

Thursday evenings
7.30pm – 8.54pm

Contact: Mary Ryan
course@ssg.org.uk

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 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.



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.

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.



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1,716. 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.

MASS FOR MATRIMONY

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.



The annual Mass for Matrimony will be celebrated in the Cathedral by the Cardinal on Saturday 17th May at 2.30pm for couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries such as 5th, 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Mass intentions from 25th January 2025

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

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| Sat, 25 Jan 2025 | 07.00 pm | Agnes Murphy (Sick), Paddy Healy | Anniversary |
| Sun, 26 Jan 2025 | 08.00 am | Sophia Darr | Anniversary |
| | 10.00 am | Julie & Francisco(Wedding Anni.), Mary Hyde | Anniversary |
| | 12 noon | Massimo De Michelis(LD), Elcaterina | Anniversary |
| | 07.00 pm | Gerry Copeman(Birthday), Romana Oleska | Anniversary |
| Mon, 27 Jan 2025 | 09.30 am | Sr. Rita Philomina(Birthday) | Intentions |
| | 06.30 pm | Passionist Mass Guild | Intentions |
| Tues, 28 Jan 2025 | 09.30 am | Late Zofia Baginska(Birthday) | Anniversary |
| | 06.30 pm | Passionist Mass Guild | Intentions |
| Wed, 29 Jan 2025 | 09.30 am | Michael McDonagh | Lately Dead |
| | 06.30 pm | Holy Souls | Anniversary |
| Thur, 30 Jan 2025 | 09.30 am | Simon (Private) | Intentions |
| | 06.30 pm | Grace McNamara (18th Birthday) | Intentions |
| Fri, 31 Jan 2025 | 09.30 am | Passionist Mass Guild | Intentions |
| | 06.30 pm | Dennis Kelleher | Anniversary |
| Sat, 1 Feb 2025 | 09.30 am | Samuel Denis McGarry | 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.

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 **Mon:** Angela Merici, v, rf, Heb 9: 15. 24-28, Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6, Mk 3: 22-30 **Tue:** Thomas Aquinas, p, r, dr M, Heb 10: 1-10, Ps 40: 2 and 4ab. 7-8a. 10. 11, Mk 3: 31-35 **Wed:** Heb 10: 11-18, Ps 110: 1. 2. 3. 4, Mk 4: 1-20 **Thu:** Heb 10: 19-25, Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6, Mk 4: 21-25 **Fri:** John Bosco, p, rf M, Heb 10: 32-39, Ps 37: 3-4. 5-6. 23-24. 39-40, Mk 4: 26-34 **Sat:** Heb 11: 1-2. 8-19, Lk 1: 69-70. 71-72. 73-75, Mk 4: 35-41

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD F Mal 3: 1-4, Ps 24: 7. 8. 9. 10, Heb 2: 14-18, Lk 2: 22-40

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