



ST JOHN VIANNEY CHURCH

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ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. He told his followers: 'It is for your good that I go away ... I will send the Advocate; the Holy Spirit to remind you of all I have spoken to you'. So there must be the element of joy and gladness that a new phase of our faith journey is opening up.



St Luke in our first reading gives an account of the events of the Ascension: Jesus states clearly what we are to do ... following his instructions to his followers: "Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation".

Notice the instructions given ... but before that note, the disciples were expecting different plans: "Lord, are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel"? They were totally missing what Jesus had in mind. He was restoring the kingdom of God ... not a political kingdom! "These are the signs ... in my name you will cast our devils ... you will have the gift of tongues ... you can pick up snakes ... be unharmed by deadly poison ... you will cure the sick".

Jesus knew he had come to overcome the power of evil ... the power of Satan/devil. He knows that the struggle still goes on today. We can meditate on Jesus' instructions and work towards overcoming what evil is in our world ... where there is injustice; starvation; conflict; the poison of trafficking and exploitation ... these are the evils we must confront. We are not on our own. We have the Holy Spirit to guide us; we are members of the Church of Jesus Christ where we can work together to build up God's kingdom of Justice, love and peace.

PROCLAIM 15: This is our response to the message of bringing the Good News to all creation. Thanks to all of you who responded last week to the invitation to look at our parish activities. So many are involved already. This is what makes our parish what it is. Thanks to those who have offered to get more involved and seek further clarification.

There is an opportunity for anyone who is still thinking and who has missed out in any way. Please have a look at the information slip.

Thank you for your response.

CONGRATULATIONS to our young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday last. Thanks to all involved in the programme of preparation. There will be a re-union on Saturday 6th June for the 6pm Mass, followed by a celebration event in the parish hall

That's all for this week, God bless.

Fr Joe

MASS TIME AT THE BACK IS NOT A MIS-PRINT !! →

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY IN LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS

CATECHETICAL PROGRAMMES



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) Let us continue to pray for those who were baptised or received into the Church at Easter), as they attend the **Mass for New Catholics**, to be celebrated by Cardinal Vincent on Saturday 16th May at 6pm in the Cathedral.

Congratulations to Our Confirmation Candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday. Let us continue to pray that this Sacrament of Confirmation will be a strength to our young people in their journey through life.

Confirmation Re-Union will take place on Saturday 6th June, Mass at 6pm followed by celebration in the parish hall.

The Celebration of Baptism: The next sessions of the baptism course for the parents who would like their child/ children baptised on 20th June, will take place in the Parish Hall on Monday 8th & 22nd June 2015 at 7.30pm. Please contact Sr. Clara on 07816452215 to book your place on the course.

Day of Reflection: All Special Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to a Day of Reflection on Saturday 30 May from 10am – 12noon in the Parish Hall.

ADULT FORMATION IN THE PARISH Catholicism Faith Formation Program – Journey around the world and Deep into the Faith: Second Episode – ‘Happy are we: The Teachings of Jesus’ on Tuesday 19th May from 7.15-8.45pm; and Wednesday 20th May from 10am-11.30am in the Parish hall.

Quick Journey Through the Bible – Next Session – ‘Early World’ on Sunday 24th May at 9.50am in the Parish Hall.

PARISH ACTIVITIES:

Quiz Night today Sunday 17th May starting at 5:00pm at St John Vianney Parish Centre. A social and fun-d-raising event for our parish. Get your tickets now, Tables of 4 for £10.00; Single tickets available for £3.00. *Are you smarter than you think?* Will you win the grand price? Come and find out. Put your name and contact number down. Invite your family and friends. Tickets available from Barbara, Kathy or Mariantha after all Masses. Exciting prizes for a fantastic night

PARISH PILGRIMAGES & DAY TRIP:

- 1) **Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** We invite all those going on this pilgrimage to a **planning meeting** in the Parish Hall on Sunday 24th May after the 11am Mass
- 2) **Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St Jude, Faversham** on Saturday 24th October 2015. Coach leaves at 10am. Cost £15 per person.
- 3) **Pilgrimage to Walsingham in honour of Our Lady, Queen of Peace** on Monday 31st August. Coach leaves at 8.00am. Cost £16.
Tickets are available from Mariantha and Germaine.
- 4) **A Day Trip to the Isle of Wight** on Monday 13th July. Cost £42
Tickets are available from Mariantha and Sr Clara

Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Patsy Nash (sister of Kim Cummins), who died in Ireland last Monday. May she rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers for Kim and her family.

Teas / Coffee: will be served after the **9am and 11am Masses** in the Jubilee Hall today. All welcome.

