# OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION PARISH NEWSLETTER

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| Weekdays 12:00 noon<br>Saturday 12:00 noon & Vigil 7:00 pm<br>Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am,<br>12:00 noon & 2:00 pm | Saturday<br>11:00am - 12:00 noon &<br>6:15pm - 6:45pm<br>or available on request | Tuesday, Wednesday,<br>Thursday<br>6:00 pm – 8:00 pm<br>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. John Egan SAC, Fr. Joe McLoughlin SAC, Fr. Tom Daly SAC

## School Forms

If you have a school application form and require a priest's signature, please note that a priest will be happy to sign it after the Mass in the Sacristy.

## Coffee Drop-in

The Coffee Drop-in will take place this weekend, 12th and 13th September.

## Line Dancing

Line Dancing will resume on Tuesday 15th September, at 7.30 pm, in the Ballroom area of the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

## The Two Hearts Group

The group will be meeting next Saturday 19th September, in the bar area of the Parish Centre after the 12.00 noon Mass.

## 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 pm, 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 are available now in the parish office (cash only please).

## 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.

## Save the date

Family Disco on Saturday 17th October, more details to follow.

## Funeral Arrangements

**Buenaventura (Ben) Banayo**

Mass at 1.00 pm, Friday 18th September, Visitation Church. Burial will take place in the Philippines.

## Sunday Collections

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| 5th / 6th September | £2,560.00 |
| Standing Orders for August | £3,982.00 |
| Card donations for August | £1,455.00 |

This weekend's second collection will be for the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**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 Sunday during term time. 12.00 noon Mass in the Old Church Hall. Next session – Sunday 20th September.

**Youth Groups**

Ignite – For ages 9-13.
Post First Holy Communion. Sundays at 10.30 am twice a month starting in October. Next sessions on the 11th and 25th October.

Echo – For ages 14-17
For those interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Please email Kim to register before 27th September.

Leap – ages 14-17, post Confirmation
Thursdays 7.00 – 8.00 pm, twice a month starting in October.

**Young Adults Evenings**
For all young adults in the parish ages 18 -35. We meet twice a month, every 1st and 3rd Friday during term time. The next Adoration Evening is on Friday 2nd October. The next Social Evening is on Friday 16th October, at 7.00 pm, in the Church and the Old Church Hall.

**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

**Teams of Our Lady**
A community for Christian married couples of all ages. Join a team, meet others for friendship, prayer and discovering the richness and joy of the sacrament of marriage. Please contact Kim for more details.

## Forgiveness Without Limits

Today's Gospel (Matthew 18:21-35) reminds us that forgiveness is at the heart of Christian life. Peter asks Jesus how often he must forgive, and Jesus replies with "seventy-seven times – a symbol of limitless mercy.
Jesus' parable contrasts the king's generous forgiveness with the servant's refusal to forgive a small debt. We are invited to recognise how much God has forgiven us, and to allow that same mercy to shape our relationships.
**Forgiveness does not mean forgetting or excusing wrongdoing.** It means choosing not to let past hurts control our future, and allowing God's grace to heal what is wounded.
This week; let us pray for the courage to forgive. The humility to seek forgiveness, and the grace to build communities where mercy and forgiveness is lived every day.