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## PARISH BULLETIN

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## What I Learned from My Mother



I learned from my mother how to love the living, to have plenty of vases on hand in case you have to rush to the hospital with peonies cut from the lawn, black ants still stuck to the buds. I learned to save jars large enough to hold fruit salad for a whole grieving household, to cube home-canned pears and peaches, to slice through maroon grape skins and flick out the sexual seeds with a knife point. I learned to attend viewings even if I didn't know the deceased, to press the moist hands of the living, to look in their eyes and offer sympathy, as though I understood loss even then. I learned that whatever we say means nothing, what anyone will remember is that we came. I learned to believe I had the power to ease awful pains materially like an angel. Like a doctor, I learned to create from another's suffering my own usefulness, and once you know how to do this, you can never refuse. To every house you enter, you must offer healing: a chocolate cake you baked yourself, the blessing of your voice, your chaste touch.

-Julia Kasdorf

## The Seven Last Words

Join us on Good Friday at 7 PM for an evening of reflection and unity as we gather at the foot of the cross to honour Christ's ultimate sacrifice. Delve into the sacred teachings of The Seven Last Words of Jesus, words spoken with profound love and grace that continue to inspire and transform across generations. Our cherished parishioners—Amanda, Antonia, Jill, Natalie, Abbi, Gerald, and Neville—will lead an evening of soulful meditation and faith-sharing. The event will be enriched by the uplifting music of Theresa and Ian. Together, let us embrace the sanctity of this moment, inviting His sacred words to guide us towards renewal and hope. We warmly invite all to join in this journey of faith and reflection.

## The Saviour of Mankind

The suffering servant,  
His love for us is fervent.  
The Romans stripped Him,  
So that they could whip Him.

He walked in barefoot,  
It's just the legions misunderstood.  
He fell down thrice,  
His clothes were used in a game for dice.

The men next to Him were murderers,  
And the Jewish leaders were perjurers.  
INRI marked above His head,  
His body and blood were wine and bread.

His ultimate sacrifice,  
It was evangelised.  
His loving mind,  
The Saviour of mankind.



By James Boucherie (Year 4)  
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### Celebrate His Passion with us, and be Eastered!

**Palm Sunday Vigil Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> April**

7pm - Vigil Mass

**Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> April**

8am, 10am, 12pm, and 7pm

**Holy Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April**

7pm - Lenten Penitential Service

**Holy Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> April**

8pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> April**

10:30am - Children's Service

12pm - Stations of the Cross

3pm - Liturgy of the Passion

7pm - The Seven Last Words

**The Great Easter Vigil, 19<sup>th</sup> April**

9pm - The Great Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April**

8am, 10am, and 12pm

# Heartfelt Thanks to Our Collectors and Counting Committee

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to all members of the Collectors and Counting Committee for your unwavering dedication and generosity in managing the Sunday collections at St. Joseph's. Your commitment, under the exceptional leadership of Maureen and the meticulous oversight of Seng Fun, our esteemed accountant, ensures the seamless financial stewardship of our community.

Your tireless efforts and integrity are the bedrock of our parish's continued growth and service. May God bless you abundantly for your invaluable contributions and fill your hearts with love and joy.

With deepest appreciation,



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions

to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1,628. 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.

## LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Join the Westminster diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from **25th July - 1st August 2025**, led by Cardinal Nicholas.

Register online at [pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk] (https://pilgrimages.rcdow.org.uk) or call **020 7798 9173**.

Travel by plane or train, with volunteering opportunities available. Apply by 30th April.

## WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE:

Annual pilgrimage to Walsingham on **20th September 2025**. Mark your calendar! Pilgrimage to St Edmund's College, Ware

Cardinal Nichols will lead a Pilgrimage to St Edmund's College, Ware, on Saturday 12th July and all are encouraged and invited to attend. The day will commence with Mass in the grounds at 12noon.

## The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving

for the Sacrament of Matrimony will be held at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday, 17th May 2025, at 2:30 PM. The Cardinal invites diocesan couples celebrating milestone Catholic marriage anniversaries in 2025. Register with your parish office.



