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Thu 6pm
Sat 8:15pm & Sun 9am & 11am

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2026



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them.” Matthew 5:17

This week we celebrate **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the season of Lent.

“Ash Wednesday is full of joy... The source of all sorrow is the illusion that of ourselves we are anything but dust. God is all our joy and in him our dust can become splendour.”

Thomas Merton



“Repent and believe in the Gospel.”
Mark 1:15

Masses with imposition of ashes on **Wednesday at 12:30 and 6pm.**

Mass Schedule	
Sat 14 th February Sts Cyril & Methodius	10am Valentina & Olga Zakusilo Intention & Pro Life 8:15pm Pro Populo
Sun 15 th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am Pavlo, Petro & Xadia Zakusilo RIP 11am Peter Choi Anniversary 4:30pm Bible Study
Mon 16 th February	NO MASS
Tue 17 th February	12:30pm Elizabeth Kavanagh Anniversary
Wed 18 th February ASH WEDNESDAY	12:30pm Pro Populo 6pm Mr Dentur wellbeing
Thu 19 th February	12:30pm Julian Pluta RIP 6pm Una Cunningham RIP
Fri 20 th February	12:30pm Una Cunningham RIP

Life In The Spirit Seminar continues every Thursday from 7pm to 9pm in our parish.

BIBLE STUDY
 Followed by Exposition, Vespers and Benediction
Sunday 15 Feb
4:30 to 6:30pm
 Light refreshments after Benediction.
 Everyone is welcome to attend.

Archbishop Richard Moth was installed as the twelfth Archbishop of Westminster on Saturday 14th February. We shall continue to pray for him at every Mass celebrated in our diocese. He wants to begin to know us and invites all the people in our parish to the **Area Mass** to take place on **Wednesday 25th February at 6:30pm** at Our Lady & St Joseph's Catholic Church, 100a Balls Pond Rd, London N1 4AG. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Non-perishable, in-date food for the **Foodbank** is gratefully welcome.

Join our WhatsApp group for Sunday's hymns

Treasure under the Stove



Beloved,

A man from Krakow who was called Izak frequently dreamt of a wonderful treasure hidden under a bridge in Prague.

Encouraged by his wife, he reluctantly travelled the long, dangerous journey to Prague but when he arrived at the bridge, he found a soldier guarding it and so he did not dare to dig up the treasure.

After a long time observing Izak, the soldier interrogated him and got him to reveal that he had come to the bridge, chasing his dreams. The soldier thought that this stranger was foolish. He told Izak that he himself had in fact had a dream about a man called Izak from Krakow who had treasure hidden at home under his stove. However, he was not thinking of going to Krakow to dig it up.

Izak went back home to Krakow, dug under the stove and found the treasure of his dreams.

We can gather four lessons from this tale:

Firstly, there is a treasure. Our existence is not meaningless. Life is not a big fraud. Something inconceivably great hides in the unglamorous monotony of our everyday life.

Secondly, the treasure is found by those who seek for it; who move; who risk; who dedicate themselves to finding the fullness of life.

Thirdly, the treasure is found by those who learn to speak to strangers: Polish Izak shares his dream with the soldier from Prague and finds the answer in the stranger's dream.

Fourthly, the treasure is in your own house.

This Wednesday is the beginning of the season of Lent. A time to discover the treasure that renders death so full of life that it destroys death's power and restores our lives.

This treasure is the life of the Risen Lord, hidden in our baptised souls and able to destroy all the barriers that estrange us from God, from others and from ourselves.

This treasure is close. To find this treasure changes the way we live our lives on earth. Lent is the time to risk, to search and to dig.

Do not leave this treasure hidden under the stove!

Fr Oscar,