

## **THE GOSPEL**

*Mark 7:31-37*

*He said to him, 'Ephphatja!' – that is, 'Be opened!' – and immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly.*

Jesus, open our ears  
so that we can hear you  
in the

pleading of the poor,  
the cry of the environment,  
the war-torn,  
the immigrant,  
the hungry.

Open our ears  
so we can hear you  
in the crash of waves,  
the sound of children laughing,  
the call of a friend, in wonderful music.

We want to know you well;  
wherever you are –  
and  
in all things.

Open our deaf ears  
and loosen our  
tongues.

Let us hear and speak  
your love to  
all the world.

# **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. Liam O'Donovan SCA,  
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## **OFFICE HOURS**

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

## **MASS TIMES**

From Monday to Saturday Mass at 12.00 noon will be streamed online and on Sundays only both 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm Masses will be streamed online.

**<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/>**

Saturday – 12.00 noon and 7.00 pm  
Sunday – 8.00 am, 10.00 am, 12.00 noon and 2.00 pm.

Confessions – Saturdays 11.00 am to 12.00 noon.  
and 6.15 pm to 6.45 pm

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT  
will also be streamed online on  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday  
from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm,  
and First Friday of the month from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
(YEAR B)  
5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021**

**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday  
from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm,  
and Friday from 5.00 pm to 9.00 pm.

*Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September*  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

***Welcome Back***

Welcome back to all the pupils, teachers and staff from both schools as well as our pre-school after the summer break.

***Thank you***

Many, many thanks to Nora and her team for keeping our church looking as good as it does. We don't know what we would do without you.

***First Holy Communion 2022***

As soon as the details of the First Holy Communion programme are finalised, we will let you know via the Parish Newsletter.

***Confirmation 2022***

Next year's programme of preparation will be offered to young parishioners who are in year 10 or above, and who are resident and participants in our Parish community. Application forms for candidates are now available both in the Parish Office and on the Parish website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/sacramental-prep/confirmation/>. Please complete the application and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible. Further details of the programme will be provided when we receive your application.

***Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.) Journey in Faith***

An invitation to those considering becoming a Catholic, to Catholic adults wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or if you simply desire to deepen your understanding of the faith. We will begin our R.C.I.A. course in November, running until April. The group will meet on Tuesdays at 8.00 pm in the Parish Centre for 1 hour. Applications are available in the Parish Office or online at <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/greenford/sacramental-prep/rcia/>

For more information about Confirmation or the RCIA programme, please contact Fr. Liam on 020-8578-1363 or email to [greenfordparish@gmail.com](mailto:greenfordparish@gmail.com).

***Reflection on today's Gospel***

Today's Gospel is from Saint Mark and is about Jesus curing the man who had a speech impediment and who could not hear. This echoes clearly the passage from the Prophet Isaiah in the first reading. And, of course, once Jesus heals this man, everyone wants to talk about it. It is no longer a sign from God but is about extraordinary things happening. We humans often prefer the circus to the hard realities of life.

What about us? Do we help others speak? Do we help others hear? Do we direct others to God? The early followers of Jesus recognized that Jesus was fulfilling the prophecies. Do we recognize that? Jesus does not go about saying: "I am God, listen to me." Rather, Jesus goes about doing the works that proclaim that He is God. Let us listen to Him and also open the mouths of others and help them see.

We pray for those  
who died recently,  
Peter McCann, Lilly McCann, Eileen Glessan,  
Gavin Blaize, and  
Mary Rena MacKenzie-Hill  
whose funerals will take place in the coming weeks

and for those whose  
anniversaries occur at this time  
Joe Boyle, Noel Kennedy, Mick O'Sullivan, Seamus Egan, John &  
Elizabeth Foody, and John Jnr Foody.

† May they rest in peace. †