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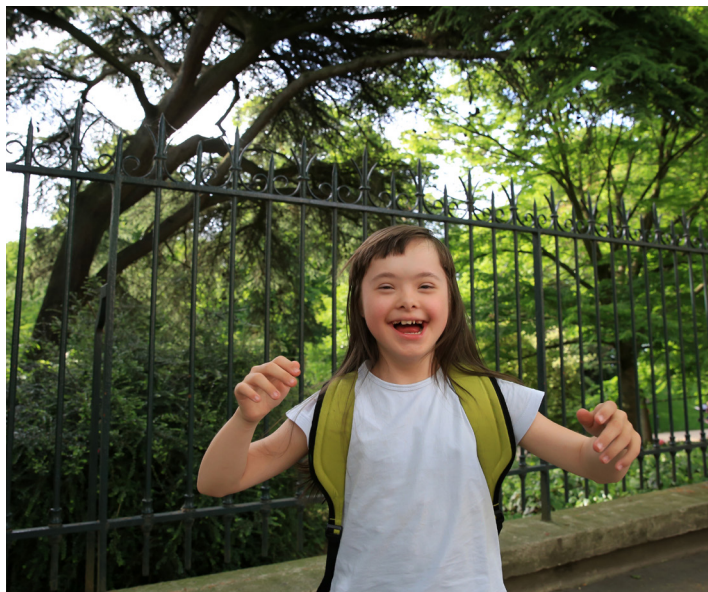
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Choosing to Live Large



In the gospel of Luke 6:27-38, Jesus presents us with a revolutionary approach to life, inviting us to break away from the cycles of retaliation and to embrace the power of love and forgiveness. Each day, we stand at a crossroads, confronted with the decision to choose greatness or smallness in our actions and attitudes.

Choosing the path of smallness binds us to a life where we constantly tally wrongs, respond with aggression, and permit the actions of others to dictate our behaviour. It is an insular choice, one that prioritizes self-preservation and retaliation over understanding and compassion. However, Christ calls us to a different path—one of largeness.

Living large means daring to transcend our natural impulses for security and power. It entails opening up to a life less governed by fear and more infused with empathy and love. Choosing to be large allows us to create space for others, to be channels of peace and understanding in a world rife with pain and misunderstanding. It challenges us to look beyond our own immediate stories and recognize that each person we encounter carries hidden burdens of their own.

In our communities and beyond, we are often unaware of who is barely holding on, who requires a kind word, a gentle touch, or a heartfelt prayer. By choosing to love our enemies, bless those who curse us, and forgive rather than judge, we become bearers of light in someone else's darkness. This commitment not only transforms others but enlarges our own lives, aligning them more closely with the heart of Jesus.

The choice to live large invites reflection. Are our actions enriching the lives of those around us, or are they contributing to their suffering? Let us strive to be the hands and feet of Christ, offering love, mercy, and hope. This week, may we each resolve to be a source of healing, making choices that reflect Christ's boundless love and compassion.



Heavenly Father,
We lift up Pope Francis to You in prayer.
Grant him strength, comfort, and
healing in body and spirit. May Your
loving presence surround him, bringing
peace and restoration. Guide the hands
of those caring for him, and fill his heart
with hope and resilience.
Amen.

Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the sacred Lenten season, a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal. As we receive ashes, we are reminded of our shared humanity and the call to live with kindness and compassion. Join us for a moment of worship and introspection. We are holding three masses on **Ash Wednesday, March 5th, at 9:30am, 11am, and 6:30pm**. Please come and worship with us as we embark on this spiritual journey together.

Join Our Lent Groups: A Journey of Faith and Renewal



'Getting Closer to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit'. Ecumenical. All very welcome. Scripture based. No need to buy a book. Materials will be provided.

Once weekly, 6 weeks. The first session will be centred around Abraham and the three visitors (Genesis 18, 1-15) and Andrei Rublev's icon The Trinity. Subsequent sessions will use Jesus's Last Discourse (Gospel of John, Chapters 14-17). We will use the lectio divina framework: a meditative and prayerful reading of the biblical text.

