



*Joseph of the House of David    Our Church Entrance    Mary, Mother of the City  
Icons by Stephane Rene*

**Masses at St. Joseph's:**

Sunday, 11.30. Wednesday, 12.05; Holydays: 12.05

**The church is open for personal prayer on Fridays, 12.00-15.00**

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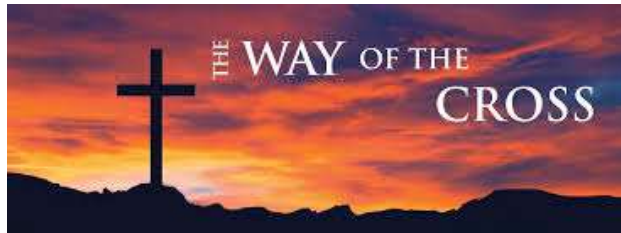
**MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER**

**Fr. Jan writes:** Dear friends, It is hard to believe that we are already in March and continuing our Lenten journey towards Easter. At the Easter Vigil we will have the great joy to welcome six new members to our parish community from St. Joseph's and St. Mary Moorfields and during Lent we continue to accompany them with our love and prayers and on the Sundays of Lent we will be able to pray with them in a special way when they engage in the Scrutinies before Baptism. This is also a good moment for us to renew ourselves in our relationship with the Lord as we deepen our faith and commitment during Lent. I hope that for all of us this Lent will be a very fruitful time.

On 19<sup>th</sup> March the Universal Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph, the patron of our parish. Personally, I have always had a great devotion to St. Joseph, every morning when I go into the Church at St. Mary Moorfields, I pause to light a candle before his statue and ask him to protect me in the coming day as he did the Holy Family. I pray that I may have some of his integrity and justice, and the determination he showed in doing what the Father asked of him. These are certainly the same kind of values that each one of us could pray for too as we attempt to honour and follow the example of our heavenly patron.

Finally, thanks for taking a CAFOD envelope last Sunday and please do remember to bring it back by Palm Sunday so that we can collectively make an offering of our Lenten sacrifices. I pray that this Lent will be a very blessed time for our community. With my prayers for each one of you.

**FRIDAYS IN LENT FROM 6 MARCH - 18.00**



**HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

**PALM SUNDAY**, 29 March, 11.30, **starting at 15 Lamb's Passage - weather permitting,**  
**Blessing of Palms, Procession & Sung Mass**

**SPY WEDNESDAY**, 1 April, Mass, 12.05

**20.30 - Ecumenical Candlelight Service of Tenebrae - with readings & Lamentations,**

**St. Giles Cripplegate, Fore Street, Barbican EC2Y 8DA.**

**ALSO LIVE-STREAMED** - <https://www.wesleyschapel.org.uk/livestreaming/>

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**, 2 April, **19.30, Mass of the Last Supper, Washing of Feet & Commissioning Renewal of Eucharistic Ministers - Fr. David Birchall SJ, Director - London Jesuit Centre..**

**GOOD FRIDAY**, 3 April, St. Joseph's - open from **10.00 a.m.** for personal prayer -

**11.00, Children's Way of the Cross**

**15.00**, St. Joseph's & St. Mary Moorfields congregations gather in St. Mary Moorfields Church, 4-5 Eldon St. EC2M 7LS - **Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion** with Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion;

**18.00, The Way of the Cross** - St. Joseph's Church.

**HOLY SATURDAY**, 4 April, **19.30**

St. Joseph's & St. Mary Moorfields congregations gather in St. Joseph's Church, Lamb's Buildings, Lamb's Passage, off Bunhill Row, EC1Y 8LD

**The Solemn Easter Vigil** with Blessing & Lighting of Pascal Candle, Sung Easter Proclamation, Blessing of Water, Baptism & Confirmations, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, & 1<sup>st</sup> Mass of Easter followed by Easter Colomba Cake, drinks, & Children's Easter Eggs Hunt.

**EASTER SUNDAY**, 5 April, **11.30**

**Easter Morning Mass** & Renewal of Baptismal Promises + Children's Easter Eggs !



**THE SYNOD'S JOURNEY IS NOT DONE - WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER FOLLOW-UP !**  
**Another 3-year Synodal Journey has begun, culminating in a Synod Assembly, Rome, October 2028. The Guidelines for this next phase are here :**

<https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2025/07/07/0484/00885.html>

**A monthly Reading Group, using the recently published, "The Future of Synodality – how we move forward from here ", takes place, 10.00 (Refreshments) for 10.30 -12.00, Saturday 28 March 2026, The London Jesuit Centre, 114 Mount Street, London W1K 3AH - Nearest Tube Stations: Green Park & Bond Street. Registration required in order to receive chapter copies: [martinjpendergast@gmail.com](mailto:martinjpendergast@gmail.com)**

