

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Second Sunday of Easter  
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When we talk about casting a shadow over something we usually mean it in a negative way. We mean that something is ruined or spoilt. But today, in the Acts of the Apostles, everyone wants to get close to Peter, just on the off-chance that his shadow will fall over them and they will be healed.

The Acts of the Apostles is really the account of how the Church grew and spread in the days and years that followed the resurrection of Jesus. It's wonderful to see how the apostles became transformed from frightened men, huddling together in a locked room, into forthright preachers of the word of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit. There's a vibrant sense of excitement in the early chapters as we see that God has not stopped working wonders and marvels and that the number of new Christians starts to grow and the Good News begins to be broadcast over new territories.

Of course, because of our baptism, each of us is called to keep this message alive in our world today. We are the new Easter messengers who are fired with enthusiasm by the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. God in Christ has tackled head-on all that corrodes our humanity, all that eats away at our dignity, and has emerged triumphant, even over the ultimate threshold of death. Now we can really live and breathe.

Some time ago the Church in Britain used a slogan which said, "We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song." Being part of an Easter people summons us to be joyful, for we sing of a great victory that God has achieved in Christ. And our Easter song is echoed on every one of the other fifty-one Sundays of the year because each Sunday is a mini-Easter, a making present of the saving acts of Jesus. Every Sunday, even in Lent, is a day not for fasting but for feasting. To "celebrate" liturgy is to broadcast what our "celebrity" God has done and is still doing for us here and now. In worship celebrity and celebration are intimately linked.

So let's be the Easter people. Let's be proud of our God. Let's celebrate the wonders God is performing for us. And, yes, let's cast a wide shadow.



## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

There will be Training and Renewal sessions for the Eucharistic Ministers of the Parish. The first session will be this Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 2.30pm in Eleanor Hall. This will be for all existing Ministers, and for all those who are willing to become a Minister. It will be led by Mary Crowley from the Diocese of Westminster. The Second Session will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. We do need some more people willing to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, in particular at the 12.30 and 6.30 Masses on a Sunday. If you are willing to help, please see Fr. John.

## ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

There will be a weekend of discovery and discernment at Allen Hall Seminary in London, for men aged 18+, to explore the vocation to the priesthood, on 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> May. For more information, and to book your place, contact the Vocations Director, Fr Richard Nesbitt at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk)

## CAKE AND BOOK SALE WITH GRAND DRAW RAFFLE

We will be holding a cake and book sale along with The Big Grand Raffle Draw on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. We would like to ask for donations of books, homemade cakes and also volunteers who are able to help set up on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April in the afternoon, help to run the Stalls and make Teas and Coffee's on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April. If you can help with donations or are able to volunteer please contact Sharon on 07979800974. All money raised from this event will be going towards the New Parish Centre.



**Have you taken some of the Raffle Tickets on your way out from Mass? Have you sold your Raffle Tickets to your friends, relations, work colleagues, and every one else you can think of? Have you returned the Counterfoils and money to the Parish Office? (If there are any unsold tickets, we will have them back please, but we expect the demand to outstrip supply, so do not leave it until the last minute! They will NOT be available on Lastminute.com!)**

**On the subject of Funding for the New Parish Centre – Have you ordered your Memorial Brick yet? The days of construction are fast approaching! Do not miss out. Every sort of event in a person's life can be commemorated.**

### 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'.

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.

O Lord, grant us salvation;  
 O Lord grant us success.  
 Blessed in the name of the Lord  
 is he who comes.  
 We bless you from the house of the Lord;  
 the Lord God is our light.

### 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:**  
 Apostles 5:12-16              Apostles 5:27-32.40-41  
 Psalm 117                      Psalm 29  
 Apocalypse 1:9-13.17-19      Apocalypse 5:11-14  
 John 20:19-31                 John 21:1-19

### Mass Times

SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Monday		10.00am
Tuesday	Martin	10.00am
Wednesday		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 9.45.

**Offertory Last Week: Easter Offering £3378.48;**

**Holy Places: £827.68; Haiti £128.61**

**Standing Orders for March: £1,821.00; Thank You!**

### RCIA

The RCIA Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

### HAVE YOU SIGNED A GIFT AID FORM?

We will soon be putting in a Gift Aid claim asking the Inland Revenue to give us the Tax that you have paid on your donations. If you have stopped paying tax, please would you contact the Parish Office on 01992 623156 so that we don't ask for the tax if you haven't paid it.

### SVP

The SVP Group meets on Monday evenings at 8.00pm in the Sacristy.

### ST JOSEPH'S MARIAN GROUP

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

### LINE DANCING

There is Line Dancing every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in Eleanor Hall.

### SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL 11-19 APRIL 2010

Come and see the journey of Jesus from the moment of his trial, through the events of Good Friday to the empty tomb.

- Life sized photographic replicas of the Shroud of Turin
- Replica nails, a spear and whip – based on archaeological findings
- a large image of the face of Christ
- a large image of the empty tomb.

The exhibition coincides with the display of the Shroud of Turn at Turin Cathedral, Italy. Admission: Free.

### BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30 - Sabrina Michael

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30 - Scarlett Corbett

### WEDDING THIS WEEK

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 1.00pm

Pawel Pulawa and Marta Kinel.

### 150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

If you have any photographs from the celebrations at the beginning of February which could be used for a display in the church or on the Parish website, please make them available via the Parish office or Email them to [walthamcross@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:walthamcross@rcdow.org.uk)

### ALTAR SERVERS

Please could all Altar servers read the notice which is displayed in the Sacristy, and collect one of the Forms.

### OLD GIRLS' REUNION

Our Lady's Convent High School is holding a reunion on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010 from 2-5pm at the school. This will be the last reunion in the old building as the new building works commence in September 2010. Conducted tours of the school are being held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May between 10am and 12.30pm **by appointment only**. Please telephone or email by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> may for an appointment on 0208 800 2158 or email: [officeadmin@ourladys.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:officeadmin@ourladys.hackney.sch.uk).

### NO GREATER LOVE

"No Greater Love" is an extraordinary documentary and a unique depiction of an alternative spiritual way of life. This Film is now showing in Cinemas. Bishop Stack says that it is well worth seeing!