



# 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

### Stations of the Cross during Lent

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday at 7.30 pm in the Church. Everyone welcome.

### Quiz night - Saturday 28th February :

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish Centre. Adults only (18+) Maximum number per team is 6 players & can be starts at 8.15 pm prompt. Cash/Card bar, tea/coffee, snacks available. Ticket price £5.00 without food or £10.00 with hot food. Tickets will be available from this Weekend after Masses. Tickets are available in the Parish Office (Cash Only).

### Mother's Day Afternoon tea celebration - 14th March

We are celebrating this special day of the year with an Afternoon tea in the ballroom from 3-5pm. There will be a selection of sandwiches & cakes and scones with jam & cream. Tickets priced at £10 per person & must be pre booked before Sunday 8th March. Tickets will be available from next weekend.

### Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for the Sacrament of Matrimony at Westminster Cathedral, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 at 2:30pm.

The Archbishop is inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese, who are celebrating their 5th 10th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th and 60th (and every year over 60) wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2026. If you are celebrating an anniversary, please give your parish office the following details: husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and contact email (or telephone number, if no email). Our email address is [greenford@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:greenford@rcdow.org.uk)

### Friendship Club

After the half-term holiday, the Friendship Club will meet on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February, after the 12.00 noon Mass in the parish Centre. All welcome.

### CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day

This Lent, answer the Gospel call to love your neighbour. Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February is a day of fasting, prayer and giving—inviting you to eat simply and share what you save to support communities in need.

Pickup a CAFOD envelope after Mass and your donation will be collected on Sunday, 1 March 2026.

Your donation can help families around the world grow food in challenging conditions, using tools like floating gardens or solar-powered water pumps.

Alternative ways to donate are by scanning the QR code, donate online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope), or call 0303 303 3030. To give £10 please text CAFODLENT to 70085



### Funeral Arrangements

#### **Francis McCabe**

Mass at 1.00 pm, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

#### **Susan Vernon**

Mass at 6.00 pm, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February, Visitation Church. Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Vincenza Cacioppo**

Mass at 1.00 pm, Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

#### **Mary Sheehy**

Mass at 1.00 pm, Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

### Sunday Collections

Weekly Collection - 14<sup>th</sup> / 15<sup>th</sup> February £2,434.  
Next week's second collection will be for CAFOD.



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### Baptism

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

### Little Sunday Liturgy Sessions

For all children before they start First Holy Communion Preparation. Twice a month - every 1st and 3rd Sundays during term time. The next session 1<sup>st</sup> March. 12.00 noon Mass, Old Church Hall.

### Encounter Evenings

Evenings to discover topics that help you grow deeper in your faith.

### 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.

### Youth Groups

**Ignite** (ages 9–13, post-First Holy Communion) – Sundays at 10:30 am, twice a month.

**Leap** (ages 14–17, post-Confirmation) – Thursdays 7–8 pm, twice a month. Next session Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February Parish Centre.

### Young Adults Summit

A day to connect and grow in faith. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 3.00 – 5.00 pm, registration from 2.45 pm. Parish Centre.

### Teams of Our Lady

A lay movement designed to enrich marriage spirituality and make good marriages better. Improving prayer life, helping couples grow closer to God and each other. For more information, email the team at [central@teams.gb.org.uk](mailto:central@teams.gb.org.uk)

### **Encountering the Thirst of God: “If you only knew the gift of God...” Jn 4:10**

Today we continue with our preaching series at the 10.00 am, 12 noon and 2pm Masses called “Encountering the Thirst of God.” This preaching series is meant to speak directly into that experience of sometimes feeling lost in our lived faith and in our celebration of the Eucharist. It will help us rediscover the heart of our biblical story — the great narrative that makes sense of our lives and reveals the God who thirsts for us. 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.

In this week’s homily we hear how humanity, in our fallen state, we find ourselves wounded, trapped, helpless, and unable to save ourselves. But someone comes for us! Jesus enters the wilderness to confront the enemy on our behalf. From the very beginning of His mission, He refuses every temptation to abandon us. His entire life is a rescue mission—fighting for those who cannot fight for themselves. His single-minded zeal, His thirst for our souls, leads Him all the way to Calvary. Scripture shows us a tale of two gardens:

In Eden, a woman is tempted by a fallen angel into disobedience. In Nazareth, a woman is invited by an angel of God to say yes to salvation. Mary, the New Eve, through her obedience, welcomes the New Adam—Jesus—who re-creates what was lost. In another garden, Gethsemane, Jesus accepts the full weight of our sin. St. Paul says, “God made him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness.”

**Join us on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Parish Centre for our Deeper Dive session** where there will be a chance to hear more, to discuss and to ask questions. 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.

#### **Question for contemplation this week:**

Where in your life right now do you feel “helpless” or unable to rescue yourself—and how might Jesus be trying to meet you there?

Mary’s obedience becomes the doorway to salvation. What is God inviting you to say “yes” to right now? What fears or obstacles make that yes difficult?

#### **Understanding Laity:**

*Mutated view:* Lay people see themselves as passive spectators in the Church, leaving mission and evangelization solely to the clergy. It reduces the laity to consumers of religious services and fosters a “that’s not my job” mentality that weakens the Church’s mission.

*Healthy view:* Laity recognizes them as active participants in the Church’s life and the primary evangelizers in the world. They embrace their baptismal call to holiness, living their faith intentionally in family, work, culture, and society