



OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH NEWSLETTER

MASS TIMES

Weekdays 12:00 noon
Saturday 12:00 noon & Vigil 7:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon & 2:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

Saturday
11:00am - 12:00 noon &
6:15pm - 6:45pm
or available on request

ADORATION

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Friday 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm

*“The word of God... calls each one of us personally, revealing that life itself is a vocation from God...
It draws each of us into a conversation with the God who speaks [and] teaches us how to speak to him.”*

Pope Benedict XVI

Candlemas

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord will be on Monday 2nd February. Please bring your candles and place them at the foot of the altar. They will be blessed during the 12.00 noon Mass.

Feast of St. Blaise

The Feast of St. Blaise will be on Tuesday 3rd February. Blessing of the throats will take place during the 12.00 noon Mass.

Valentines Celebration for Married Couples

On Saturday 14th February, we will celebrate a special Mass at 12.00 noon for Married Couples in our parish. All couples are warmly invited to attend. As part of the celebration, we ask you to bring a wedding photograph, which will be placed before the altar during the Mass as a sign of gratitude for the gift of your marriage. During the liturgy, couples will have the opportunity to renew their marriage vows. After Mass, everyone is invited to gather in the Old Church Hall for tea, coffee, and a simple celebration together. We look forward to sharing this joyful occasion with you.

Bingo Night – Saturday 31st January

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish Centre. Adults only (18+). Teams can be made up on the night. Doors open at 7.30pm for 8.15pm prompt start. Cash/card bar, tea, coffee and snacks available. Ticket price: £8.00 including 6 bingo cards. £13.00 including 6 bingo cards & hot food. **Tickets available after all masses.**

Funeral Arrangements

Alison Griffin

Mass at 10.00 am, Tuesday 27th January, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation in Mortlake Crematorium.

James Galvin

Mass at 1.30 pm, Friday 30th January, East Chapel, Breakspear Crematorium.

Michelle Louise Johnson

Mass at 1.00 pm, Monday 2nd February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial at Greenford Park Cemetery.

Pauline Evans

Service at 12.00 noon, Thursday 5th February, Breakspear Crematorium.

Mary Bermingham

Mass at 10.00 am, Friday 6th February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial at Greenford Park Cemetery.

Hannah O’Leary

Mass at 1.00 pm, Thursday 12th February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial at Greenford Park Cemetery.

Gift Aid Donations

If you are a tax payer and your circumstances have changed in any way, please inform the Parish Office, so that we can amend our records. Thank you,

Sunday Collections

Weekly Collection – 17th / 18th January £2,629.00
This week’s second collection is for PAX CHRISTI.



CATECHESIS NEWS & EVENTS
Email: kim.olvgreenford@gmail.com

Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptised, contact Kim at least six weeks before your proposed Baptism date.

Little Sunday Liturgies

For all children before they start First Holy Communion Preparation. Twice a month - every 1st and 3rd Sundays during term time. The next sessions Sunday 1st February, and 15th February. 12.00 noon Mass, Old Church Hall

Youth Groups

Ignite (ages 9–13, post-First Holy Communion) – Sundays at 10:30 am, twice a month. Next sessions this Sunday, 25th January, and 8th February.

Leap (ages 14–17, post-Confirmation) – Thursdays 7–8 pm, twice a month. Next sessions Thursdays 5th February and 26th February Parish Centre

Young Adults Social Evening

Next session: **Friday, 20th February, 7.30 pm. Old Church Hall**

Encounter Evenings

Evenings to discover topics that help you grow deeper in your faith. The next session, **Who is Jesus, Really?** With Fr. John Church, at 7.00 pm Thursday 5th February Parish Centre. All are welcome.

Rosary for Revival

If you have a heart for prayer and would like to pray for the revival within the hearts of all members of the Greenford community, please join us in praying the Rosary every Wednesday at 7.00 pm in the church, during Adoration.

RelationShape

Introducing RelationShape – a brand-new, FREE 14 session-long programme launching right here in the parish! Designed just for 16–19-year-olds, it's all about:

🗨️ Building real, healthy relationships

📈 Gaining confidence for the future

🧠 Learning life skills that actually matter

Whether you're figuring out friendships, dating, or just want to feel more ready for what's next – this is for YOU.



✅ Officially backed by the Diocese 🙏 Bring a friend – or come and make new ones!

🌟 Come curious. Leave confident. Let's shape something amazing together.

Encountering the Thirst of God: "If you only knew the gift of God..." Jn 4:10

For six Sundays, beginning on the 1st of February, our parish will begin a preaching series at the 10.00 am and 12 noon Masses called "Encountering the Thirst of God." Many Catholics today feel a quiet ache in their faith — a sense that something essential is missing. They come to Mass, they say the prayers, they stand and sit at the right times... yet often they leave without having truly met the Lord. For many, the faith has become something observed rather than lived, a set of rituals rather than a relationship. People know about God, but they do not always feel they know Him. And without the bigger story of creation, fall and redemption, the readings at Mass can feel disconnected, and the Eucharist can feel mysterious and distant.

This preaching series is meant to speak directly into that experience. It will help us rediscover the heart of our story — the great narrative that makes sense of our lives and reveals the God who thirsts for us. By returning to the foundations of our faith, we hope to move from spectators to participants, from confusion to clarity, and from routine to encounter. Above all, this journey is meant to lead each of us into a deeper friendship with Jesus and toward the moment where we freely choose to live for Him.

Each Thursday will be followed by a Deeper Dive session at 7pm in the Parish Centre, a space where we can slow down, ask questions, and explore the themes of the Sunday preaching more fully. These evenings will help us connect the teaching with our own lives and recognise how God is speaking personally to us. **The first Deeper Dive session will be on the 5th February with Fr John Church, who will help us explore more about the person of Jesus in a deep way.**

We warmly encourage you to come with an open heart — and especially to invite those who may be searching, drifting, or longing for a way home.