

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**8 March 2009**



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Abraham underwent so many tests of his trust in God that he is known as "Father in Faith". Lent invites us to trust God in the dark areas of our lives and to have faith so that we may achieve union with God. During these forty days what is the guiding light that leads us towards Easter? What inspires our faith?

Abraham, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you.  
(Genesis 22:16-17)

## **LENTEN ALMS**

Each year we collect Lenten Alms for those both "at home" and "abroad" who are most in need. Within the Diocese the money collected will be for the St John Southworth Fund. This is a grant giving scheme which supports the pastoral care activities of the Diocese. It assists those who are homeless, migrants and refugees and the pastoral support for the elderly, children and various other projects. Since its launch in December 2007, it has provided funding towards 45 projects and 5 individuals throughout Greater London. Outside the Diocese our Lenten Alms will be for the support of a School Building Project by the Catholic Church in Bangladesh. Please be as generous as you can. The Collection Box for Lenten Alms is at the Lady Altar on the left-hand side.

If people wish to see their Lenten Alms being used even nearer to home, they may wish to donate them to the New Parish Centre Fund. There will be a collection box by the Offertory Table for those who wish to donate to the Fund, (but please do remember that donations may be gift-aided using the envelopes provided, which can then be placed in the Offertory Baskets.)

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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.

## **UKRANIAN EVENING**

Many thanks to the Ukranian Community for providing a most enjoyable evening on Saturday and raising £751 for the new parish centre fund.



## **ST JOSEPH'S GAA CLUB**

The St Joseph's GAA Club invite you to a St Patrick's Night Dance on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March (a biteen early!) in Eleanor Hall from 7.30pm to 11.30pm. Come and join in the music and dancing for just £5 a ticket, available from the Parish Office or by calling Margaret Mooney on 01707 875418 or Noel Griffin on 01992 424673. All proceeds to the Parish Centre Fund and St Joseph's GAA Club.

## **ST GEORGE'S DAY SPRING FAIR - SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

The Parish Fair this year will run throughout Sunday morning giving you the opportunity to call in after morning Masses. We are beginning to collect bottles for the Tombola and would be most grateful for donations.

## **PENTECOST CELEBRATION - SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

In the past the Parish has celebrated our rich and diverse community at Pentecost and we plan to revive this tradition on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May with Mass at 6.30pm followed by an International Evening. This will be an opportunity to share something of our different cultures through language, food, costume, music etc and we hope to display National Flags in the Church.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I trusted, even when I said:  
"I am sorely afflicted"  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
You have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
Before all his people,  
In the Courts of the house of the Lord  
In your midst, O Jerusalem.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
"This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him!"  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

### TODAY'S READINGS:

Genesis 27:1-2 9-13 15-18  
Psalm 115  
Romans 8:31-34  
Mark 9:2-10

### NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:

Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm 18:8-11  
Corinthians 1:22-25  
John 2:13-25

### Mass Times

SUNDAY	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 6.30pm
Monday	Frances of Rome	10.00am
Tuesday		10.00am
Wednesday		10.00am
Thursday		10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm & 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: £1,603.24

plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!

### SVP

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

### LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary meets in the Sacristy at 10.45 on Tuesday mornings.

### RCIA

The RCIA Group will meet on Tuesday evening at 8.00pm in the Presbytery.

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The new rota for Sunday Eucharistic Ministers is available from the Sacristy.

### THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves alone again through bereavement, divorce or separation. This will take place from March 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2009 at the Emmaus Centre, West Wickham. For details telephone Mary on 01296 487634.

### ARCHBISHOP'S MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

The Cardinal invites all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> + wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2009, to a Thanksgiving Mass. This will be on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 3.00 pm at Westminster Cathedral. If you qualify, please let Fr John know. He will need: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email if you have one (or if not, a phone no.).

### CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

There will be a meeting for all candidates who are preparing for Confirmation on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 8:00pm in the church.

### STEPS ALONG THE WAY

A 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Vocations Discernment Group with Fr. Chris Vipera and Fr. John Armitage for young adults aged 18-38 discerning their call in life, will be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2009 from 7.00pm onwards in the Hinsley Room at Westminster Cathedral. For further details visit [www.free2become.org](http://www.free2become.org) or call 01277 373848.

### LORD, GIVER OF LIFE

"Lord, Giver of Life" is the Diocese' Faith Sharing Programme which will be running during Lent. There will be Meetings each week:

Thursdays at 2pm in the Presbytery

Thursdays at 8pm at 31 Rotherfield Road, Enfield.

Saturdays at 2.30pm at 3 Longlands Close, Cheshunt,

All are welcome.

### PARISH LENT RETREAT

A Lent Retreat is an invitation to step back from the routine of your every day to tune within, to seek God and to let Him come close. These few hours of prayer and reflection are a **GIFT** you give yourself to live more intentionally. To be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2009, from 2.00pm-4.00pm at the Convent, 3 Longlands Close, EN8 8LW. For details please contact The Sisters on 01992 626772.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY, SOHO SQUARE W1

All are welcome to celebrate the Feast of Patrick on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at St Patrick's Church, Soho. There will be a Vigil Mass at 6pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March celebrated by Right Rev George Stack and then Mass on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 8am, 12.45pm and 6pm. Shamrock will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.