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A GOOD PARISH!

In his 2013 encyclical *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis offers a vision of "evangelizing parishes" marked by three essential qualities:

First, an evangelizing parish "gets involved by word and deed in people's daily lives." A good parish bridges distances and reaches out to those who are lost or isolated.

Second, Pope Francis teaches that a Gospel-centred parish "is also supportive, standing by people every step of the way" with patience, understanding, and a generous spirit that shares both time and resources.

Finally, he reminds us that a good parish "is filled with joy." This deep joy is visible in the beauty of liturgy and prayer, and is lived out in dedicated service through parish ministries.

So, how are we doing as a parish? Today, as we celebrate the dedication of the Mother Church of Catholicism—Saint John Lateran, the Pope's own cathedral in Rome—we remember our unity with Pope Leo XIV and all our sisters and brothers around the world as part of the universal Church. Let us also reflect on our bonds with one another in this parish community, and recommit ourselves to walking together as we seek to follow the Gospel of Jesus.

May God's spirit of love and peace dwell in our parish. May we become a community of support and generosity, offering consolation and hope to all. Let this parish be a house of prayer where everyone is welcomed, a school where we learn and live the Gospel of justice and mercy, and a workshop for ministries of charity and healing for all.

Remembrance Shrine

With deep appreciation, the community expresses its heartfelt thanks to Sr. Aideen Keaney for the breathtaking shrine she has lovingly crafted in our sanctuary to honour those who have gone before us. Her steadfast dedication and the stunning tributes she continues to create at St. Joseph's uplift our spirits and provide daily inspiration. Sr. Aideen's kindness and artistry are truly cherished by everyone who gathers here.



Communion Journey Begins

This is the final weekend to apply for the 2025-26 Communion program! Join us every Sunday at 10 AM from January to June to embark on this sacred journey. For more details, send your inquiries to communion.joseph@gmail.com.

Calling All Young Catechists

If you were recently confirmed and would like to be a young catechist, accompanying our new candidates on their faith journey, we would love to hear from you! Please connect with Fr. George or email us.

Exciting Confirmation Journey Awaits!

A reminder that applications for Confirmation 2026 at St Joseph's are now closed. If you submitted an application form for your child, you should have received an email acknowledging this.

If you haven't yet replied to this email, please do so or if you have not received an email, please contact us at confirmation.joseph@gmail.com. This is to ensure that your contact details are correct.

The Introductory Meeting, which is for both parents and applicants will take place on Sunday 30th November, the first Sunday of Advent at 5.30pm in the Red Room (entrance via 107 Highgate Hill) and includes attendance at the 7pm Mass.

The Confirmation Team looks forward to meeting you there.



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.



Save the Date

LECTIO DIVINA

Tue. 7pm
- Library
Wed. 10:30AM
at Bupa

RCIA

on Tue. 7PM
- Red Room

MEDITATION

on Wed. 7PM
- Red Room

New Team for Pre-Marriage Programme

We are delighted to announce the formation of a new team for the St. Joseph's Pre-Marriage Programme. Our heartfelt thanks go to Isabel and George, Elizabeth and Michael, as well as Elis and Stefan for their generosity in stepping forward to organize this important ministry. The Pre-Marriage Programme will cover essential topics including the sacramental meaning of marriage, communication skills, managing expectations, and the responsibilities of Christian family life.

Our first session is scheduled for Saturday, 28th February 2026. We warmly invite all parishioners to support this initiative with your prayers and encouragement for our new team and participants. Thank you for your continued support!



Mass Intentions

Do you have a special occasion coming up, such as a birthday or anniversary, that you would like to celebrate for a friend or loved one? Or are you in need of comfort and support after the loss of a loved one? You can have a Mass intention said for a person on these special occasions or for specific intentions. Simply grab a Mass Intention Envelope and notate the date of the Mass intention. If you prefer, you can also call or email the office to make your request. This is a beautiful and meaningful way to pay tribute to loved ones and to lift up special intentions in prayer. Thank you for your support and participation in our parish community.

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.

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!

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.

Deirdre Kowalski (Thu. 13 Nov. 12PM)



We are profoundly grateful for your generous contributions to last weekend's collection, totalling an impressive £1720. 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.

100 Club Results

The draw for October was held at the Monastery on 6th November. The number of entries was 94 and the winners were: £400 Neil Golding (31), £100 Sue Prudo (123), £50 M.C. Cronin (78). Thank you once again to all who support the parish in this way.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING 09 November 2025

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

Sat, 08 Nov 2025	07.00 pm	Josefina Plotado	Lately Dead
Sun, 09 Nov 2025	08.00 am	Andrew Coppel(Anni.), Patsy McDonnell	Lately Dead
	10.00 am	John O'Brien(Anni.), Pat Curtain, Gerry Fahy, Anthony Loughran	Sick
	12 noon	Missa PP	Intentions
Mon, 10 Nov 2025	07.00 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	09.30 am	Milly, Jimmy, and Gerard	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Ivor O Connor	Healing
Tue, 11 Nov 2025	09.30 am	Dominic, Thien, Tadeo, Teresa, Maria, Anna	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Wed, 12 Nov 2025	09.30 am	Gerry Fahy	Sick
	06.30 pm	Gary Vigar	Intentions
Thu, 13 Nov 2025	09.30 am	Jimmy, Gerald McDonagh & family	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Fri, 14 Nov 2025	09.30 am	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
	06.30 pm	Passionist Mass Guild	Intentions
Sat, 15 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.

SUN: DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME Ez 47: 1-2. 8-9. 12/ Ps 46: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9/ 1 Cor 3: 9c-11. 16-17/ Jn 2: 13-22 **Mon: Leo the Great,** Wis 1: 1-7/ Ps 139: 1b-3. 4-6. 7-8. 9-10/ Lk 17: 1-6 **Tue: Martin of Tours,** bp M Wis 2: 23 3: 9/ Ps 34: 2-3. 16-17. 18-19/ Lk 17: 7-10
Wed: Josaphat, bp, r, mt M, Wis 6: 1-11/ Ps 82: 3-4. 6-7/ Lk 17: 11-19 **Frances Xavier Cabrini, v, r M,** Wis 7: 22b 8: 1/ Ps 119: 89. 90. 91. 130. 135. 175/ Lk 17: 20-25 **Fri: Ordinary Weekday** Wis 13: 1-9/ Ps 19: 2-3. 4-5ab/ Lk 17: 26-37 **Sat: / BVM/ Albert the Great, bp, r, dr,** Wis 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9/ Ps 105: 2-3. 36-37. 42-43/ Lk 18: 1-8 **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Mal 3: 19-20a/ Ps 98: 5-6. 7-8. 9/ 2 Thes 3: 7-12/ Lk 21: 5-19

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