



# 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

### Ash Wednesday

On 18<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday, Masses will be at 12.00 noon and 7.30 pm. There will also be a Goan Konkani language Mass at 4pm.

### Valentines Celebration for Married Couples

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Quiz night - Saturday 28th February :

Our Lady of the Visitation Parish Centre. Adults only (18+) Maximum number per team is 6 players & can be made up on the night. Doors open at 7.30pm, quiz 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, 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.

### Bingo Night

"Thanks a million" to everyone who supported our Bingo Night last Saturday. We raised £970 for the Restoration Fund.

### 40 Days for Life

40 Days of Life Ealing - runs from 18<sup>th</sup> March to 29<sup>th</sup> March. You are invited to peacefully pray for all those affected by abortion. To find out how you can help, please come along to the Opening Event in the Old Church Hall after the 2.00 pm Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February, with buffet and guest speaker, or call Sarah on 07776-256-838, or email her at London40daysforlife@hotmail.com

### Expression of Gratitude

The family of the late Eileen Mannion would like to express their gratitude and thanks for your messages of sympathy and cards on the recent loss of our aunt. The sacrifice of the mass will be offered for your intentions.

### Recently Deceased

Please pray for Susan Vernon, who died recently. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

### Funeral Arrangements

#### Hannah O'Leary

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

#### Teresa Crosby

Mass at 11.00 am, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, Greenford Park Cemetary Chapel.

#### Joseph Emmanuel

Mass at 1.00 pm, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

### Sunday Collections

Weekly Collection – 31<sup>st</sup> January/1<sup>st</sup> February £2,789.  
Restoration Fund £440.00  
Pax Christi £305.00



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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 Liturgies

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

### Encounter Evenings

Evenings to discover topics that help you grow deeper in your faith. The next session, With Fr. John Church, at 7.00 pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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 Social Evening

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

### 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@teamsgb.org.uk](mailto:central@teamsgb.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. 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.

In this weeks homily we hear the difference between the other ancient creation stories and that revealed in the book of Genesis. In contrast to the mythical gods, who are many, cruel and unpredictable, the God of Genesis is one, good and loving. Unlike the other ancient gods who treat humanity as slaves, God revealed in Genesis creates humanity for loving relationship with Him and each other. By creating us in his image and likeness he chooses to share his divine life with us.

Join us on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Parish Centre for our first 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**

- Why would God want us to display the Bible in our home?
- What are some of the most beautiful things God created? Why?
- In what ways does God reveal His love for us?
- Why is there something rather than nothing?
- Why did God make humanity — why did He make you?
- And what does it mean to be made in the image and likeness of God?

**Understanding Church:** *Mutated view* is that Church is a human-constructed institution with a hierarchy organised to control and even restrict the lives of its members. In this view, faith is managed through systems, rules and offices, and belonging is measured by compliance, subtly restricting the freedom, participation and shared vocation of all.

*Healthy view* is that the Church understands it as a living people called into being by God, by his loving desire. It exists first as a living organism animated by the Holy Spirit. All believers, as the Church, are gifted and responsible for shared life and mission, with leadership serving to nurture, equip, and unite, so that faith is lived as a dynamic, communal response to God’s call in the world.