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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am - 4.00pm & Sunday from 11.00am to 1.30pm.
COMMUNITY: Fr. Liam O'Donovan SAC, Fr. Joe McLoughlin SAC, Fr. Tom Daly SAC

""The future starts today, not tomorrow." Pope St. John Paul the Great

Afternoon Tea Cardinal Wiseman

We have received the following message from Cardinal Wiseman School

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended our Afternoon Tea Party on Tuesday 7th July. It was truly a wonderful occasion, and we are so grateful to have shared such a special afternoon with you all. The event was a tremendous success, and we can honestly say it was the ***best Afternoon Tea Party yet!*** *The atmosphere was filled with warmth, friendship, laughter and community spirit. Seeing everyone enjoying themselves, chatting and coming together made the day incredibly memorable*

Two Hearts

Two will meet in the Bar area on Saturday 18th July after 12 noon mass.

Farewell Celebration for Father Liam

Please join us as we give thanks for the dedicated service of Father Liam for the last 9 years at the Parish. We wish him well with his new mission work in Dublin. A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 26th July, at 12:00 noon, followed by food and refreshments in the Old Church Hall. Donations of cake/biscuits would be much appreciated. All parishioners, family, and friends are warmly invited to come along as we celebrate Father Liam's years of faithful commitment to our Parish.
Please note there will be no parking in front of the Church that day.

Funeral Arrangements

Joseph McMenamin
Mass at 10.00, Friday 17th July, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear.

Ellen(Nell)Mary Flanagan's burial will take place at 12.00 noon, on Friday 17th July in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Sheena Katherine Chambers
Mass at 1.00 pm, Monday 20th July, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear

Assumption Rodrigues
Mass at 1.00 pm, Wednesday 22nd July, Visitation Church to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Nora McNamara
Mass at 1.00 pm, Wednesday 29th July, Visitation Church to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Sunday Collections

4th / 5th July	£2,540.00
Standing orders and online payments for June	£4,472.00
Card donations	£1,754.00

This week's second collection is for Stella Maris.

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

The Sacraments are not simply milestones to be celebrated, but part of a lifelong journey of discipleship in Jesus Christ. Rooted in worship, community, and ongoing faith formation, they invite us into a deeper relationship with God and His Church. For this reason, those seeking Baptism (for infants and children), First Holy Communion, or Confirmation are expected to be registered and active members of the parish community at OLOV, regularly participating in Sunday Mass and parish faith formation programmes.

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.

Exploring Catholicism
Exploring Catholicism (18 yrs + RCIA): Fortnightly sessions for adults interested in exploring the Catholic Faith or preparing for Baptism or Confirmation. Email Kim for more details- kim.olvgreenford@gmail.com

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

Echo (ages 12–17)- Sundays 10:30-11:30 & Thursdays 7–8 pm, twice a month.

Leap (ages 14–17, post-Confirmation) – Thursdays 7–8 pm, twice a month

Visitation Restoration Projects

Our parish property plays a vital role in supporting our mission, enriching our worship, and fostering a vibrant community. To continue serving these purposes, we need our buildings to be clean, safe, and beautiful.

We hope to receive a £20,000 grant from the National Lottery to support several of our community initiatives, including the Felix Project and other community groups that use the Old Church Hall. These funds will be used to replace windows and insulate the attic. Thanks to the previous National Lottery grant, we have been able to undertake a number of important improvements. We are currently completing upgrades to the heating system in the Parish Centre, which will improve comfort and be energy efficient. During the year necessary repairs were carried out on the church, presbytery and Parish Centre roofs. The new floor surfaces were installed in the bar area of the Parish Centre, the parish office and the Church Meeting Room.

Over the coming weeks, painting and decorating work will take place in both the Old Church Hall and the church. If you look at the wall behind the sanctuary, you will notice areas affected by black mould. Unfortunately, we have been advised that simply repainting the wall will not solve the problem. To address the underlying cause, more extensive work will be required, including repointing sections of the brickwork, possibly applying a protective external coating, and installing ventilation fans to improve air circulation. We are currently obtaining specialist advice and quotations, as these repairs are expected to be significant in cost.

We are deeply grateful for your continued support and generosity, which make these improvements possible and help preserve our parish for future generations. Every donation, no matter how small, makes a meaningful difference and helps us care for our church and parish buildings.

Please note that, from Tuesday 14th to Saturday 18th July, 12 noon Mass will take place in the Parish Centre due to the installation of scaffolding.