

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Sixth Sunday of Easter
29th May 2011



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THE NEW PARISH CENTRE



The Parish Centre continues to take shape. The door furniture (locks and handles) have been fitted, and the disabled toilet is nearing completion. The electrician has been running new cables for the lights and sockets in the new Sacristy, and the new switching for the Crying Room has been run. Essential maintenance and upgrading work has also been carried out to the electric circuits in the Church, and this should be completed next week. Some very old distribution boards

are being replaced and repositioned, and other faults are being rectified. The old redundant pyro cables will be removed.

Despite the best efforts of the Builders, the new hall will not be safe, secure and licensed for use by 11th June. We will therefore hold the Party after the Pentecost Mass in Eleanor Hall. This will be the final Parish Function in that Hall before it is demolished. Please let everyone know. For many people it will be a chance to make their farewells to their old School/Meeting Place/ ? ? ?! Many people will have happy memories of a building which served the Parish well in its many guises for over a Century. It is cause for celebration and thanksgiving!

BUILDING TOGETHER: - St Joseph's Parish Centre

Table Top Sale Sunday 3rd July 9.00am – 2.00pm. £10 per table. Why not take the opportunity to de-clutter and book a table. Contact Jacqueline 01992 428875 or Margaret 01707 875418.

PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Pentecost Celebration 2011 11th June 6.30pm. Thank you to everyone who has agreed to loan a National Flag. Please can you hand them in over the weekend 4th/5th June or to Jacqueline during the week. The Annual Spring/Summer Raffle will be drawn during the Celebration. The tickets are available at the entrance to the Church. We would like to display in the Church national flags of countries represented in our Parish community. If you can help by sparing a flag of about 90cmx120cm (3ftx4ft) in size, please let us know.

FIRST COMMUNION

The Parish is celebrating First Communion at the moment. They take place during the 12.30 Mass each Sunday. The Folk Group has moved from 11.00 Mass to the 12.30 Mass each week! There will be a meeting at 10.00am in the Church on Saturday 4th June for the children and their parents who are celebrating their First Communion the next day.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT DAY – WORTH ABBEY – JULY 23RD

Join Bishop Alan and young adults from the diocese on a retreat day to Worth Abbey. Spend a day in prayer, reflection and adoration with like minded young adults, hear talks by Bishop Alan and Fr Richard Nesbitt, 'Grill the Bishop', enjoy a 'Bring & Share' picnic with the retreat culminating with Mass celebrated by the Bishop. Departure will be from Westminster Cathedral via Coach, returning at 6pm. Cost of the day: £15. For more information, contact daveburke@rcdow.org.uk.

PUSHCHAIRS AND BUGGIES IN THE CHURCH

We have to keep the aisles of the Church clear during Services. We ask people not to cause obstructions with their pushchairs in the aisles. There is room for pushchairs between the heaters along the right hand wall of the Church, and in the Sacristy during Mass. Empty Pushchairs can be left in the Corridor near the Parish Office. Your co-operation is appreciated in this matter.

CYCLE OF PRAYER

During Easter, we are asked to pray for these intentions: New Members of the Church; The Right Use of the Media; Vocations; the Church; Human Work.

CATHOLIC SINGLES

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through social events. Please tel. 0161 941 3498, visit the website www.catholicingles.org.uk or email info@catholicingles.org.uk.

Fr John will be away from Tuesday to Thursday this week. Fr Jim Mallon will be here to celebrate the 10.00am Mass each day.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
 O sing to the glory of his name.
 O render him glorious praise.
 Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
 shall sing to you, sing to your name!
 Come and see the works of God,
 tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,
 they passed through the river dry-shod.
 Let our joy then be in him;
 he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
 I will tell what he did for my soul:
 Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
 nor withhold his love for me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
 Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
 and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him'.
 Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 8:5-8.14-17	Acts 1:1-11
Psalms 65	Psalms 46
Peter 3:15-18	Ephesians 1:17-23
John 14:15-21	Matthew 28:16-20

Mass Times

SUNDAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm
Monday		10.00am
Tuesday	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am
Wednesday	Justin	10.00am
Thursday	Marcellinus & Peter	10.00am
Friday	Charles	10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	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: £1,846.61

Parachute Jump: £120.00

Raffle: £65.00

plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

COLLECTION SORTERS

The new rota for the Monday Envelope Openers is available from the office.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 29th May at 2.30pm - Anna Trippier & Ewan Ball
 Sunday 5th June at 2.30pm - Evie Marquis

ST JOSEPH'S MARIAN GROUP

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

CONVENT MASS

There will be Mass in the Convent on Friday 3rd June at 7.00pm.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Friday 3rd June at 8.00pm in the Church.

FAIRTRADE STALL

The Fairtrade Stall will be open after all the Masses this weekend.

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 12th 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 or see our web page: www.cafod.org.uk/sponsored-events/bike/pedal-against-poverty. If you have a CAFOD Lent self-denial box please could you hand it into the church.

KSC PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD

This will take place on Sunday 12th June, leaving St Joseph's Church at 9.30am returning approx. 7.00pm. Cost £12 adults and £6 for school children. Bookings to be made to Richard Collison on 01992 440968 or John Anthony on 0208 363 3721. For further details, please see the poster in the Church.

LA SANTE UNION CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL

will be holding a reunion on Saturday 9th July 2011 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of its foundation in 1861. Former pupils can access and download an application form for tickets from the school website which is www.lasainteunion.org.uk or telephone Mrs Buchana 0207 428 4603. 1.

