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Last Sunday's collection: £1817. Mary's Meals. £1228. Many Thanks.

This Sunday 28th January is Racial Justice Sunday. Collection for Racial Justice.

The new rotas for Readers and Eucharistic Ministers are available today.

Confirmation 2024. Enrolment forms for the Confirmation Program are now available from the Parish Office and our website. There will be a meeting for Parents and Candidates on Saturday 2nd March at 12.30 pm in the Parish Centre. You must attend this meeting if you wish your child to make their Confirmation.

Feasts this week. Wednesday. St John Bosco. Friday (First Friday) The Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of Candles. Saturday. Saints Laurence, Dunstan and Theodore. Archbishops of Canterbury (Diocesan). Also St Blaise. The blessing of throats will be administered.

Gospel Notes. Mark 1:21-28. In this first chapter Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the Kingdom, the Reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that he taught as one having authority. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in that way.

Jesus combined teaching with healing and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom?

It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling, be it through jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives the evil out. Have you experienced that or have you been the Jesus person?

Headteacher Required at Our Lady of Muswell Catholic Primary School - September 2024
Our Lady of Muswell Catholic Primary School, Muswell Hill, London is seeking to appoint a Headteacher from September 2024. Full details of this job vacancy can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/head-teacher-haringey-1984118>

If you are interested or require further information, please contact the School Business Manager - Katherine Johnston via email sbm@ourladymuswell.haringey.sch.uk
Application Deadline is Monday 5th February 2024 at 10am.

Year of Prayer 2024

Pope Francis has announced the start of a Year of Prayer in preparation for the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year. In his Angelus address last Sunday, the Pope said that a Year of Prayer which started last week will be "a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one's personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world". Pope Francis said: "Dear brothers and sisters, the coming months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, with which we will begin the jubilee." "I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live this event of grace well and to experience the power of God's hope. That is why today we begin a Year of Prayer."

Very soon resources will be published to help Catholic communities more fully participate in the Year of Prayer.

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025

This year of prayer precedes the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope — the first ordinary jubilee since the Great Jubilee of 2000. A jubilee is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. It typically takes place once every 25 years, though the Pope can call for extraordinary jubilee years more often, such as in the case of the 2016 Year of Mercy or the 2013 Year of Faith.

The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on December 24 (Christmas Eve) and concludes on January 6, 2026.