

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The Sixth Sunday of the Year
14th February 2010



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LENT BEGINS ON WEDNESDAY!

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday – the First day of Lent. It is a day of Fast and Abstinence. There will be Mass, and distribution of Ashes at 10.00am and 8.00pm.

There will be Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent – after 10.00am Mass in the morning, and at 8.00pm in the evening.

“Living as One” is the Diocese’ Faith Sharing Programme which will be running during Lent. The Booklets are available after the Masses this weekend at £1, and there will be Meetings each week for six consecutive weeks. The five groups already established will start respectively on:

Saturday 20th February at 2.30pm at the Convent at 3 Longlands Close, Cheshunt

Monday 22nd February at 8pm at the Convent

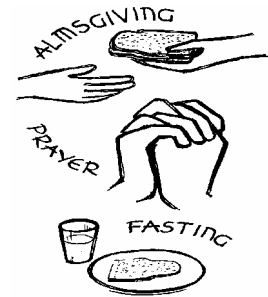
Wednesday 24th February at 9.15am in the Presbytery, St Joseph’s Church

Thursday 25th February at 2pm in the Presbytery

Thursday 25th February at 8pm at 31 Rotherfield Road, Enfield

New and old members are most welcome.

If you do not wish to join a group but prefer private prayer and meditation, the booklet “Walk with Me” is also on sale at £1.



CYCLE OF PRAYER: LENT 2010

We are asked to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments, Women, The Needy and Hungry of the World, Penitents and Wanderers.

The season of Lent is a preparation for the celebration of Easter. The liturgy prepares the catechumens for the celebration of the paschal mystery by the various stages of Christian initiation: it also prepares the faithful, who recall their baptism and do penance in preparation for Easter.

MORNING OF PRAYER & REFLECTION BEFORE HOLY WEEK

You are invited to a morning of quiet prayer and reflection, led by Fr John McKenna and Anthony Curran beginning at 8.30am at Good Shepherd Parish Church, Black Lion Hill, Shenley. The event is free but please book a place in advance: e-mail catadmin@rcdow.org.uk Tel 0207 798 9150. Further details on the poster on the notice board.

“LIVING VOCATIONALLY: A COMMITMENT TO GROWTH AND CHANGE”

A talk for young adults aged 18-38 by Sr Gabriela Gasch of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham on Friday 26th February, 7.30-9.00pm in the Hinsley Room at Westminster Cathedral. For further details visit www.free2become.org or call 01277 373848.

APF-MILL HILL MISSIONARIES

There will be a meeting at 8pm on Monday 15th February at St Augustine’s Church, Hoddesdon. Parish Local Secretaries and Promoters are particularly welcome but the meeting is open to anyone from the Lea Valley Deanery. This is a chance to meet with Fr. Philip Knights, the Diocesan Director of Missio-APF for Westminster and Fr. Ephraim Ohdiambo, the Westminster appeals organiser for the Diocese, catch up with news of what is happening in Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries and review our work in the Diocese of Westminster.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Parish diary for Mass intentions is now full for the next 8 weeks. Mass intentions will be sent to our sick and retired priests of the diocese. Our Mass intention diary will be re-opened at a later date.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism Preparation Course will start on Sunday 21st February at 2.30pm in The Convent, Longlands Avenue. If you have a baby to be baptised in the near future please see Fr. John.

THE HISTORY OF ST JOSEPH’S PARISH 1860-2010

Geoff Kinton has written a book to mark the 150th anniversary. The book is on sale after each Mass by the repository at £5. Proceeds from the sale will go towards the new Parish Centre.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:

Jeremiah 17:5-8 Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 1 Psalm 90
1 Corinthians 15:12 Romans 10:8-13
Luke 6:17.20-26 Luke 4:1-13

Mass Times

SUNDAY	SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Monday		10.00am
Tuesday		10.00am
Wednesday	ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00am 8.00pm
Thursday		10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	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: £1,992.27
Standing Orders for January: £1,583.00.
Thank You!

SVP

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

RCIA

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

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary 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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

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

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Service for the late Leonard Welham will be celebrated on Monday 15th February at 2.30pm.

BAPTISM THIS WEEK

Janice Owusu-Appiah at 2.00pm on Sunday 14th February

ST JOSEPH'S FITNESS CLUB

We are hoping to start a club in the mornings to help us all to keep fit, make new friends and help towards our fund raising for a new hall. It should cost £3 an hour for all ages, to music and with a trained instructor. Please ring Stewart 01992 634445 or e-mail stewartbrodiesykes@yahoo.co.uk

ULTIMATE MOVES

Dance Fusion, Cha Cha, and Salsa in easy exercise format. Come and learn and have fun every Thursday 10.45 – 11.30am in Eleanor Hall. Only £2.80. Call 07521 891009.

CELEBRATING SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

The Archbishop will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th+ wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2010. If you qualify, please give your parish clergy the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email (or phone number, if no email.) The Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Saturday 22nd May at 3.00pm.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

Are holding a weekend for those who find themselves alone again through bereavement, divorce or separation. This will take place from 26th to 28th March at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham. For details telephone Nicky on 01296 488289.

ST. JOSEPH'S 150 YEAR CELEBRATION

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Celebration Mass and Reception last Saturday evening. The evening was enjoyed by everyone including the Archbishop. The History of The Parish was also launched and a number of copies have been sold already, if you haven't bought your copy yet please contact the Parish Office or the Repository, all proceeds are going towards the new Parish Centre. There is also an article featured in this week's Mercury on page three about the 150 Year Celebration.