## Save the Date

### Lent Groups

#### Tuesday evenings

online via Zoom, 19:00-20:30.

#### Wednesday mornings, 11:00-12:30.

Venue: Highgate Care Home (BUPA), 12 Hornsey Lane.

#### Thursday evenings:

19:00-20:30 at Red Room

#### Stations of the Cross

Lenten Fridays 7PM

## Nurturing a Community of Love and Service



Dear Beloved St. Joseph's Family,

*In the spirit of unity and love, we are called to share our unique gifts and talents, touching lives and uplifting spirits. As Scripture beautifully reminds us, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4:10)*

Volunteering within our church is a wonderful way to not only enrich our community but to also experience the joy of giving. Our church is blessed with many devoted volunteers who generously offer their time and talents to a wide range of activities, making a profound impact.

We warmly invite you to explore our Parish Groups & Activities. If you find an area that resonates with you, we encourage you to reach out to the Parish Office for more details on how you can get involved. Currently, we're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to join our various ministries at St. Joseph's, including:

- **Parish Council** • **Counting** • **Social Media Management** • **Welcome Ministry Coordinator** • **Event Managers** (for events like the Christmas Bazaar and Bring and Share Lunch) • **Catechists** • **Youth Ministers**

Your participation will be a blessing to our parish family. If your heart is moved to serve, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office. Your involvement will be cherished and greatly appreciated. Thank you for considering this beautiful journey of service and fellowship with us.

Blessings and heartfelt gratitude.

## Break-in at St. Joseph's

We regret to inform you that a break-in occurred at St. Joseph's Church and repository on Monday night, March 24th. The incident has been reported to the police, and forensic officers are currently investigating. We are working diligently to enhance our security measures. Thank you for your continued support and prayers during this time.

### Mass intentions from 22nd March 2025

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

Date	Time	Intention	Intentions
Sat, 29 Mar 2025	07.00 pm	Moriarty family	Intentions
Sun, 30 Mar 2025	08.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	10.00 am	Sean McGlynn(LD), Eileen Devitt	Anniversary
	12 noon	Shirley Cox, Ludvinia King	Lately Dead
	07.00 pm	Mary Kielty	Lately Dead
Mon, 31 Mar 2025	09.30 am	Isabel O. Rivera	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Gabino Ruiz (Anni) Stanistaw Czuba	Sick
Tues, 1 April 2025	09.30 am	Late Sean Stiles	Birthday
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Wed, 2 April 2025	09.30 am	Anthony O'Brien	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Karl Moriarty	Anniversary
Thur, 3 April 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Lizzie	Intentions
Fri, 4 April 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 5 April 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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT.** Second Scrutiny of the Elect. Jos 5: 9a. 10-12, 2 Cor 5: 17-21, Lk 15: 1-3.11-32 **Mon:** Is 65: 17-21, Ps 30: 2 and 4. 5-6. 11-12a and 13b, Jn 4: 43-54. 2025 Apr 1, **Tue:** Ez 47: 1-9. 12, Ps 46: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9, Jn 5: 1-16 **Wed** Francis of Paola, h, Is 49: 8-15, Ps 145: 8-9. 13cd-14. 17-18, Jn 5: 17-30, **Thu:** Ex 32: 7-14, Ps 106: 19-20. 21-22. 23, Jn 5: 31-47 **Fri:** Isidore of Seville, bp, dr. Day of abstinence from meat (age 14and up). Wis 2: 1a. 12-22, Ps 34: 17-18. 19-20. 21 and 23, Jn 7: 1-2. 10. 25-30 **Sat:** Vincent Ferrer, p, r, ms, Jer 11: 18-20, Ps 7: 2-3. 9bc-10. 11-12 Jn 7: 40-53

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT.** Third Scrutiny of the Elect. Is 43: 16-21, Ps 126: 1-2. 2-3. 4-5. 6 (3), Phil 3: 8-14, Jn 8: 1-11