

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

Fifth Sunday of Easter
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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.



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.

200 CLUB EASTER BONANZA WINNERS - DRAWN BY DANIEL AND MATTHEW
£35 – No. 35 Stephen Sirman: £35 – No. 73 Michael Priddle
£25 – No. 31 Hugh Gralton: £25 – No. 19 Maureen Hollebrand
£15 – No. 55 – Cecilia Roche: £15 – No. 56 Piran Hunter

We would like to thank all those who helped to organise, and who supported, the Cakes and Book Sale, and the Spring Raffle last Sunday. The profit from the Sale was £450.13. The profit from the Raffle was £841.00. There will also be some matching funding from one of the Banks.

FIRST COMMUNION

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 10am in the Church on Saturday 1st May for the children and their parents who are celebrating their First Communion this coming Sunday.

CELEBRATING ST MAGDALEN OF CANOSSA

The Canossian Lay Associates and Sisters of our Parish invite you to celebrate the life and spirituality of St Magdalen of Canossa, their foundress at a Mass on Saturday 8th May at 3pm at The Convent, Longlands Close, Cheshunt EN8 8LW. For details contact the sisters: 01992 626772.

MAY PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN

Nicholl Road, NW10 - May Procession Sunday 9th May at 3.30pm. Preacher Fr Mark Powell OAR. Please see notice at the back of church/on the notice board for further details. All welcome !

PRIEST TRAINING FUND

Thank you for helping the Priest Training Fund. Last weekend this Parish raised £778.64, and all of this money will be used to fund the preparation of men for the priesthood and their seminary. If you have not yet made a donation, please give as much as you can. You will find envelopes at the back of the Church. 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds
and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting Kingdom;
your rule lasts from age to age.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment:
love one another, just as I have loved you". Alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS:

Acts 14:21-27
Psalm 144
Apocalypse 21:1-5
John 13:31-35

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS:

Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Psalm 66
Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23
John 14:23-29

Mass Times

SUNDAY	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm & 6.30pm
Monday	Philip & James	10.00am
Tuesday	English Martyrs	10.00am
Wednesday		10.00am
Thursday		10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
SUNDAY	SIXTH 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: £1,664.17

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.

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.

FUNDRAISING MEETING

There will be a brief meeting for the fundraising meeting on Thursday 6th May at 8pm in the presbytery.

PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet at 8.00pm on Friday 7th May in the Church.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK

The Funeral Mass for the late Lauro Pellicci will be celebrated on Wednesday 5th May at 10.00am.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEK

Sunday 2nd May at 2.00pm:

Danielle Murphy and Danny Conaghan

BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptism preparation course will start on 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.

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

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.

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.

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.

READERS ROTA

The New Rota for Readers is also available from its normal place in the Sacristy. It is also available on the Parish Website. Please do try to arrange a substitute if you know that you will not be available on a particular day.

THE BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON CHILD ABUSE

Copies of the recent statement from the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales are available at the Church Entrances. Please take a copy. They have asked that the Fridays in May be days of prayer for reparation and atonement. Special Prayer Cards are also available for people to take away.