

## **Congratulations to the Confirmation Candidates!**

**A heart-felt congratulations to our young parishioners who received the Sacrament of confirmation yesterday. Fr Gerard Quinn, the Episcopal Vicar, presided at the celebration, as 67 candidates presented themselves in faith for a strengthening in the Gift of the Holy Spirit.**

**This day was the fulfilment of the preparation that has taken place in the parish over the past year. The candidates began with retreat in the SPEC centre on Pinner—a day of fun, bonding, and listening to the testimonies of the young people who minister at the centre. Then each week they gathered in the parish centre with a 20 strong team of dedicated catechists who journeyed together in a deeper exploration of their faith. This was truly a demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit. There were great moments of joy and laughter, but also deep sharing. All the catechists would agree that it was truly a privilege to witness these young people grow in confidence and depth in their faith. As a parish we were blessed by their powerful enactment of the Passion on Good Friday.**

**We have high hopes for these new disciples of the Lord, and I ask you, as their brothers and sisters in faith, to keep them in your hearts and prayers. Continue to encourage, welcome and support them in every way possible so that they can nourish the gift they have received.**

### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

**MASS TIMES:** Weekend Mass on Saturday at 7.00pm & on Sunday at 8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00noon and 2.00pm. Daily Mass from Monday to Saturday at 12noon.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays 11.00am to 12.00noon & 6.15pm to 6.45pm or on request or by appointment by with one of the priests.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, and Friday from 5.00pm to 9.00pm.

**PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS:** Monday to Saturday from 9.00am to 4.00pm & Sunday from 11.00am to 1.30pm.

# **Our Lady of the Visitation Parish**

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### **COMMUNITY**

Fr. Liam O'Donovan SCA, Fr. Joe McLoughlin SCA,  
Fr. Marcellus Ochola SCA, Fr. Tom Daly SCA,  
Rev. Deacon Jayson Wingrove



## **The Sixth Sunday of Easter (year A)**

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**The readings for this weekend's Masses  
start on page 268  
of the yellow Mass books.**

*Last Sunday's Collection* £2548  
*Standing Orders & Online Donations during April* £4164  
*Card Donations during April* £413

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May is the Feast of the Ascension. As it is a Holy Day of Obligation there will be Mass at 12noon and 7:30pm that day.**

### ***Rosary in May***

The Rosary will be prayed in the church at 3.15 pm every weekday during the month of May. All welcome.

### ***Transfiguration Retreat***

Stop for a day to experience an encounter with the Lord. Have your soul filled with the loving and enveloping presence of God, our Father. Experience new joy and freedom in your life that will enable you to serve the Lord and others in a transfigured way. Please join us on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May, from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm in the Parish Centre**, for a Transfiguration Retreat facilitated by the Prayer & Life Workshop. If you are interested, please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office, on 020-8578-1363.

### **The Felix Project**

Here at Our Lady of the Visitation parish, we are always endeavouring to find more ways to help those who are struggling to survive. In order to do this we are joining the Felix Project. The Felix Project rescues good, surplus food from the food industry that cannot be sold and would otherwise go to waste. This is high-quality and nutritious, including a high proportion of fresh fruit and vegetables, baked goods, salads, meat and fish. They collect or receive food from over 539 suppliers, including supermarkets, wholesalers, farms, restaurants and delis. They then sort and then deliver this food to almost 1000 front-line charities, primary schools and holiday programmes in London. This food is then distributed to people who are struggling financially.

We will need a dedicated team of volunteers to help run the project in the Old Church Hall. If you would like to be involved, and could spare some time on Saturday mornings, please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office.

### ***Mary's Meals Fundraising Night***

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May there will be a fundraiser for Mary's Meals in the Greenford Arms Bar. There will be music, a raffle and lots of fun. Please come and support this worthy cause—from 8pm til late.

### ***Baptism Notice***

Before your child is baptised you are required to attend three preparation sessions. These will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 11.00 am in the Parish Centre. On the third Sunday we will arrange a date for the baptism to take place. **The dates for May are 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The dates for June are 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate to the first meeting.**

### ***Helpers Needed***

The church always looks beautiful, but it takes a team of dedicated helpers to keep it looking that way. Would very much appreciate more helpers, particularly on Mondays or Thursdays at 8.30 am. If you would like to help but cannot come at these times, please leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office and the co-ordinator will contact you.

### ***Funeral Arrangements***

*Bernard Patrick Murray*

Service 12.15 pm, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, Breakspear Crematorium

*Bridget (Bridie) Josephine Barry*

Reception 7.00 pm, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May

Mass 1.00 pm, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Hanwell Cemetery.

Also, please pray for Michael Clarke, Teddy Disson Meade, and Joseph Sylvester O'Halloran, whose funerals will take place during the coming weeks.