**ALL ARE WELCOME !**

**The School for Synodality offers helpful resources :** <http://www.schoolforsynodality.org.uk/>

**International Catholic Women** - <https://wucwo.org/index.php/en/training/formation/2123-wucwo-s-school-for-synodality>

**Root & Branch Synod** - <https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org/openhearts>

**Farm Street Jesuit Church has a useful Synod Page on its website:** <https://www.farmstreet.org.uk/synod-on-synodality>

**St. Joseph's Pastoral Council (SJPC) next meeting - May 2026, date tbc.** The latest Minutes are on the Porch Noticeboard. Further information from Fr. Jan or Martin Pendergast, SJPC Secretary on 020 8986 0807 or [martinjpendergast@gmail.com](mailto:martinjpendergast@gmail.com)



**St. Joseph's Quiet Garden is now closed but open from Easter until the end of October.**



**Carmel-in-the-City, 7 March 2026** - Check the website for details - Newsletters and 2026 Programme : [www.carmelinthecity.org.uk](http://www.carmelinthecity.org.uk) Or contact Sylvia Lucas: **0788 943 6165** [sylvia\\_lucas@btinternet.com](mailto:sylvia_lucas@btinternet.com)

## Growth in faith for Children & Adults:

### Infant Baptism, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Adult Baptism, Reception into Full Communion, and Confirmation

Please speak to Fr. Jan or Jennylyn Williams for more information. Are you a parent of younger children - **would you like to help with Sunday morning Children's Liturgy?** If so, speak to Jennylyn. If you wish to prepare for **Marriage**, please speak to Fr. Jan.

**Liturgy at St. Joseph's: WE NEED YOU !**

**WE WELCOME MORE PEOPLE TO JOIN THE READERS' ROTA**

at Sunday Masses and on other occasions.

**SPEAK TO MARTIN OR FR. JAN IF YOU CAN HELP**

If you have received your 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, then girls and boys are welcomed as altar-servers, not just on **Sundays, but on other important Feast-days**. We'd be delighted to have more young people reading at Mass from time to time, and we'd love to have more people to ensure the quality of our liturgies, including help with singing, reading, being Eucharistic ministers. Visitors often complement us on the welcome they receive, and the dignified Masses we celebrate. Age is no barrier, young or old, and we'd love to have people who represent the rich diversity of this community. **So think about it**, and speak to **Fr. Jan** or **Martin Pendergast** after Sunday Mass. Please contact Martin for more details - 020 8986 0807.

**St. Joseph's Icon Greeting Cards** featuring, **Joseph of the House of David**, & **Mary, Mother of the City**, made by the Carmelite Sisters at Ware Carmel, which has now closed - £1.50 each. These are suitable as Mass Cards for those who have died, as well as for other intentions.

**Access for all !** The Lift operates every time the Church is open for Mass: **Wednesday & Sunday mornings & Holydays, Wednesday lunchtimes, & 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays**, for **CARMEL-IN-THE-CITY**. It's very simple to use - you just need to keep your finger on the button if going down to the church (G-level), up to the Hall (2-level), or to the Car-Park area (1-level). **Children must be accompanied if using the lift.**

### **HEALTH & SAFETY & SAFE-GUARDING**



Parishioners will remember, some years ago, a fire which destroyed the Christmas Crib and was probably caused by a still-alight match left by the box of matches, and which flared up.

**WHEN LIGHTING VOTIVE CANDLES, PLEASE DROP ALL PROPERLY EXTINGUISHED MATCHES IN THE NEARBY WASTE-BINS, AND PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW CHILDREN TO LIGHT CANDLES WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION**

**PARENTS ARE ALSO KINDLY REMINDED TO SUPERVISE CHILDREN DURING AFTER-MASS REFRESHMENTS. THEY SHOULD NOT PLAY ON THE FIRE-ESCAPE OR AROUND THE LIFT-SHAFT. UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THE LIFT. THE**

**PARISH CANNOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY ACCIDENTS WHICH MIGHT OCCUR.**

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT SAFEGUARDING REGULATIONS REQUIRE PARENTS TO ACCOMPANY THEIR CHILDREN TO THE TOILETS.**

**ST. JOSEPH'S** - A community generous in its giving - **Planned-giving envelopes are available** along with Gift Aid and Standing Order forms for those who would like to give to the parish in this way, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE NOW CHANGED TO ONLINE GIVING.  
**WHY NOT MAKE THIS A NEW COMMITMENT TO THE PARISH ?**

