

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Fourth Sunday of Easter
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ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE PRIEST TRAINING FUND (WEEF)

Pope Benedict XVI has named this year as the Year for Priests and we can all make a difference by supporting the Priest Training Fund. The annual collection for the Fund takes place today and it is vital that we support the appeal as over 40 men are now training for the priesthood at our seminary. This is wonderful news but it costs £20,000 a year to train a priest and this work depends on donations. So please give as much as you can afford. You can also see a short film about the work of the Priest Training Fund and make a donation online by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk.

MAKE GLOBAL POVERTY AN ELECTION ISSUE

CAFOD needs your help to get international development on the agenda before the General Election. Please ask your candidates the following:-

1. Will you support work towards a fair and legally binding global climate deal? Will you commit to 40% cuts in carbon emissions by 2020?
2. Will you make the UK's aid commitment to give 0.7% of gross national income legally binding?
3. How will you support measures to ensure that UK companies act responsibly, against tax evasion and corruption?

For more information see www.cafod.org.uk/election.

MASS IN SUPPORT OF MIGRANT WORKERS IN LONDON BANK HOLIDAY – MONDAY 3RD MAY 2010 AT 10.30am

London is one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the world, home to migrant communities who have come to seek shelter from oppression and to improve their situation. Many of the new migrants to our city are Catholics and their social, pastoral and spiritual needs are made manifest in our churches and parish communities. Many recent migrants living in London can experience exploitation and racism. Our faith, driven by Catholic Social Teaching, demands that we stand up and speak out as one for justice, social cohesion and for a society which values the contribution of migrants. This Mass will take place at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria, London SW1 in Honour of St Joseph the Worker. There will be a 10.30 Mass preceded by a procession of representatives from London's diverse communities, occupations and civic organisations.

CAKE AND BOOK SALE WITH GRAND DRAW RAFFLE

The cake and book sale along with The Big Grand Raffle Draw takes place today. It will start at 9.00am and end at 1.30pm. All money raised from this event will be going towards the New Parish Centre.

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.



REQUIEM MASS FOR THE VICTIMS OF THE POLISH AIR CRASH

A Requiem Mass for the late President of Poland and all those who died in the plane crash in Smolensk on 11th April will take place at Westminster Cathedral at 7.00pm on Thursday 29th April. The Principal Celebrant will be the Most Reverend Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster. A number of Polish religious and community leaders will attend the Mass. The Mass will be open to the public. As large numbers of people are expected to attend, the Mass will also be relayed live on a video screen in the piazza in front of Westminster Cathedral.

FIRST COMMUNION

The Parish will be celebrating First Communion each weekend in May. They will take place during the 12.15 Mass each Sunday. The Folk Group will "move" from 11.00 Mass to the 12.30 Mass each week! There will be a meeting at 10am in the Church on Saturday 1st May for the children and their parents who are celebrating their First Communion this coming Sunday.

I would like to thank all those who have offered condolences on the death of my mother, Angela, who died at home last Monday night. The Funeral Mass will be celebrated at our home Parish, Our Lady and St Joseph's, Balls Pond Road, N1 4AG at 10.30am on this Tuesday, 27th April. The family asks that instead of flowers, a donation be made to St Joseph's Hospice, Mare Street. Their Community Care Team and the District Nurses gave us wonderful care and support in the last few days of her life.

Fr John

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
Eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Apostles 13:14.43-52 Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 99 Psalm 144
Apocalypse 7:9.14-17 Apocalypse 21:1-5
John 10.27-30 John 13:31-35

Mass Times

SUNDAY	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Monday		10.00am
Tuesday		10.00am
Wednesday		10.00am
Thursday	Catherine of Siena	10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday	Joseph the Worker	6.30pm
SUNDAY	FIFTH 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: £1,611.61

Plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

RCIA

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

ST JOSEPH'S MARIAN GROUP

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

LINE DANCING

The next class will be on Tuesday 27th April at 7.30pm in Eleanor Hall.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation Preparation is at 8.00pm on Thursday evenings in the Church.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for Michele Di Giovanna will be celebrated on Friday 30th April at 1.00pm.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 2nd May at 2.00pm:
Danielle Murphy and Danny Conaghan

PARISH MASS DIARY

The Diary for Mass Intentions to be celebrated here in the Parish is now open again.

ELECTION HUSTINGS

A Hustings meeting has been organised prior to the Election on May 6th by Churches Together in Hoddesdon, Broxbourne, Wormley and Cheshunt/Waltham Cross. The meeting will be held at St Mary's Church, Churchgate, Cheshunt on Thursday 29th April at 7.30pm for 8pm start. We are arranging for all political candidates to be available to answer any questions the public might have before the elections to help them to decide who to vote for.

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 7th – 9th May. For more information, and to book your place, contact the Vocations Director, Fr Richard Nesbitt at richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

FAITH SHARING

The Faith Sharing Group will meet on Thursday 29th April at 2.00pm.

HELP NEEDED

Help is urgently required with the opening and recording of the Offertory Envelopes on Monday mornings. If you are able to offer assistance, for just one hour, please see Father John or go to the Parish Office.

FAIRTRADE STALL

The Fairtrade Stall will be open after all the Masses today. On Sunday morning it will be in St Joseph's Hall with the Book Sale.

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!

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.

MULBERRY MAGAZINE

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

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

The New Rota is now available in the usual place in the Sacristy. Please collect a copy.