

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Second Sunday of Easter  
1<sup>st</sup> May 2011



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## THE NEW PARISH CENTRE

We now have light in the Main Hall! The lights are installed and are live. The Fire Alarm has been installed and tested. It is loud! The painters have now finished the walls and ceiling, and have been varnishing the Glulam Beams. The cubicles in the toilets are being installed. The Roof of the link Corridor is almost complete, and the Zinc cladding on the underside of the Entrance Canopy will be the next job. The ceiling of the link corridor has been plaster-boarded and plastered, the walls should be finished during the coming week. The plumber is back, and has been connecting up the hot and cold water pipes for the toilets and kitchen. The under-floor heating in the upstairs hall is also being connected. The wood floor has been delivered. It will start to be laid towards the end of next week, when the painters have completely finished, and the wood has had time to acclimatise to the hall. Work is also due to start on the new Sacristy during the coming week. The sink and boiler will be removed, and the new side entrance to the church will be opened up. We have postponed the viewing weekend, because we are not able to arrange safe, secure access this weekend, we hope to do so when the side entrance is opened up.

## 200 CLUB – EASTER WINNERS

£50 – No. 85 – John Reynolds

£30 – No. 134 – James Duane

£20 – No. 89 – Joseph Mackay

£30 – No. 191 – Michael Darling

£20 – No. 160 – Mary Petts

There are still some numbers available so it is not too late to join. Please collect your application forms for 2011 at the back of the church and return them as soon as possible to be included in the next draw.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism Preparation Course will start today at 2.30pm in The Convent, Longlands Close. If you have a baby to be baptised in the near future please see Fr. John.

## CELEBRATING ST MAGDALEN OF CANOSSA

The Canossian Lay Associates and Sisters of our parish invite you to celebrate the life and spirituality of St Magdalen of Canossa, her Foundress, at a Mass on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00pm. The Venue will be The Convent, 3 Longlands Close, EN8 8LW. For further details, contact The Sisters on 01992 626772.

## “EVER ANCIENT EVER NEW”

Young adults aged 18 plus are invited to consider the call to religious life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century by spending a weekend of 13<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May with the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham. For further details call 0127 373848 or visit the events page of their website [www.walsinghamcommunity.org](http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org).

## OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN – MAY PROCESSION

Nicholl Road, NW10 - May Procession Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm. Preacher: Fr Terry Davis. Please see notice at the back of church/on the notice board for further details. All welcome !

## WALK WITH ME

The Easter Edition of “Walk with Me”, written by Archbishop Vincent Nichols is now available, priced at £1.00 from the back of the Church.

## CLERK TO THE GOVERNING BODY - ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

We wish to appoint an experienced administrator as Clerk to St Mary's Catholic School Governing Body. This will involve taking the minutes at full Governing Body meetings and some committee meetings which are held in the evening and administrative tasks in order to ensure the smooth running of the Governing Body. Training will be available and you will be expected to work towards gaining a recognised qualification for Clerks to Governing Bodies. You need to be available to attend Governors meetings which follow a published calendar. The salary for the year is H2, point 14 pro rata, which equates to £1,011 per annum. This is currently paid on a monthly basis. The estimated number of hours required for this role is 120 per year, including the writing of minutes and preparation of documentation, as well as attending the specified meetings. St Mary's Catholic School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. A CRB disclosure will be required. An application form together with job description, and other information can be found on our website at [www.stmarys.net](http://www.stmarys.net) under the “staff” section. Only applications on the school application form can be considered. Closing date 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Let the sons of Israel say:  
 'His love has no end.'  
 Let the sons of Aaron say:  
 'His love has no end.'  
 Let those who fear the Lord say:  
 'His love has no end.'

I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
 but the Lord was my helper.  
 The Lord is my strength and my song;  
 he was my saviour.  
 There are shouts of joy and victory  
 in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected  
 has become the corner stone.  
 This is the work of the Lord,  
 a marvel in our eyes.  
 This day was made by the Lord;  
 we rejoice and are glad.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia  
 Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me.  
 Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'  
 Alleluia!

### TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 2:42-47	Acts 2:14.22-33
Psalms 117	Psalms 15
1 Peter 1:3-9	1 Peter 1:17-21
John 20:19-31	Luke 24:13-35

### Mass Times

SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm
Monday	George	10.00am
Tuesday	Philip & James	10.00am
Wednesday	The English Martyrs	10.00am
Thursday		10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm

### Sacrament of Reconciliation –

Saturday 10.30 – 11.00am & 5.45 – 6.15pm

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church each Friday morning from 9.15 to 9.45am.

### Offertory Last Week:

**Easter Offering: £2,983.89, Lenten Alms: £179.36**

**Holy Places: £773.32**

**plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!**

### ST JOSEPH'S MARIAN GROUP

St Joseph's Marian Group meets in the Sacristy at 10.45am on Tuesday mornings

### FUNERALS THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Maria Rodia will be celebrated on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm  
 The Funeral Mass for the late Giovanna Siracusa will be celebrated on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 5.0pm.

### BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 12.30 Tiaraoluma Oke  
 Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 1.45pm Amy Pine

### CAFOD – PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY

Riders are needed to take part in CAFOD's annual family friendly sponsored cycle ride. This will take place in the beautiful Lee Valley Country Park, North London/Hertfordshire on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Please contact CAFOD for a registration form for either a 10 or 18 Mile Ride by phoning 0208-449-6970. email [Westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:Westminster@cafod.org.uk) or see our web page: [www.cafod.org.uk/sponsored-events/bike/pedal-against-poverty](http://www.cafod.org.uk/sponsored-events/bike/pedal-against-poverty).

### CHESHUNT URGENT CARE CENTRE

Our local MP is organising a petition to present on the floor of the House of Commons to get the decision to close the Care Centre reviewed. There are copies of the Petition available for signing at the back of the Church. There will be a demonstration march on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May from Theobolds Grove Station at 10.00am.

### DEPUTY HEADTEACHER NEEDED

St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School in Stevenage is seeking a Deputy Headteacher. For further details, please see Notice in the Church Porch.

### MASS IN SUPPORT OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN LONDON

Bank Holiday Monday, 2 May 2011, 11am. Metropolitan Cathedral Church of St George (Southwark Catholic Cathedral), Lambeth Road, London SE1 7HY. Come and join fellow workers, migrants and civic leaders for a morning of reflection and celebration. In Honour of St Joseph the Worker. For more info. visit [www.rcdow.org.uk/massformigrants](http://www.rcdow.org.uk/massformigrants).

### INDULGENCE EVENING

The Deegan Academy of Irish Dancing are hosting an Indulgence Evening on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at St Alphege Church Hall Hertford Road, Edmonton, N9. To pre-book appointments, please contact Dora on 07852347192. Manicure, Massage, Reflexology, Indian Head Massage. Entrance will be £1.00 per person. A Raffle will be drawn at 9.30pm.

### FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for First Communion Catechists on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 8pm.  
 There will be a meeting for all First Communion parents in Eleanor Hall at 8pm on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May.  
 There will be a meeting for all First Communion children in Eleanor Hall at 10am on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

### MULBERRY MAGAZINE

The Allen Hall seminary magazine 'The Mulberry' are available at the church porch. **They are free.**

# Second Sunday of Easter

## Prayer for Mercy through Human Hands

God our Father, you sent your Son to teach us about your mercy.

Help us to remember his lesson of compassion to Thomas:

He does not scold, but simply shows his wounds.

We thank you for your many saints who have shown us the meaning of mercy:

Katharine Drexel, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Damien of Molokai,  
who extended to suffering people the compassion of Christ.

We ask you to bless now the people in our lives who have shown us mercy:

friends, relatives, teachers—

*[Add here the names of merciful people you have known.]*

May their examples inspire us to be merciful also.

We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## Sunday, May 1, 2011

### Through the Entryway of Doubt

Today's Readings: Acts 2:42–47; 1 Peter 1:3–9; John 20:19–31. Although it has been celebrated for centuries, mercy can seem abstract. Today, Jesus gives mercy a human face and touch. Before we criticize Thomas, what might we do in a similar situation? Would we also be skeptical if our friends told us that someone had returned from death? Wouldn't we want to see for ourselves? Thomas may simply voice the questions most disciples harbor secretly.

