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. John Egan SAC, Fr. Joe McLoughlin SAC, Fr. Joy Palachuvattil SAC, Fr. Tom Daly SAC

Our Lady of the Visitation Catholic Primary School

Our parish primary school currently has places available. The school will be hosting the October and November Coffee Drop-ins. If you are interested in sending your child to a school where they will receive a Catholic education rooted in faith, please come along for a coffee and a chat after the 8.00 am, 10.00 am and 12.00 noon Masses. Members of school staff will be available to answer any questions and would be delighted to show you around the school.

Cake Fundraiser

Next Sunday, 18th October, we will be hosting a cake sale fundraiser for a group of people who are supporting a Palliative Care centre in Rwanda. The money collected will provide medical assistance for children in Palliative care. Please come and support them.

Christmas Bazaar

This year's Bazaar will take place on **Saturday 12th December.** If you would like to help in any way, there will be a meeting this Thursday 15th October, at 7.00 pm in the Parish Centre. Alternatively, you could call the parish office and give them your name and contact details (020-857 8-1363). This year, we are considering including some stalls for crafters; if you are interested, please call the parish office and leave a message for Terry who will call you back. Thank you.

Family Disco

We have our family disco on Saturday 17th October from 8.00 pm to 11.00 pm in the Parish Centre. Tickets are priced at £10.00 per adult, and children are free. Tickets are available in the Parish Office with Cash only.

Two Hearts

The Two Hearts group are meeting after the 12.00 noon Mass on Saturday 17th October in the Small Meeting Room.

Funeral Arrangements

Aloycius Gnanapragasan

Mass at 10.00 am, Saturday 17th October, Visitation Church.

John Clarke

Mass at 1.00 pm, Thursday 22nd October, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

William Gourey

Mass at 1.00 pm, Friday 23rd October, Visitation Church, to be followed by burial in Greenford Park Cemetery.

Sunday collections

3rd / 4th October	£2,633.00

For September

Standing orders and on-line payments	£4,669.00
Card Donations	£1,612.00

Next weekend's second collection will be for MISSIO.

The annual Mass count will take place this weekend, 10th/11th October and the weekend of 24th/25th October.

Advance Notice

This year's Blessing of the Graves will take place on Sunday 1st November. Please meet at the Cemetery Chapel at 3.00 pm, .

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.

Month of the Holy Rosary
The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, we will pray the Rosary every weekday at 11.15 am, in the church. All welcome.
11.15 am | Church

Rosary for Revival
If you have a heart for prayer and would like to pray for the intentions of the parish, please join us in praying the Rosary **every Wednesday at 7.00 pm,** in the Church, during Adoration.
Wednesdays | 7.00 pm | Church

Exploring Catholicism
Exploring Catholicism (18 yrs + RCIA): Fortnightly sessions for adults interested in exploring the Catholic Faith or preparing for Baptism or Confirmation as an adult. Sessions starting Tuesday, 13th October.
Email Kim for more details:
kim.olvgreenford@gmail.com
Tuesdays | 7.00 pm | Parish Centre

Baptism Preparation
Those wishing to have their child baptised, please contact Kim at kim.olvgreenford@gmail.com **to express interest.** We suggest you contact us *at least six weeks prior* to your proposed baptism date.

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.

Youth Groups
Ignite (ages 9-13), post First Holy Communion) Sundays at 10.30 am, twice a month.
Next session: 25th October.

Echo (ages 14-17) for those interested in preparing for Confirmations. We have closed registrations and will be in touch with more details this week.

Leap (ages 14-17, post Confirmation) – Thursdays, 7.00 – 8.00 pm, twice a month.

Little Sunday Liturgies
For all children before they start First Holy Communion preparation. Twice a month – every 1st and 3rd Sundays during term time.
Next session: 18th October
12.00 pm Mass | Old Church Hall

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.
Next Social Evening: Friday 16th October.
7.00 pm | Old Church Hall.

RelationShape

What if someone could help you find real answers to the questions that actually shape a life - such as: What matters most to me? What's my plan for my life? What's the difference between a mate and a real friend? When does friendship turn toxic? Are men and women the same, or genuinely different? What is love, really? RelationShape is a programme dedicated to 16-to-19-year-olds and we've been running it in Greenford for two years. It's the better shot you have at a life that's genuinely happy, stable and rewarding - and that's well worth having! The RelationShape programme is diocese-approved, and it's free. The first session is Wednesday 14th October, 7pm.