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A New School Year Blessing



Divine Welcomer, as a new year of learning begins, we open our hearts in gratitude for all the gifts of education—the joy of discovery, the excitement of creativity, the satisfaction of solving problems, and the wonder of new understanding.

Bless every student here and across the world. Calm their worries, fill their hearts with hope, and remind them daily of their worth, potential, and unique importance.

Grant them lasting friendships and a

true sense of belonging. Keep them safe from bullying, exclusion, and despair. Surround them with wise teachers and mentors who support, challenge, and inspire them every day.

Provide for them abundantly, helping them find balance in competition and achievement. Reveal and nurture their special talents and help them become their best, true selves.

We ask this through Jesus, who brings light and life, as we unite in spirit to pray The Lord's Prayer...



Wine of Hope

Monday 8th December 2024 at 5PM

We warmly invite you to our annual "Wine of Hope" gathering, a cherished event dedicated to celebrating the Christian ministry of healing. This tradition, which began during the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception amidst the pandemic, finds inspiration in the compassionate narrative of the Good Samaritan. Drawing on St. Augustine's profound insight into the "wine of hope," we are reminded of the transformative power of offering hope and healing to those in need.

In these times, our mission is more important than ever: to instil hope and compassion, especially for those suffering in mind and body. We are blessed to have Rev. Fr. Brian O'Mahony join us for a special Mass at 5pm, followed by a heartwarming gathering with refreshments in the Red Room. Whether you serve in the healthcare profession or care for loved ones at home, your presence is a gift to our community.

Come, be part of this sacred moment of prayer and reflection. We look forward to welcoming you with open arms and hearts.

Save the Date - **Lectio Divina**
Tue. 7pm-8pm at Red Room
Wed. 10:30am-12 at Bupa

Blessing for Educators

Heavenly Creator, source of wisdom and wonder, we thank you for the gift of learning and discovery, and for all those devoted to teaching, guiding, and supporting our schools.

Bless and protect every educator as they begin this new year. Fill their hearts and classrooms with peace, light, and inspiration. Renew their strength and enthusiasm, and shield them from discouragement and fatigue.

Unite us in supporting them—granting the resources, funding, and spaces they need to thrive, and nurturing their well-being in body and spirit.

Grant each educator wisdom, strength, and compassion, so they may serve with both kindness and skill. May they experience the deep joy of helping their students flourish, and see the lasting impact of their dedication across generations.

With grateful hearts, we thank you and ask your continued blessing in the name of Jesus, our guide and teacher, as we join in The Lord's Prayer...

A Loving Reminder

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather in the Lord's house with hearts full of prayer and fellowship, we kindly ask everyone to keep a watchful eye on personal belongings such as bags and wallets, even while moving about the church. Let us care for one another in both spiritual and practical ways, so that our worship remains peaceful and worry-free.

Marriage Counselling

Marriage can sometimes feel storm-tossed, yet God's love transforms what is broken into something new and beautiful. Retrouvaille and Marriage Care offer confidential support for couples experiencing difficulties, helping them rediscover hope, healing, and renewal in their relationship. Like sea-glass shaped into treasure by the sea, love can be restored and strengthened through trust and God's grace. For more details, please contact the parish office for information about both services.

HELP LONDON'S PRO-LIFE PREGNANCY CENTRE STAY OPEN

The Good Counsel Network's funds are dangerously low.


We offer expectant mums help with housing, financial assistance, legal, and medical support, baby goods and clothes, advice, ongoing support long after the baby is born.

If we run out of funds, we cannot continue to help dozens of Mothers keep a roof over their head.

Support Good Counsel today



Use the QR code to donate



 We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1462. 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.

CELEBRATE LIFE'S SPECIAL MOMENTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH CENTRE

From christenings to weddings, birthdays to anniversaries, our parish centre offers the perfect space for your most cherished celebrations. Surrounded by faith, love, and community, let us be part of your joyful memories.

 **Book your special event with us today**
— your parish family is here to welcome you. 



ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS BAZAAR 2025

Save the Date: Saturday, 15th November 2025, from 12pm to 4pm

Join us as we unwrap the magic of the season at the St. Joseph's Christmas Bazaar! With hearts brimming with joy and gratitude, we extend a warm invitation to everyone for a day teeming with festive cheer and community spirit.

Celebrate the Season with Us!

Our beloved Bazaar, brought to life by the inspiring dedication of Abuk, Cheryl, Diana, Roni, Bernard, Fessehay, and Gerald, promises an enchanting experience for all. Your participation and support will help us craft beautiful holiday memories together.



- Hampers and quality toys
- Bottles for our Tombola
- Bric-a-brac, jewellery, and accessories
- Plants and kitchenware
- Crafts and raffle items from local businesses.

Please drop off

all donations in the sacristy. Your contributions are vital for our event's success!

Exciting Raffle!

Get your raffle tickets from the month of September—just £1 each or £10 for a book of ten. Don't miss the grand draw at the Bazaar featuring fantastic prizes like gift vouchers and luxurious hampers! Your unwavering support and kindness make all the difference. Together, let's make this year's Christmas Bazaar a memorable celebration. All proceeds will lovingly support our cherished church needs.

For more details or to sign up as a volunteer, please connect with our priests or the Bazaar team after every Mass. Mark your calendars and join this joyful occasion! We can't wait to celebrate with you!

 **St. Joseph's Parish Hall**
— **Let the Spirit of Christmas Shine Bright!**

How You Can Help:

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Friday, 14th November: Lend a hand as we set up stalls and prepare the venue for a magical day.
- Saturday, 15th November: Dive into the festivities by volunteering at various stalls and activities.

Donations Needed:

Your generous contributions are the heart of our event:

- Delicious cakes and mince pies (to be delivered on the day)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 31 August 2025

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

Sat, 30 Aug 2025	07.00 pm	Ricky Mazur(Anni.), Margaret Blogg	Lately Dead
Sun, 31 Aug 2025	08.00 am	Missa PP	Intentions
	10.00 am	Ricky Mazur	Anniversary
	12 noon	Bridie O'Donoghue(LD), Alice Ryan	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Joe Walsh	Lately Dead
Mon, 01 Sep 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Tue, 02 Sep 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Kenny Eyo	Anniversary
Wed, 03 Sep 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Thu, 04 Sep 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 05 Sep 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 06 Sep 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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Is 66: 18-21/ Ps 117: 1, 2/ Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13: 22-30, **Mon:** 1 Thes 4: 13-18/ Ps 96: 1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/ Lk 4: 16-30, **Tue:** 1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11/ Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14/ Lk 4: 31-37, **Wed: Gregory the Great, pp, r, dr M,** Col 1: 1-8/ Ps 52: 10, 11/ Lk 4: 38-44, **Thu:** Col 1: 9-14/ Ps 98: 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/ Lk 5: 1-11, **Fri Teresa of Calcutta, v,** Col 1: 15-20/ Ps 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5/ Lk 5: 33-39, **Sat:** Col 1: 21-23/ Ps 54: 3-4, 6 and 8/ Lk 6: 1-5, **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,** Wis 9: 13-18b/ Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/ Phlm 9-10, 12-17/ Lk 14: 25-33

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