HEADTEACHER VACANCY

Mount Carmel School has a vacancy for Head teacher from Jan 2012. See TES, Catholic Gazette, and School website for full details. For application pack contact jmasella.307@lgflmail.net

THE TYBURN WALK

On Sunday 19th June the Martyr's Walk will be held in London, honouring our English Martyr's. It begins at 1.30pm for 2.00pm start at St. Sepulchre's churchyard (opposite the Old Bailey) and will continue with a walk through London, with stops for talks and the Rosary, finishing at Tyburn Convent at 5.00pm with Benediction, confessions, and tea. Everyone is welcome – come and join in this witness to our Faith.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prayer of Welcome

O God, will you,
Creator of skies, mountains, and seas, make your home with us?
Wait—we need to vacuum!
And that terrible pile in the laundry room—
don't look!
You must smile at our excuses.
How easily we forget, that we are your delight.
You want to be with us.
Please come. The door is open.
Make us your home.
We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Sunday, May 29, 2011 Dwelling with Us

Today's Readings: Acts 8:5–8, 14–17; 1 Peter 3:15–18; John 14:15–21. Because today's reading from the Last Supper discourse comes so near the end of Jesus' life, it holds a privileged place in the Gospel according to John. Jesus doesn't have much time left. So what he chooses to say must be absolutely central to his message. We, in turn, should hold these words in our hearts.

Here Jesus addresses one of the hardest things in any relationship—that we will someday say a final goodbye as he is saying now. But he promises his disciples (disciples of all times) that he will still be with them, even if they cannot sense his bodily presence. Not only will he remain close to us, but he will draw us closer to the Father. He welcomes us into the intimacy he shares with the Father, promising that at some point we will understand his words: "I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you." We are all dwelling in each other. So despite all our failures, God chooses to be close to us, to dwell with us, and that God wants to dwell with us should allay our anxieties about our failures.

From a passage preceding today's reading we know that as Jesus speaks, the Beloved Disciple leans against his chest. John suggests that the only way we can see the world accurately is from that position: leaning on Jesus' heart. John creates a deliberate parallel: just as Jesus knows God's secrets and hears God's heart beat, so we humans can also enjoy that privileged place with Jesus. Thus, our feeble loving is joined to Jesus' all-powerful love to make it wonderfully fruitful.

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Monday, May 30 Saint Joan of Arc

Although Saint Joan of Arc, the patron saint of France, does not appear on the American calendar, she is a fascinating figure. On May 30, 1431, Joan was burned at the stake at the age of 19. As an illiterate peasant, she had heard voices commanding her to restore the Dauphin to the throne of France and drive out the English troops. She inspired soldiers to follow her banner at a time when women were rarely leaders. Captured by the English, she was jailed, interrogated, and condemned as a witch. Joan gives us much to ponder on the way God communicates his will to us, and how we discern his messengers. Today's Readings: Acts 16:11–15; John 15:26—16:4a.

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Tuesday, May 31

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Two women meet, and the older one affirms the goodness of the younger. Such meetings happen at coffee shops today. But today's feast celebrates a special meeting, when Mary, having learned that she will bear the Savior of the world, visits her cousin Elizabeth, herself pregnant at an advanced age with John the Baptist. Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit, recognizes the presence of "my Lord" in Mary's womb, and calls Mary "blessed." Mary responds with a hymn of praise, the Magnificat. Read this story: Luke 1:46–55. Today's Readings: Zephaniah 3:14–18a; Luke 1:39–56.

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Wednesday, June 1

Memorial of Saint Justin, Martyr

Beheaded in Rome in 165, Justin was the first Christian philosopher. He had studied Greek philosophy, and combined Christianity with the best of Plato and Socrates. In today's Gospel, Jesus is promising to send the Spirit of truth "to guide you into all the truth." How can we cultivate a relationship with this Spirit of truth? Today's Readings: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12–15.

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Thursday, June 2

If Celebrating the Ascension of the Lord Today:

The Gospel relates Jesus' message to his disciples as he prepares to leave them bodily. He says, essentially: "Go! Don't stare at the skies. There's work to be done! Some haven't heard the good news. I'll be helping you every step of the way." To whom could you give good news—encouragement, attention, the peace of Christ—today? Today's Readings: Acts 1:1–11; Ephesians 1:17–23; Matthew 28:16–20.

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If Celebrating the Ascension of the Lord Next Sunday:

Today is the optional memorial of Saint Marcellinus and Saint Peter. These early Christians were martyred in 304 during the persecution of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. They were said to have converted their fellow prisoners and their executioner. Today's Readings: Acts 18:1–8; John 16:16–20.

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Friday, June 3

Memorial of Saint Charles Lwanga and his Companions

Saint Charles (d. 1886) protected his fellow court pages, ages 13 to 30, from the sexual harassment of King Mwanga in Uganda. When jailed for refusing their ruler, Charles taught them the faith in prison. He was baptized the night before he was executed. The 22 Ugandan martyrs were canonized in 1964. Today's Readings: Acts 18:9–18; John 16:20–23.

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Saturday, June 4

New Intimacy with the Father

Today's Gospel offers another nugget from Jesus' rich teaching in his final discourses to his disciples. Because they have loved and believed in him fully, they are now intimately connected to the Father and can address him directly in Jesus' name, for "the Father himself loves you." Today's Readings: Acts 18:23–28; John 16:23b–28.

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