

# Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception and St Joseph

The Thirtieth Sunday of the Year  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2009



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## OUR NEXT EVENT

Quiz Night on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November

## GAELIC FOOTBALL – RACE NIGHT

The Gaelic Football team have organised a fundraiser taking place on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009 at 7.30pm after Mass. If you are feeling lucky, come along and have a flutter! There will be a bar available and all are most welcome.

## NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

November is traditionally the month in which we pray for the Holy Souls. Envelopes for the November Dead List may be found at both entrances of the church. Please return the envelopes to the Parish Office and the names will be entered in the Book of the Dead, which will be placed on the Sanctuary during each Mass in November. There will be a Mass for the Holy Souls celebrated at 8.00pm each Friday evening during November.

## FINANCE MEETING

Please note that the meeting due on Tuesday has been cancelled. It has been re-arranged to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## FUNDRAISING GROUP

The Fundraising Group will next meet on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 8.00pm in the Parish Office.

## CONFIRMATION 2010

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated here on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010. If you attend Mass here in the Parish, and are in Year Ten of Secondary School, or older, you are eligible for Confirmation here in St. Joseph's. If you do wish to be Confirmed, would you please see Fr John by the end of November. The preparation will begin after Christmas.

For all those who attend at St. Paul's in Cheshunt, please see Father Anton for details of the preparation there. Please note that we can only prepare people who are already attending Mass in this Church on a regular basis



The blind man in today's gospel, Bartimaeus, was no shrinking violet. He was a beggar at the entrance to the bustling town of Jericho and if he didn't make his presence felt then he would go home at the end of the day with nothing to show for his hours in the baking sun. And this affected what he did on the day Jesus passed by.

Bartimaeus didn't complain about his lot in life; he accepted responsibility for it, not sitting back and expecting someone else to stand in for him because of his disability. And he was strong-minded enough to know what he really needed and wanted: to be able to see. Never giving up hope, he believed that things could be different and that he could change. And when other people told him to be content with his lot he took no notice. He wasn't bothered about what others would think of him and he resisted their attempts to silence him. This coloured his

approach to Jesus since he knew that this might be the only occasion he would ever get to attract Jesus' attention. Throwing off his official beggar's coat, jumping up and shouting was a dramatic way of catching Jesus' eye. But Bartimaeus rose to the occasion and took his chance. And when Jesus cured him, Bartimaeus followed him along the road. In this short episode we can see our own lives reflected very clearly. In our relationship with God we carry so much baggage that prevents us from seeing things clearly. We can be spiritually blind in so many ways. We can fumble our way through life always several paces away from God. For a while we sit back and moan but eventually we have to face up to the fact that in many areas we are the architects of our own problems. God did not make us spiritually disabled yet we choose to remain so. What do I really need to happen in my life in order to come closer to God, and do I believe that with God's help I can change? What holds me back from asking for God's help? Is it because I'm afraid of what others will say and think? Is it because I don't think now is quite the right time to do it? Am I prepared to make a definite move in God's direction, to rise to the occasion with some bold and decisive step to reply to God's invitation? Do I really want to see? Do I really want to follow? Do I really want a Bartimaeus moment?

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing;  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord,  
anyone who follows me  
will have the light of life.  
Alleluia!

**TODAY'S READINGS: NEXT WEEKS' READINGS:**

Jeremiah 31:7-9	Apocalypse 7:2-4.9-14
Psalms 125	Psalms 23:1-6
Hebrews 5:1-6	1 John 3:1-3
Mark 10:46-52	Matthew 5:1-12
Mass Times	

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>THIRTIETH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR</b>	<b>8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm &amp; 6.30pm</b>
Monday	Chad & Cedd	10.00am
Tuesday		10.00am
Wednesday	Simon & Jude	10.00am
Thursday	Blessed Martyrs of Douai College	10.00am
Friday		10.00am
Saturday		6.30pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>ALL SAINTS</b>	<b>8.30am 10.45am 12.15pm &amp; 6.30pm</b>

**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: £1,452.66**

**plus the regular Standing Orders. Thank You!**

**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.

**LINE DANCING**

Line dancing will take place every Tuesday in Eleanor Hall at 7.30pm. It is a very fun evening and all are most welcome.

**LEGION OF MARY**

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

**COURAGEOUS CHOICES**

An event for young adults on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. Time: 2.00pm – 5.00pm at the Sisters of Nazareth Convent, 169 Hammersmith Road, London W6 8DB. To spend the day, or longer, with the Sisters, please contact Sr Mary Frances on 07785975961 or email: [vocinfo@naznptn.plus.com](mailto:vocinfo@naznptn.plus.com)

**FRONTLINE HOMELESS**

A Mass Finger Buffet Dance and Music by Wild Flowers is being held at Haringey Irish Centre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November in aid of Frontline Homeless. Mass at 8.00pm, tickets £10. Phone Pauline and Mike O'Driscoll on 01992 652721, Donna Donovan 0208 350 6903 or the Sunday 6.30pm Mass Music Group. Our website is [www.frontlinehomeless.org.uk](http://www.frontlinehomeless.org.uk).

**FAITH SHARING GROUP - YOUR KINGDOM COME**

Is the theme of the coming series of exploring faith groups starting this month. The groups will be gathering respectively on Thursday at 2pm in the Presbytery; Thursday at 8pm 31 Rotherfield Rd, Enfield; Saturdays at 2.30pm in the Convent, 3 Longlands Close. It is hoped that other groups be formed gathering at different times and location. The booklets with daily meditations and group reflections on catholic teaching are available at Church (£1).

**FUNERAL THIS WEEK**

The Funeral Mass for the late Steve Pickin will be celebrated on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEK**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 1.30pm  
Jamie, Joel & Jenelle Baafour-Kyei  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10.45am  
Aloysius Ezihe

**FAIRTRADE STALL**

The Fairtrade Stall will be open after all the Masses this weekend in its usual place in the repository.

**THE SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND NEEDS YOUR HELP**

There are nearly 100 retired priests in the diocese and half the priests currently working in the diocese are due to retire over the next 20 years. These priests have given their lives to the church and it is important that we pray for them as they grow older. But it is also important that we ensure that they receive the care that they require and there will be a special collection for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund next weekend. Please take a donation envelope and give as much as you can afford.