The first disciples, caught in fear and confusion, are hardly the finest spokespersons for the Gospel, and neither are we. We have the same mixture of doubt and certainty, anxiety and joy that they had. Jesus responds to us as he did to Thomas—without harsh judgment. He understands our need for concrete reassurance. After all, God created us with five senses to help us learn. And if Thomas, stubbornly insistent on tangible proof, can believe, maybe there's hope for us! To us, as to him, Jesus extends merciful invitation: "touch me and see." Only by coming dangerously close to this wounded Lord will we experience the transformation of *our* wounds. Doubt isn't evil: it's the entryway to hope.

Where we might have expected glory and trumpets the first Sunday after Easter, instead we get typical honest, human groping toward truth. A splendid reunion between Jesus and his friends? Not quite. Maybe it's something better: Jesus' mercy, meeting them where they (and we) are stumbling, extending his hand in genuine understanding and compassion.

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## Monday, May 2

### Mary's Month

Traditionally, Catholics have honored Mary in May with prayers, songs, and bouquets of spring flowers. In Canto 32 of *The Divine Comedy*, Dante describes Mary: "Look now upon the face that is most like the face of Christ . . ." Knowing Mary's face helps us to recognize Christ's, and Mary shows us what we are all meant to become: human beings fully alive. Today's Readings: Acts 4:23–31; John 3:1–8.

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## **Tuesday, May 3**

### **Feast of Saint Phillip and Saint James**

Two of the original apostles were named James; today we celebrate the son of Alphaeus, a “founding father” of the Christian community. Philip came from Bethsaida in Galilee. In the Gospel he often expresses limited, human ways of thinking that Jesus had to correct (see John 6:7 and John 14:9a). This is encouraging. Even when we frequently get it wrong, we can still become saints! Today’s Readings: 1 Corinthians 15:1–8; John 14:6–14.

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## **Wednesday, May 4**

### **Sharing Easter Joy**

In this wonderful season of festivity, are there people around you who are not in a position to celebrate? Do you have elderly family members or neighbors who would appreciate a visit or an outing? Illness, unemployment, and suffering continue, even after the Resurrection. Find ways to be a bearer of God’s steadfast love and care during Easter just as you were during Lent. Today’s Readings: Acts 5:17–26; John 3:16–21.

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## **Thursday, May 5**

### **Mexican American Spirituality**

Today many Mexican Americans are celebrating Cinco de Mayo, Mexico’s victory over the French in the Battle of Puebla, 1862, and everyone is invited to join in. Just as Hispanic cuisine and culture are becoming better appreciated in America, Mexican spirituality also has much to contribute to Anglophone Catholics. Learn more in the book *Primero Dios: Hispanic Liturgical Resource*, by Mark R. Francis and Arturo J. Perez-Rodriguez (Chicago: LTP, 1997). *Gracias a Dios!* Today’s Readings: Acts 5: 27–33; John 3:31–36.

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## **Friday, May 6**

### **Abundance and Richness of Easter**

After the Lenten fast, Easter is a delightful foretaste of the heavenly banquet, a magnification of the Eucharist. On Easter Sunday morning, many households eat breakfasts with rich, buttery breads and lovely egg concoctions. In today’s Gospel we hear again the story of Jesus feeding the huge crowd with only five barley loaves and two fish—another expression of the abundance and richness of divine love. But the people misunderstand and focus on the physical result of the miracle. They want to make Jesus a king. We are also tempted to focus on the physical—to look for a steady supply of our Easter treats. But feasts have to be few and far between to retain their savor and their full power as signs. Today’s Readings: Acts 5:34–42; John 6:1–15.

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## **Saturday, May 7**

### **Saint Rose Venerini**

Born in Viterbo, Italy, Rose chose the life of a teacher rather than a contemplative sister. She knew her natural teaching abilities and opened a free school for girls in 1685. She then oversaw teacher training and administered diocesan schools. As her reputation grew, she started schools throughout Italy. Saint Rose was canonized rather recently, in 2006. Her efforts call to mind some similar ones today. For instance, the Sisters of Loretto are starting schools for young women in Pakistan, and the Daughters of Charity teach girls to read in Vietnam. Thanks be to God for Saint Rose and for all who follow her example! Today’s Readings: Acts 6:1–7; John 6:16–21.

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