Three options:

1. Tuesday evenings online via Zoom, 19:00-20:30. Starting 4 March-8 April.
2. Wednesday mornings, 11:00-12:30. Venue: Highgate Care Home (BUPA), 12 Hornsey Lane, London N6 5LX (2 minutes' walk from St Joseph's Church. This group is open to non-residents. Starting 5 March-9 April.
3. Thursday evenings: 19:00-20:30. St Joseph's Church, 107 Highgate Hill, London N19 5NE. Red Room. Starting 6 March-10 April.

To register or for further information: email georgefarrelly@icloud.com (please put Lent Group in the Subject box).

100 Club Results

The January draw was held at the Monastery on 6th February. The number of entries was 99 and the winners were: **£400 Elizabeth Eidinow (35), £100 Nicholas & Kristin Baumgartner (130), £50 Caitriona Kelly (131)**. May we remind our members who pay annually that it's the start of a new year and your subscriptions are due for renewal. The amount is £10 per month and cheques should be made payable to "St. Joseph's 100 Club". Thank you once again to those who support the parish in this way.

100 Club: Financial Statement for 2024 (£)

Balance in account at end-December 2023	10,560.59
Income from subscriptions	+10,770.00
Prizes paid out	-4,500.00
Bank charges	-76.44
Allocated for church repairs etc	0.00
Balance in account at end-December 2024	16,754.15

This statement has been prepared by the 100 Club committee based on actual cash amounts received and paid out during 2023. The Club's bank statements are reviewed by the auditors as part of the annual audit of parish accounts. Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

Sr. Canh Cecilia's Golden Jubilee

Dear Parish Family,
With joy and gratitude, we celebrate Sr. Canh Cecilia's Golden Jubilee, marking 50 years of dedicated service in the Little Sisters of Jesus of St. Charles De Foucauld. Born in Saigon, Vietnam, Sr. Canh Cecilia has been a cherished member of our parish, embodying a life of faith, love, and humility. Her unwavering commitment and gentle spirit have inspired us all. On this special occasion, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and best wishes. May God continue to bless her with health, joy, and peace in her sacred journey. Thank you, Sr. Canh Cecilia, for your remarkable witness to God's love. With love and blessings,



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1,400. 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.



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 Niranjan Fernando (Thurs. 27th Feb. 12.15pm)
Frederick Gatonye Njenga (Tue. 4th Mar. 11am)

Mass intentions from 22nd February 2025 "I would be disobeying the LORD if I stopped praying for you!" 1 Sm. 12:23

Sat, 22 Feb 2025	07.00 pm	Ann & James Galvin	Anniversary
Sun, 23 Feb 2025	08.00 am	Lizzie	Intentions
	10.00 am	Sr. Canh Cecilia(Golden Jubilee)	Intentions
	12 noon	Lawrence Edward Whitehead, Paddy Sheanon, Kitty Reid	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Missa PP	Intentions
Mon, 24 Feb 2025	09.30 am	A cancer patient	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Antony Roarty(celebration) Kniko Emmanuel	Sick
Tues, 25 Feb 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Seamus Martin Roarty	Sick
Wed, 26 Feb 2025	09.30 am	Kieran Friel	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Domenico Innamoratio	Anniversary
Thur, 27 Feb 2025	09.30 am	Justina D'sa(Anniversary) Kofo Dosekyn	Sick
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 27 Feb 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Maria Da Falcidade Da Vivas Zanre	Anniversary
Sat, 28 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.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1 Sm 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23, 1 Cor 15: 45-49, Lk 6: 27-38,

Mon: Sir 1: 1-10, Mk 9: 14-29, **Tue:** Sir 2: 1-1, 1Mk 9: 30-37, **Wed:** Sir 4: 11-19, Mk 9: 38-40,

Thu: Gregory of Narek, ab, dr, Sir 5: 1-8, Mk 9: 41-50, **Fri:** Sir 6: 5-17, Mk 10: 1-12,

Sat: Sir 17: 1-15, Mk 10: 13-16, **EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Sir 27: 4-7, 1 Cor 15: 54-58, Lk 6: 39-45

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