OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

CAFOD Disaster Emergency Committee Venezuela Earthquake Appeal

Although much has already been achieved, the emergency is far from over. CAFOD will continue to stand alongside Caritas Venezuela as they accompany communities through this next phase of recovery, BUT we need your support to help to rebuild more lives. In the metal box located in the porch of our church, you can place a donation at any time, or via Cafod.org.uk/Venezuela OR call 0300 999 0030. Thank you for your generosity and solidarity.

Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC

Fr. Donald is the author of 25 books, including the international bestseller Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father. We are delighted announce that he is coming to Our Lady of the Visitation on **Wednesday, 19 August at 7pm** to give a talk on "No Turning Back – My Conversion Story."

After the Summer

Quiz Night, Saturday 26th September

Visitation Parish Centre, Adults only (18 plus), maximum number per team is 6 players and can be made up on the night. Doors open at 7.30 om, quiz starts at 8.15 prompt. Cash/card bar, tea, coffee and snacks available. Ticket price £5.00 without food, or £10.00 with hot food. Tickets will be available from the weekend of 29th/30th August.

Two Hearts

There will be no meeting in August, the next meeting will be on Saturday 19th September after the 12.00 noon Mass.

Winter Night Shelter

Once again, this year we are hosting the shelter for four Friday nights on behalf of the Ealing Winter Night Shelter in December. We are looking for someone to co-ordinate this wonderful programme. If you have any questions or would like further details, please contact David on 07968-423-860. Many thanks.

Mass Leagues

The Mass League enrolment cards now include a picture of St. Charbel (ask for no. 41).

Funeral Arrangements

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

Hilary Marie Nuttall
Mass at 1.00 pm, Thursday 30th July, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

Anne Lynch
Mass at 10.00 am, Friday 31st July, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

Rose Gore
Mass at 1.00 pm, Wednesday 5th August, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium.

Johanna Panchyrz
Mass at 1.00 pm, Friday 14th Au gust, Visitation Church to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Steve Considine
Mass at 1.00 pm, Monday 17th August, Visitation Church, to be followed by cremation at Breakspear.

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

Sunday Collections

18th / 19th July	£2,355.00
Stella Maris	£340.00

Next week's second collection is for the Restoration Fund.

Gift Aid

If your circumstances have changed in any way, please contact the Parish Office so that we can amend our records. Thank you.

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.