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Candlemas



We light a candle, and enjoy the flickering light, the fragrance and warmth it creates. But without the spark that ignites, there will be no flame. Without the wax, the source of power, the wick will not burn. Without the flame, there will be no fragrance, no warmth, no light. And so with us, Lord. You are the catalyst that ignites us, and the fuel that sustains us. You fill us with your fragrance as you enter our lives. You empower us to carry your flame in our hearts, to be the fragrance, warmth, and light of your love, in this dark world.

Join Our Lent Groups: A Journey of Faith and Renewal



This Lent, we warmly invite you to deepen your faith with our parish community. Join us as we explore scripture, engage in meaningful discussions, and nourish our souls through enriching Bible study sessions. Whether you're new to this journey or have prior experience, all are welcome to participate.

Participating in our Lent Groups is a Formation Activity that offers the opportunity to obtain a Plenary Indulgence during this Jubilee Year.

Schedule:

- Wednesdays: Highgate Nursing Home at 11:00 AM
- Thursdays: The Red Room at 7:00 PM

Each session will last approximately an hour and a half. If you're interested in joining, please contact George Farrelly at georgefarrelly@icloud.com. We look forward to embarking on this meaningful journey with you!



Antiqua et Nova

In a recent document titled "Antiqua et Nova," the Dicastries for the Doctrine of the Faith and for Culture and Education explore the potential and challenges of artificial intelligence (AI) across various sectors, including education, economy, healthcare, and warfare. Framed by Pope Francis's warnings on AI, the document underscores the necessity for AI to serve human dignity and the common good. It warns against AI's misuse in warfare, highlighting the alarming potential of autonomous weapons systems to operate beyond human oversight. Moreover, the document cautions against AI's capacity to heighten social inequalities, noting ethical concerns related to the concentration of AI power among a few corporations. In education, while AI is seen to enhance learning, it also risks undermining critical thinking if not properly managed. The Note advocates for careful oversight to prevent AI from negatively impacting human relations, especially in healthcare and employment. Emphasizing ethical responsibility, it calls for AI to complement rather than replace human intelligence.



BABY JOES

Music and Movement



Join us for a fun-filled, themed baby group led by a qualified Early Years teacher. Every Wednesday at St Joseph's School from 10-11am

£5 per session. For children up to 24 months old

Connect over a coffee with other parents and carers and bring your little one for nursery rhymes, sensory play, books and more.

We can't wait to welcome you! Please text or email to **reserve your place: 07399720412** office@st-josephs.islington.sch.uk

Save the Date

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

Hiatus

Dear St. Joseph's Family,

I wanted to let you know that I will be taking a much-needed hiatus for ten days to recharge myself spiritually and mentally. During this time, Fr. Jenish will be taking care of our parish needs. It is truly a blessing to be your pastor, and I am grateful for the love and support I receive from each of you. If you need to reach me during my time away, please feel free to email me, and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1,510. 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.



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.

Walter Niranjana Fernando
(Thurs. 27th Feb. 12.15pm)

New Lectionary and new Parish Mass Books

Dear St. Joseph's Family, We're thrilled to announce the availability of new Parish Mass Books in the pews, offering us a chance to deepen our faith together. Please consider contributing to this project; donation envelopes are inside the books, and card payments are accepted at Paying Stands. Your support is crucial in nurturing our community. Thank you for your 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.



Flame is the largest gathering of young Catholics in England and Wales, with 10,000 attendees

celebrating faith through music, drama, and speakers. The event is on Saturday, March 15th. Limited tickets are available, so act fast if you wish to join. Interested participants from a north London deanery can attend as a group. For more information, email confirmation.joseph@gmail.com. Experience the energy and fellowship of this incredible event!

Mass intentions from 1st February 2025 "I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!" 1 Sam. 12:23

Sat, 01 Feb 2025	07.00 pm	Jim Kennedy(Sick), Eileen Pittman, Patrick Galvin, Melissa Mulligan	Lately Dead
Sun, 02 Feb 2025	08.00 am	Late Tariq Darr(Birthday) John Carmody	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	Patrick Fahy	Anniversary
	12 noon	Jimmy Maxwell, Patrick Fahy	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Missa PP	Intentions
Mon, 03 Feb 2025	09.30 am	Sr. Aideen	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Estelle Sibve(Sick), Arthur Whitehead	Anniversary
Tues, 04 Feb 2025	09.30 am	Nel Maloney	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Priscila, Sam, Annie, Tillie O'Learey	Intentions
Wed, 05 Feb 2025	09.30 am	Lizzie	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Thomas Hurdall	Anniversary
Thur, 05 Feb 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 06 Feb 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 07 Feb 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions

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

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD F Mal 3: 1-4, Ps 24: 7. 8. 9. 10, Heb 2: 14-18, Lk 2: 22-40 **Mon:** Blase, bp, mt/ Ansgar, bp, ms, Heb 11: 32-40 Ps 31: 20. 21. 22. 23. 24, Mk 5: 1-20 **Tue:** Heb 12: 1-4, Ps 22: 26b-27. 28 and 30. 31-32, Mk 5: 21-43, **Wed:** Agatha, v, mt M, Heb 12: 4-7. 11-15 Ps 103: 1-2. 13-14. 17-18a, Mk 6: 1-6 **Thu:** Paul Miki, Heb 12: 18-19. 21-24, Ps 48: 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 9. 10-11, Mk 6: 7-13, **Fri:** Heb 13: 1-8, Ps 27: 1. 3. 5. 8b-9abc, Mk 6: 14-29 **Sat:** BVM/ Jerome Emiliani, p, rf/ Josephine Bakhita, v, Heb 13: 15-17. 20-21, Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6, Mk 6: 30-34
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 6: 1-2a. 3-8, Ps 138: 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 7-8 (1c), 1 Cor 15: 1-11/ Lk 5: 1-11