

***THE GOSPEL***  
**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**



*After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him.*

Jesus, sinless,  
you stood among us,  
waiting the water like everybody else,  
as if you were a sinner  
in need of cleansing.

The Father said in a loud voice:  
"You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well  
pleased."

Oh Holy God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
You stand with us, sinful as we are.  
Make us holy through the waters of baptism.

# Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

Under the pastoral care of the Pallottines, Society of the Catholic Apostolate.  
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## COMMUNITY

Fr. Eugene Lynch SCA, Fr. Tom Daly SCA,  
Fr. Kevin Ward SCA, Fr. John Egan SCA.

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Saturday 9.00 am – 4.00 pm  
Sunday 10.00 am – 1.30 pm

## MASSES

Monday – Friday	12.00 noon
Saturday	12.00 noon
Sunday	7.00 pm Saturday – Vigil Mass 8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm
Confessions (Saturday)	11.00 am – 12.00 noon and 6.15 pm – 6.45 pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2016**

## **The BAPTISM of the LORD**

The readings for today's Mass are on  
page 118 of the Mass book.  
The Creed – page 11      The Lord's Prayer - page 57

The response to the Psalm is:  
*The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

The Acclamation is:  
*Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross  
and resurrection you have set us free.*

*The Second Collection is for the White Flower Appeal*

*Parish diaries and the Westminster Year Book 2016 are now available in the Parish Office*

*Next week's second collection will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society*

***SECOND COLLECTION - THE WHITE FLOWER APPEAL***

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will be holding its annual appeal this weekend. SPUC defends and upholds the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. The Society's work covers a wide spectrum of pro-life, pro-family issues. It seeks to protect unborn children from abortion and defends the disabled, elderly and incapacitated from euthanasia and assisted suicide. Your generosity will be very much appreciated.

***SUNDAY SCHOOL***

Sunday School starts THIS weekend, 10<sup>th</sup> January, at 10.00 am in the Parish Centre.

***FAMILY PREPARATION MASS***

The Family Mass for the First Holy Communion programme will be THIS Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00 am. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

***VISITATION YOUTH GROUP***

If you are 14 or over, you are welcome to come along to the new Parish Youth Group. The first gathering of this year will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00 pm in the Old Church Hall, followed by Mass at 7.00. Refreshments will be provided. Why not bring your friends along!

***THE GREAT ADVENTURE***

Commencing on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2016, at 7.30 pm for 7 consecutive weeks, Fr. John invites you to join him, once again, for "The Great Adventure – Journey through the Bible". This is a special course for everyone with a genuine interest in Scripture, which assumes no previous study of the Bible. The course is free, but places do need to be booked. Please contact the Parish Office on 020-8578-1363 to book your place.

A Mass for  
The Feast of St. Vincent Pallotti  
will be concelebrated on  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 12.30 pm.

***PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL***

The next meeting for the PPC will take place on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30 am in the Parish Centre.

***HOSPITAL or HOME VISITS***

If, for any reason, you (or anybody you know) are not able to come to church and would like to receive Holy Communion, we would love to know. If you are in hospital, please ask the staff on the ward to inform the Hospital Chaplain and also to get in touch with us (020-8578-1363). Otherwise, please leave your contact details in the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

***EXPRESSION of GRATITUDE***

Jimmy Keenan and family would like to thank everyone who sympathised with them on the death of a dear wife and mother. Thanks to all who had Masses offered and all who helped in any way during Kathleen's illness. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

***Funeral arrangements***

*Asokamala (Pearl) Thevanayagam*

Mass 10.00 am, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January, Visitation Church, followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.