

*The Gospel*  
*Luke 19:1-10*

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honour the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he did not mind making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.



Don't forget that Remembrance Day is  
next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November.

# Our Lady of the Visitation Parish

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**COMMUNITY**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

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

**MASSES**

Mon - Sat                      12.00 noon  
Sunday                      Saturday 7.00 pm – Vigil Mass  
   8.00 am, 9.00 am, 10.30 am  
   12.00 noon and 7.00 pm

*Confessions*                      11.00 am – 12.00 noon  
(Saturday)                      6.15 pm – 6.45 pm

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2019**

**The readings for this weekend's Masses start on  
page 157 in the Mass book.**

**The Creed – page 11/12      The Lord's Prayer - page 56**

**The response to the Psalm is -  
*I will bless your name for ever, O God my king.***

**The Acclamation is:  
*We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess  
your Resurrection until you come again.***

*SECOND COLLECTION – RESTORATION FUND*

**CEMETERY SUNDAY**  
**Blessing of the Graves will take place**  
**this Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

**Please meet at the Cemetery Chapel at 2.30 pm.**

**Next week's second collection will be for Sick and Retired Priests.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Following the half-term, Sunday School resumes this Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November, in the Parish Centre.

**CONFIRMATION 2020**

Request forms that were received on time are now being processed. Letters addressed to prospective candidates will be sent in the next two weeks, giving the date of the parents/candidates meeting of introduction in early December, as well as other information. Due to the high number of applicants, no more late requests will be considered.

**BAPTISM MEETING**

The Baptism meeting for November will take place next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November (next meetings 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup> January) at 10.00 am, in the Church Meeting Room, which is around the church and up the ramp near the car park. Please bring a copy of the child's birth certificate.

**RCIA – JOURNEY in FAITH**

The Welcome and Registering Meeting will take place at 8.00 pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November in the Parish Centre. For more details please contact Henry (or leave a message) on 020-8578-1363 or email him at [rcia.olv@gmail.com](mailto:rcia.olv@gmail.com)

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

The November meeting for the Friendship Group will be this Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> November at 12.30 pm in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

**PRAYER MEETING**

Fr. Joe hosts a prayer meeting every Thursday, from 7.30 to 8.30 pm in the parish centre. Everyone welcome.

**OUR LADY of FATIMA**

Following the visit of the Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima to our parish in September, a special Parish and Home Enthronement Ceremony to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary will take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 3.00 pm. We will begin with Mass followed by the Enthronement ceremony. One hundred families have requested the Enthronement, but all are welcome to come along on the day.

**CHRISTMAS MASS NOVENA CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM  
THE PARISH OFFICE.**

**ATTENTION, ATTENTION, ATTENTION**

All young people (and not so young!) are invited to a special night of music, song and testimonies. We will have special guests – a group of young people from Ireland who are coming to share their stories with us. This will take place on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, beginning with Mass at 7.00 pm. We are hoping for a full house, so please tell your families and friends. All are welcome.

**PILGRIMAGE to FATIMA**

Fr. Liam will be leading a pilgrimage to Fatima from 27<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020. The cost will be approximately £560.00 per person. This includes return flight from London Heathrow, half-board hotel accommodation, coach transfers in Portugal, guided tours in Fatima, a visit to St. Anthony of Padua Cathedral in Lisbon and a visit to the Eucharist Miracle Church in Santaurem. **You will need to arrange your own travel insurance.** Full itinerary, booking forms and forms will be in the parish office. Please book as early as possible as the places are limited.

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

**Advance Notice**

Margaret Darby

Mass 1.00 pm, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, Visitation Church, followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
**SATURDAY 30<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

***Tickets for the main raffle at the Bazaar are now available in the Parish Office, as well as tickets for the Office raffle.***

***Donations of items for the bazaar can be left in the red box in the Church Porch.***

***Please bring donations of bottles to the Parish Office.***

*Many thanks*