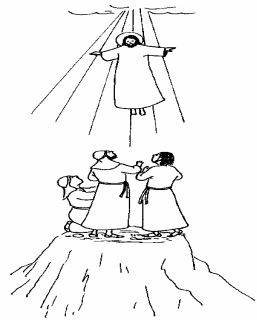


Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The Ascension of the Lord
16th May 2010



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Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; they were continually in the Temple praising God.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY 13TH JUNE 2010

The Knights of St. Columba Annual Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Simon Stock at Aylesford in Kent. A coach will leave our local parish churches as follows: St. Augustine's, Hoddesdon 9.15am. St. Joseph's, High Street, Waltham Cross 9.30am. St. Mary's, Nags Head Road, Ponders End 9.45am. Our Lady & St. George, London Road, Enfield 10.00am. Cost: Adults £12, school children £6. The return journey will leave the Priory at Aylesford shortly after Benediction. We should arrive home around 7.00pm. Bookings to be made to Richard Collison 01992 440968 or John Anthony 0208 363 3721. Please note all the ceremonies are celebrated in the open air and everyone is recommended to bring clothing appropriate to the weather on the day. Although refreshments are available in the grounds of the Priory, it is also recommended that enough food and drink for a picnic lunch (after Mass) and a snack before the journey home is on the pilgrimage.

PAYING FOR THE POPE'S VISIT

This is a State Visit, although it is being spoken of as a Papal Visit. The State will fund a large part of the cost. We, as the Church, will have to fund the cost of the Catholic events, especially the three large pastoral gathering: in Scotland, London and Coventry. The cost to the Church is currently estimated to be about £7 million. Already over £3 million has been raised by some generous benefactors and these appeals are continuing. **There will be a Second Collection after all the Masses next Sunday to meet these costs.**

FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

The Parish will be celebrating First Communion each weekend in May. They will take place during the 12.30 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 7.00pm in the Church on Friday 21st May for the children and their parents who are celebrating their First Communion this coming Sunday.

PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY WITH CAFOD – SUNDAY 13TH JUNE

Join CAFOD for a sponsored bike ride to help raise funds for CAFOD's poverty-fighting work overseas. The family friendly sponsored bike ride will take place on Sunday 13th June in the beautiful Lee Valley Country Park, Hertfordshire (10 or 19 mile routes available). For further details and a registration form, please contact CAFOD on 0208-449-6970 or email Westminster@cafod.org.uk You can also download a registration form from CAFOD's web page www.cafod.org.uk/sponsored-events/pedal-against-poverty. Closing date for applications: Monday 24th May. Thank you for your support.

FR. CATHAL MCGONAGLE MEMORIAL MASS

There will be a Memorial Mass for Fr. Cathal McGonagle, the former Parish Priest of Ware who died in Ireland earlier this year, at Ware Parish, on Wednesday 19th May at 7.30pm. Bishop George Stack will be the main celebrant.

PARISH SECRETARY REQUIRED

The Sacred Heart of Jesus and St Joseph parish in Ware is an expanding parish which is growing in liturgical, pastoral and social activities with increased involvement of lay members of the parish. To support this we are looking for an enthusiastic and able Parish Secretary who will support the Parish Clergy in their endeavours. For a full job description and application pack, please visit the Diocesan website at www.rcdow.org.uk or apply in writing to: juliedauncey@rcdow.org.uk



PARISH PENTECOST CELEBRATION – SATURDAY 22ND MAY

Our 6.30 pm. Mass followed by a party in Eleanor hall, will as in past years, have an international theme to reflect the rich diversity of our parish community. Please contribute to the evening, if you can, by wearing traditional dress and contributing some traditional food to share. If you are able to lone a national flag or would like to help in any way to make the evening a joyful parish celebration please contact Margaret on 01707 875418.

This Parish is part of the Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustee Charity No. 233699

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;
The Lord goes up with the trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise.
sing praise to our King, sing praise.

God is King of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia
Go, make disciples of all the nation;
I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.
Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS:

Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 46
Hebrews 9:24-28;10:19-23
Luke 24:46-53

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 2:1-11
Psalm 103
Romans 8:8-17
John 14:15-16.23-26

Mass Times

SUNDAY	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Monday		10.00am
Tuesday	John	10.00am
Wednesday		10.00am
Thursday	Bernardine	10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday	Rita	6.30pm
SUNDAY	PENTECOST SUNDAY	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: £1730.35,

March Clothing collection: £356.00,

plus the regular Standing orders. Thank you!

ST JOSEPH'S MARIAN GROUP

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

SVP

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

RCIA

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

CONFIRMATION

Bishop Stack will celebrate Confirmation at 3.30pm on Saturday next, 22nd May. Please pray for the Candidates, their Families and Sponsors. The Final Preparation Session will be on Thursday evening at 8.00pm

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism preparation course will start today, Sunday 16th May, at 2.30pm in The Convent, Longlands Close. If you have a baby to be baptised in the near future please see Fr. John.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Anna Vingo will be celebrated on Friday 21st May at 1.45pm.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS WANTED

The Diocese of Westminster Education Service is currently recruiting foundation governors for 1st September 2010 to all Catholic Schools in Diocesan Trusteeship.

This is a vital ministry in the Church. As a governor you will work as part of a team and will be provided with the necessary information and training to understand the role.

A key element of the role is to preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school in accordance with the diocesan trust deed.

In many parts of the Diocese it is more difficult to recruit than in others. Wherever you are why don't you find out more about becoming a foundation governor by attending one of three information sessions being held this term?

At Vaughan House, 46, Francis Street SW1P 1QN:

Thursday May 27th 6 30 to 8 30 pm

Saturday July 3rd 10 00 to 12 00

At Nicholas Breakspear School, Colney Heath Lane, St Albans AL4 OTT:

Wednesday June 9th 6 30 to 8 30 pm

KNIGHTS OF ST.COLUMBA

The Annual Mass for the deceased members and relatives of the Knights of St.Columba Co.572 will be at St. Pauls, Cheshunt, on Saturday 5th June at 5.00pm. Everybody is welcome to attend.

FRONTLINE HOMELESS

Frontline homeless is now a Registered Charity. Mike O'Driscoll would like to thank the Board members, the Support Teams and the Parishioners who have sponsored them through various events. For further details, please contact Mike O'Driscoll on 07932 353598.

ULTIMATE MOVES

Ultimate Moves is a dance class, on Thursday mornings from 10.45-11.45 in Eleanor Hall.

LINE DANCING

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE

There will be a Meeting of the Committee on this Thursday evening at 8.00pm in the Presbytery. It will be discussing the forthcoming Planned Giving Campaign.