

Planned Giving Appeal

Last week we started a planned giving appeal which will last three weeks. It is an opportunity to prayerfully reflect and carefully decide on how Parishioners can contribute to the Parish. Thanks to the Finance Committee for working on this appeal and to all Parishioners who continually give and for considering how much they give and the method of giving.

A few facts to consider, The Parish had a saving of £400,000 which paid for the restoration of the Church. The cost of running the Parish depends on the offertory collection. To open the doors alone cost £20,000 for heat, water and light. Over the past seven years, the offertory collection has only increased by 15%, however the expenditure has risen by 42%. We are now in a position where we could easily slip into an unhealthy financial position.

The Diocese has informed us that the average offertory giving per person is £2.11. A cup of coffee on the High Street is roughly £2.50 or a pizza takeaway is £10.00. If you went out for a drink a pint would cost over £3 and a glass of wine £4.50. The offertory collection has only increased by 15% over 7 years and expenditure has risen by 42%.

Please consider what you give in **loose change**. Is it the same amount as you gave four years ago?

A standing order provides our Parish with a steady and predictable income. Only 17 people in the Parish pay their offertory contributions by standing order.

The other option to consider is the **Gift Aid envelope scheme**. If you pay income tax, I would ask you to consider gift aiding your donations. We may be **losing thousands of pounds a year** if you do not gift aid. For every £1 donated our Parish can re-claim an extra 25p and this will not cost you a penny. Last year we received £14,000 from the Government and that was from 160 parishioners gift aiding.

Again to remind you it is important to give what you can and nobody should feel obliged to go beyond their means.

Thank you.

Mazenod Social Club

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Manager: Anna Redmond

Assistant Manager:

Mags Conway

Opening Hours:

Monday /Tues/Thurs from 4.30pm

Wed/Friday from 4pm;

Saturday & Sunday from 12 noon

Mon: Salsa in Hall from 8pm

Tues: 25 Card School in Lounge – All welcome

Bingo: 6.45 – 7.45pm in Hall –All welcome

Salsa: 8-11pm. Lessons 8-9pm

Wed: Pensioners Advisory Service in Hall from 10am - 1pm. Please arrive by 11am

Friday: Salsa Night – 1st Fri each month

Line Dancing – 2nd Fri each month

Ceili – Last Fri each month

Hall available for hire:

Weddings; christenings; Funerals; communions; birthday parties; family celebrations & children's parties



Sat 6th Feb
Anton & Lyn

Fri 12th Feb
Line Dancing in Hall

Sat 13th Feb
Welcome back to
Thomas McGuire & Fhiona Ennis
Duo in Hall
Doors open 8.30pm

9-11pm Country Disco
£10 admission on door

Everyone Welcome!

Sacred Heart Church

Newsletter for 7th February 2016

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Scripture Reflection



Jesus expects us to share in his work of spreading God's love and mercy. We will be rewarded accordingly. Jesus is asking Simon who spent the all night fishing to put out into deep and lower his nets for a catch. The command of Jesus was as foolish as Simon's acceptance of the instruction. Keep in mind that the night time is the best time to fish as fish come to seek food on the surface.

Simon accepted Jesus' offer and the huge catch of fish was the result. So the huge catch of fish, of men and women today in the net of love and mercy, is the result of what happens to anyone who takes seriously the work Jesus gives to him.

If we keep our focus on our inabilities and shortcomings, the work of God will never be accomplished.



Our **Annual Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes**, began on Wednesday, 3rd February. The Novena will last for **9 days** and will be held until the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February each evening at 7.30pm, when we will have our **Torchlight Procession** around the Church. On our last night we have invited our young people from the communion and confirmation classes to join us for the final night. Each year the Bishop of Tarbes, the Diocese which is responsible for the Shrine at Lourdes, selects a theme for the Pilgrimages that will be held there each year. This year he has asked that all those going on pilgrimages continue to reflect on the theme chosen by Pope Francis, **"A Year of Mercy"**.

