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You have made me endless, such is Your pleasure.
This frail vessel You empty again and again
and fill it ever with fresh life.

This little flute of a reed You have carried over hills and dales
and breathed through it melodies eternally new.

At the immortal touch of Your hands,
my little heart loses its limits in joy
and gives birth to utterance ineffable.

Your infinite gifts come to me
only on these very small hands of mine.
Ages pass, and still You pour, and still there is room to fill.

-Tagore



St John Henry Newman – Doctor of the Church



Saint John Henry Newman, England's most recently canonised saint, will be officially proclaimed the 38th Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIV during Mass on Saturday, 1 November. Newman's deep theological insight, his call to holiness in everyday life, and his pursuit of truth continue to inspire believers worldwide. His journey into the Catholic faith was profoundly shaped by Blessed Dominic Barberi, the Italian Passionist missionary who received Newman into the Church in 1845. This proclamation highlights Newman's enduring legacy and his vital connection to the Passionist mission in England.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

Monday November 3rd, All Souls Day

Dear St. Joseph's Family,

Join us in heartfelt remembrance on All Souls Day, November 3rd. We invite you to special Masses dedicated to our departed loved ones. Throughout November, our prayers will focus on those you recommend. Envelopes are available in the Porch for enrolling your deceased loved ones. By enrolling, they will be remembered in our Masses and daily prayers all month. It is an honour to carry your intentions and pray together. May our shared prayers bring comfort and peace to the souls we cherish.



BISHOP NICHOLAS HUDSON-BISHOP OF PLYMOUTH

We extend our heartfelt thanks and warmest congratulations to Bishop Nicholas Hudson on his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Plymouth. As our Area Bishop here in Westminster, he has been a great support and a true friend to us at St Joseph's, Highgate. His visits, encouragement, and pastoral care have been a rich blessing to our parish community. Personally, I am deeply grateful for his kindness and guidance over the years. We shall miss his presence among us but send him forth with our prayers, gratitude, and every good wish for his new ministry in Plymouth.

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 instil 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.

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.

Sally Healy (Tue. 28 Oct. 12 PM)
Paulette Gibbons (Thu. 30 Oct. 12PM)
Deirdre Kowalski (Thu. 13 Nov. 12PM)

RCIA Programme -2025

We are excited to announce the start of our Adult Confirmation and RCIA journey, welcoming individuals to explore and embrace the Catholic faith. This sacred journey begins with the RCIA Programme on Tuesday, November 4th, at 7 PM. We invite those feeling called to this transformative path to reach out for support and guidance. This year, we are blessed with 11 wonderful candidates. If you're interested in arranging an interview or learning more, please email us at rcia.joseph@gmail.com. Join us in this grace-filled journey of faith and community.



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1499. 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
Holy Rosary: Saturdays 10AM

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.



- 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

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.

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)

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



Exciting Raffle!

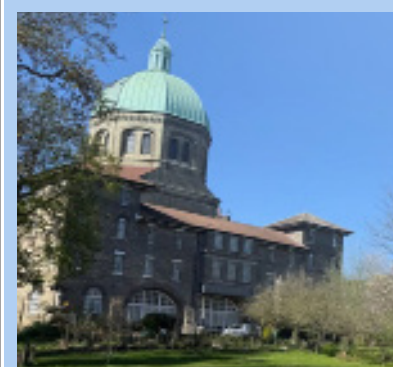
Get your raffle tickets from the month of September—just £1 each or £10 for a book of ten. Don't miss the grand draw at the Bazaar featuring fantastic prizes like gift vouchers and luxurious hampers! Your unwavering support and kindness make all the difference. Together, let's make this year's Christmas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



St. Joseph's Parish: Faith Journey Invitation

Applications for St. Joseph's 2025 Communion and Confirmation Programs are now open! Children aged 7+ in Year 3 for First Holy Communion and students Year 9+ for Confirmation can apply. Deadline: October 30. Adults seeking sacraments or those interested in becoming "Young Catechists" are encouraged to engage. Visit our website for details or email communion.joseph@gmail.com / confirmation.joseph@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 26 October 2025

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

Sat, 25 Oct 2025	07.00 pm	Missa PP, Peggy Brouder	Lately Dead
Sun, 26 Oct 2025	08.00 am	Eva O'Connor	Birthday
	10.00 am	Fieke Van Den Berg(Anni.), Sr. Christopher, Ciara Mahon	Birthday
	12 noon	Late Mary O'Shea(B'day), Patrick&Thomas Mullally	Lately Dead
	07.00 pm	Mani Xavier(Anni.), Mary O'Connor&Family	Intentions
Mon, 27 Oct 2025	09.30 am	Mike Hutter	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Khris, Maya, Andrew	Intentions
Tue, 28 Oct 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Frederick Ntow	Intentions
Wed, 29 Oct 2025	09.30 am	Elean-Margaret Roche	Lately Dead
	06.30 pm	Prashant Fernandez	Sick
Thu, 30 Oct 2025	09.30 am	Kathrina Theresa Libar	Anniversary
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 31 Oct 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Nuala McDonnell	Anniversary
Sat, 01 Nov 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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sir 35: 12-14, 16-18/ Ps 34: 2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/ 2 Tm 4: 6-8, 16-18/ Lk 18: 9-14,
Mon: Rom 8: 12-17/ Ps 68: 2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/ Lk 13: 10-17, **Tue:** Simon and Jude, **aps F,** Eph 2: 19-22/ Ps 19: 2-3, 4-5/ Lk 6: 12-16,
Wed: Rom 8: 26-30/ Ps 13: 4-5, 6/ Lk 13: 22-30, **Thu:** Rom 8: 31b-39/ Ps 109: 21-22, 26-27, 30-31/ Lk 13: 31-35,
Fri: Rom 9: 1-5/ Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 14: 1-6, **Sat:** Rom. 11:25-29, Resp. Ps. 94, Lk 14: 7-11,
SUN: ALL SAINTS S. Rv 7: 2-4, 9-14/ Ps 24: 1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/ 1 Jn 3: 1-3/ Mt 5: 1-12a

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