**ISLINGTON CITIZENS** - St. Joseph's was a founding-member of Shoreditch Citizens which then merged into Islington & North London Citizens, part of Citizens UK. At its core is an aim to use our power to achieve social change for the common good. We responded to street violence by enlisting over **30 safe-havens** locally, for anyone threatened and also lobbying for the real **London Living Wage**. **MORE INFORMATION:** North London & Islington Citizens Organisers: Olivia Blanning: [Olivia.Blanning@citizensuk.org](mailto:Olivia.Blanning@citizensuk.org) - 0739 958 486 or Froilan Legaspi [Froilan.Legaspi@citizensuk.org](mailto:Froilan.Legaspi@citizensuk.org) - 0793 956 5863 - [www.londoncitizens.org.uk](http://www.londoncitizens.org.uk) **Contact Martin** for more information - 020 8986 0807

The Government's **so-called** National Living Wage for over 25's is **NOT** a Living Wage but an increased Minimum Wage, institutionalising inequality for younger workers under 25. **The REAL 2025-6 London Living Wage** is **£14.80**; outside London - **£13.45** - <https://www.livingwage.org.uk/what-real-living-wage> If you are low-paid, are you being paid the London Living Wage, not just a minimum wage, or so-called National Living Wage, only for over-25's?

Through the work of **Caritas Westminster** **WE CAN HELP WITH ACCESSING EMERGENCY GRANTS** to help with Cost of Living and other needs. This overlaps what we do in **ISLINGTON CITIZENS** This helps us to see how local people can have a voice on things that matter to them, how we can respond to local needs and work for justice.

**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE !** In Calais, and across the Mediterranean, there is still great need. For updates, please see [www.seekingsanctuary.weebly.com](http://www.seekingsanctuary.weebly.com) or email Ben Bano at [migrantssupport@aol.com](mailto:migrantssupport@aol.com) about delivering goods. Also check out: Westminster Justice & Peace <https://westminsterjusticeandpeace.org/> & [www.calaid.co.uk](http://www.calaid.co.uk) Contact the J&P Office at Vaughan House, Westminster or bring to St. Joseph's. The Catholic Worker Community, whom we support, welcomes volunteers. Take goods to their Haringay centre: Giuseppe Conlon House: 49 Mattison Rd, London N4 1BG [Tel: 020 8348 8212](tel:02083488212) <https://www.londoncatholicworker.org/>



**Ecumenical activities are at the heart of the life of St. Joseph's Church**  
... doing together what we do not need to do separately ...

[www.stgilescripplegate.com](http://www.stgilescripplegate.com) + [www.wesleyschapel.org.uk](http://www.wesleyschapel.org.uk) + [www.capeljewin.org](http://www.capeljewin.org)

**An Ecumenical Partnership between Jewin Welsh Church, St. Giles Cripplegate, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and Wesley's Chapel & Leysian Mission.**

**Introduction:** This Partnership, reviewed by the respective ministers and agreed by each Church's Council, makes explicit the ecumenical commitment shared for the past many years. A formal Partnership ensures that our ecumenical journey is established beyond the individual interest of any particular minister and has reason to continue after any minister moves from the area.

**Drawn together in one baptism**, confessing our faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, we are inspired by the Holy Spirit to hear his Good News and pledged to share it, and so we commit ourselves to:

Promote reflection on the Christian Church, its mission and its proclamation of God's reign in our midst;

- Take time to listen, try to understand and respond to each other and to the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the people of our time and place;
- Value each person, rejoicing in their gifts, and celebrating our rich human diversity;
- Support those seeking to recognise Christ in their own lives;
- Enjoy each other's company as we worship, study, and journey together as God's pilgrim people.

**Where possible this will be done through:**

- \* **The sharing of worship, especially during Advent, Lent, & the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity;**
- \* **collaboration in planning and holding regular adult faith education programmes;**
- \* **going on pilgrimage together;**
- \* **supporting action for justice and peace initiatives in one another's churches.**

We give thanks for the many years of growing unity and friendship which we have shared together and which has brought us to this time of grace, and we regret our continuing divisions. We undertake to promote understanding, respect and dialogue with people of good will as we work for the common good of all. We affirm our intent to work, pray, and study together for that unity which is Christ's will for the Church and so formalise this commitment in this present Partnership agreement.

**THIS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT IS NOW DISPLAYED IN ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH.**

**SPY WEDNESDAY, 1 April 2026**



**20.30 - Ecumenical Candlelight Service of Tenebrae - with readings & Lamentations of Jeremiah, St. Giles Cripplegate, Fore Street, Barbican EC2Y 8DA.**

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**CITY EVENTS - The Friends of City Churches** - <https://www.london-city-churches.org.uk/cityevents.html>



**Next St. Joseph's Newsletter due 5 April 2026 - Deadline for information, events: 2/04/2026**