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Fanning the Flame Within

It is a blessing to come together again as a parish family. This past week, I had the chance to return home and remember my mother on the anniversary of her passing. It made me reflect deeply on the kind of legacy she left for me and our family—a true spiritual legacy that still warms my heart.

One childhood memory stands out: our old firewood stove. On the surface, it often seemed cold and covered in lifeless ashes. But underneath, glowing embers waited patiently. My mother would gently fan them into new flames to prepare warm meals for us. She once told me, "Life is like this: there's always an ember left underneath. We just need to fan it into flames." She lived this wisdom, especially when times were tough. Whenever she felt burdened by life, she turned to prayer, finding strength by handing her worries to God.

This comforting lesson also appears in Saint Paul's words to Timothy in this Sunday's reading: "Fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you." Like Timothy, we can sometimes feel drained by our daily struggles or overwhelmed by doubt. Yet, Paul and my mother remind us: the gifts God planted in us—at baptism, confirmation, and in quiet moments—never truly die. Even if hidden, they can be rekindled.

This October, as the Church invites us to pray the Rosary, let us bring our joys, sorrows, and hopes to Jesus and Mary. Through these prayers, we gently fan our own inner embers into living faith.

May we all discover the glowing embers within, fanning them into flames of hope, love, and kindness this week.

Novena Prayer to St. Paul of the Cross in Preparation for the Feast Day on October 19

O glorious St. Paul of the Cross, you who were so inflamed with love for Jesus Crucified that you spent your life preaching His Passion and founding a congregation dedicated to the same, intercede for us today. Teach us the way to a deeper love and devotion to the Passion of our Lord. Help us to embrace the crosses of our own lives with courage and patience, seeing them as a pathway to eternal glory. Inspire in us a fervent desire to live our lives in union with Christ's sufferings and to find Him in our daily trials. O holy founder of the Passionist order, guide us in our spiritual journey and accompany us in moments of doubt and despair. As we embark on these days of novena leading up to your feast day, we humbly ask for a special intention through your powerful intercession. Grant us the grace to [insert your specific intention here], trusting that your fervent prayers and unwavering faith will carry our petitions to the heart of Jesus. St. Paul of the Cross, pray for us and lead us ever closer to the love and mercy of our Crucified Savior. Amen.



The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally



our prayers that the Holy Spirit may guide her ministry in service of the Church and society.

We extend warm congratulations to the newly elected Archbishop of Canterbury, The Rt Revd Dame Sarah Mullally on her appointment. As a parish community of St. Joseph's, Highgate, we assure her of



Blessing of Pets Sunday 5th October 2025

We will hold the Blessing of Pets on Sunday 5th October 2025 after the 10am Mass at St. Joseph's Church. This tradition is linked to St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast we celebrate on 4th October. St. Francis is known for his love of God's creation and his closeness to animals, seeing in them the beauty and praise of the Creator. All parishioners are warmly invited to bring their pets for this special blessing.

Join Us for the Solemn Rosary

Dear St. Joseph's Family,

As we embrace the beauty of October, the month devoted to the holy Rosary, we invite you to join us in prayerful reflection and devotion. Each Saturday at 10am throughout October, we will gather at St. Joseph's to pray the Solemn Rosary together.



Let us come together in faith, unity, and love to honour Our Lady and seek her intercession. Your presence will be a cherished part of our communal prayer. May the peace and blessings of Our Lady be with you always.

Wine of Hope

Monday 8th December 2025 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 instill hope and compassion, especially for those suffering in mind and body. We are blessed to have Rev. Fr. Rajiv Michael 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.

Altar Server Lunch



Dear Parents and Children,

We warmly invite you to consider a wonderful opportunity to take part in our parish life by becoming an Acolyte at St. Joseph's Church. Serving at the altar is a beautiful way to grow in faith, support our priests, and take an active role in our worship. No prior experience is needed—we will provide training and guidance for all.

We are delighted to welcome Valentina Devis, our new Altar Servers' Coordinator, who will help guide and strengthen this special ministry.

In addition, we extend a heartfelt invitation to all Altar Servers, and their families to join us for a joyful Day of Celebration of our beloved Altar Servers on Sunday, 12th October after the 10am Mass in the Red Room. Come together for fellowship, gratitude, and a chance to celebrate the important contribution of our young servers. Children and families are warmly welcome!



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1430.94.

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.

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

100 Club Results

The draw for September was held at the Monastery on 2nd October. The number of entries was 93 and the winners were:

£400 Sr. Aileen Keaney (63),
£100 Helen Killick (22), £50
Michael Lacey (69).

Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Appeal: Please give generously to support communities like Waré's in Ethiopia. Donate via envelopes, online, phone, text, or QR code today.

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, Fessehayee, and Gerald, promises an enchanting experience for all. Your participation and support will help us craft beautiful holiday memories together.

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)



- 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!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 05 October 2025

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

Sat, 04 Oct 2025	07.00 pm	Missa PP	Intentions
Sun, 05 Oct 2025	08.00 am	Anne Moriarty	Intentions
	10.00 am	Padraic Hickey	Lately Dead
	12 noon	Larry Whitehead	Anniversary
	07.00 pm	Dr. Earnest Cooke	Anniversary
Mon, 06 Oct 2025	09.30 am	Mary Tully	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Liam Gallagher	Lately Dead
Tue, 07 Oct 2025	09.30 am	Albano	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Frederick Ntow	Intentions
Wed, 08 Oct 2025	09.30 am	James Meehan	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Thu, 09 Oct 2025	09.30 am	Marilyn Reagan	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Matthew Lawrence Faherty	Anniversary
Fri, 10 Oct 2025	09.30 am	Nial Boyce	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Angela Garcia	Birthday
Sat, 11 Oct 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Hb 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4/ Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/ 2 Tm 1: 6-8, 13-14/ Lk 17: 5-10, Mon: Bruno, p, h, rf/ Bl Marie-Rose Durocher, v, rf, Jon 1: 1-2, 11/ Jon 2: 3, 4, 5, 8/ Lk 10: 25-37, Tue: Our Lady of the Rosary M, Jon 3: 1-10/ Ps 130: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/ Lk 10: 38-42 Wed: Jon 4: 1-11/ Ps 86: 3-4, 5-6, 9-10/ Lk 11: 1-4, Thu: Denis, bp, mt, & co., mts/ John Leonardi, p, Mal 3: 13-20b/ Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 11: 5-13 Fri: Jl 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2/ Ps 9: 2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/ Lk 11: 15-26, Sat: BVM/ John XXIII, pp, Jl 4: 12-21/ Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12/ Lk 11: 27-28 **TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** 2 Kgs 5: 14-17/ Ps 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4/ 2 Tm 2: 8-13/ Lk 17: 11-19

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