Sandwich Making (Preparation): The next Soup Run at 5pm on Saturday 23rd May – Group C.

May Rosary Procession: *The Legion of Mary invites you to the May Procession from St Francis de Sales, Tottenham to St Ignatius, Stamford Hill on Saturday 23rd May from 11.30am. Come One, Come All.*

PRIEST TRAINING FUND: Thank you for helping the Priest Training Fund.

Last weekend this Parish **raised £871.57**, all of this money will be used to encourage vocations and to fund the training of priests. If you have not yet made a donation, please give generously. You will find envelopes at the back of the church. **You can make a donation online by visiting www.rcdow.org.uk/donations.**

CAFOD Pedal against Poverty and Justice & Peace Commission Cycle for Climate Change: This year our Justice & Peace Commission is planning the London to Paris Bike Ride and will be sharing the event organised by CAFOD on Sunday 7th June. Registrations now open for this event – London to Parish Bike Ride! The Sponsored 19 mile bike ride is from Ponders End Lock to Broxbourne and back. There is also a shorter 10 mile route beginning at Cheshunt; with the aim of raising money for the London to Paris bike ride in December 2015! **This year's Pedal against Poverty will take place on Sunday June 7th.** Registration costs £6 per rider (covers all of the administrative costs of the ride. Family, friends, and teams are very welcome, so why not challenge others in your school or parish to ride with you and help make a bigger difference in the fight against poverty? See you at the ride! More details next week.

Holloway Gaels Ladies Gaelic Football Club is hosting an exciting new programme called Gaelic4Girls which starts on Saturday 23rd May from 10.30 – 11.30 in Downhills Park for 8 weeks. It is open to all girls aged between 8-12 years who are not registered with a Ladies Gaelic Football team. It introduces girls to football in a fun environment and all participants will get a G4G t-shirt and certificate on completion. For more information, contact ciaraholland@hotmail.com

Westminster Interfaith, 30th Annual Multi-Faith Pilgrimage for Peace with Hounslow Friends of Faith on Saturday 6th June 2015 from 10.00am – 4.30pm Please **book in advance by 1st June. Further details from:** Jon Dal Din, Westminster Interfaith, Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN Tel: 020 7931 6028 / 079889 536 957 / 07527 758 729 E: jondaldin@rcdow.org.uk; Bessie HFOF: 020 8560 5887 E: info@hounslowfriendsoffaith.org (See notice board)

Please check the notice board at the back of the church for other events we are unable to publish in the newsletter

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face; hide not your face from me, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 102

The Lord has set his sway in heaven.

Second Reading 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;
I will come back to you,
and your hearts will be full of joy.
Alleluia!

Gospel John 17:11-19

Communion Antiphon

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

MASS & SERVICE TIMES

Mass – 9:15am

Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday

**Wednesday: Mass at 9:00am
(note the earlier time)**

**Thursday: Communion Service at
9:15am**

**Sunday:
(Sat.) 6pm; 9:00am and 11:00am**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturday: from 9:45 am – 10:15am**

Parish Team:
Fr. Joe Ryan, Parish Priest
Sr. Clara Segui, Parish Sister
Germaine Ng Ying, Parish Adm/Secretary

This week we pray for:

The repose of the soul:
Seamus Clark, Gabriela Cullen, Patsy Nash
(Kim Cummins' Sister), Mr P O'Leary, May
McDonagh, Sylina Balson (mother of Clara
St Paul & Andrew Balson), Peter McEvoy,
Bea O'Flaherty, Christine & James Ng Ying
– **RIP**

RIP Anniversary:

Jack Mooney, Michael Minogue,
Mary Gomes, Lorenzo Cocchi

Special Intentions:

Allan Essoo, Bridget McVeigh,
Imogen, Joan Cabey, John & Irene Newell
(Fr Martin's parents), John & Pauline
Mooney, Marise Coolen, Mary McNamara,
Monica Halpin, Sr. Agnes Miller, The Neary
Family, The O'Shea Family,

For the sick and those in our parish especially:

Eileen Lynch, Elizabeth Clear,
Maria Laura Steri, Ann Maddock, Jocelyn
Luxon, Kevin Newell (Fr Martin's brother),
Lucy Cieslak, Margaret Lettice,
Maria de Jesus, Maria Laura Steri,
Olive Brown, Sheila Campbell,
Sylvia Upfield

*Names not listed above, are listed
in our Book of Intentions.*

Parish Office Hours:
Tues to Fri 10am -12noon, 1pm-4pm
To make an appointment
Phone: 0208 888 5518 or email
westgreen@rcdow.org.uk
*We cannot guarantee to have anyone available
outside of these hours.*