ASH WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent. Masses will be at 7.30am, 10am, 12.15pm & 7.30pm. Ash will be distributed at all Masses.

Ashes will also be available in the Church from 11am—12 Noon and from 1pm to 2pm. One of the Priests will be available to distribute Ashes for those who cannot attend Mass.

This Wednesday evening after the Novena Mass we will have the opportunity to celebrate God's Mercy for each one of us through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. The Priests will be available in the Church from 8.15pm until midnight for anyone who would like to celebrate God's love. The blessed Sacrament will be on the main Altar Table for quiet prayer. This day marks the beginning of Lent. What a great way to begin it! Please come along and join us.

It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving!



If you would like your child to be baptised, please call into the Parish House on Monday between 9.30am-1pm to meet with Sr. Lucilla to complete the necessary paper work. Our next welcoming mass will be on Sunday 21st February at 12.30pm.

Please pray for the those that our journeying on the RCIA programme, the following will be received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Catechumens - **Linda Summasakul, Anthony Summasakul, Christopher Odunaff, Chantelle Louis.**

Candidates - **William Strong, Mark Fay, Caroline Carrick.**



Today at the 12.30pm mass we welcome the boys and girls who are preparing for their Communion along with their families. Please keep them in your prayers.

Next Weekend will be a busy one for all our Confirmation Candidates. On Saturday they will visit Westminster Cathedral and on Sunday they gather for a class with Stephen Currid from the Cardinal Hume Homeless Shelter in London.



Collections

Thank you for your continued generosity for the Parish and Diocese. 31st January 2016..... £3510.00 Building Fund £1529.00

Accommodation is needed urgently for a Mother with two young children. Please contact Tony Walsh by email if you can help awls9@aol.com. Thank you.

Our Lenten Journey

This week we begin the season of Lent. The colour of the vestments and the altar cloths will change from Green to Purple. During Lent we are invited to take a closer look at our relationship with God and with one another. We are offering a number of opportunities during the week-nights of Lent for people to explore different ways of connecting with God. The Sessions will begin each night at 7.30pm. All in the Church except Monday evenings which is in the Presbytery.

Monday: Sr Margaret reflects on the Document from Pope Francis "The Joy of the Gospel"
 Tuesday: **Lectio Divina** - reflection on the upcoming Sunday readings.
 Wednesday: **Reflective Mass**
 Thursday: An evening of **Tazie Prayer**
 Friday: **Stations of the Cross**
 There will also be **Stations of the Cross** on Tuesday Mornings after the 10am Mass



Many Happy Returns to the members of our Chinese Community who are celebrating Chinese New Year.

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You can never plan the future by the past.!

As part of our Outreach in the community as a parish we now provide food and friendship at Ashford Place Homeless Shelter in Cricklewood 3 nights a week. We are looking for support every second Thursday evening, if you can help, please give Fr Terry a call.



Diary Dates

Finance Committee: Monday 8th February at 7.30pm in the Sacristy.
 Sign Language: Monday 8th February at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room



The JPIC Group will lead a reflection on **Living Simply, So That Others May Simply Live.**

to be held in the Presbytery on Tuesday 16th February at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Brother Michael Moore OMI will be showing a film for our Lenten Journey 'The Way' on Friday 26th February at 8pm in the Conference Room of the Presbytery All welcome.

If you would like more information on Oblate Vocations, please visit www.oblatevocations.com. This link can also be found on our website www.omiquex.org.uk/oblate world.

Meditation Sessions take place every Monday evening from 7pm—7.45pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, West Kilburn. All welcome.

Our Quex Parent and Toddlers Group meet Monday, from 9.30am-11.30am in the Parish House. New members are most welcome.

Our Saturday Club for young children and adults with additional needs meets in the Parish House on Saturday from 2pm-4pm. New members are most welcome.

The Quex Youth Group meets in the St Eugene School Hall, at the back of the Church, every Friday from 7pm-8.30pm. Anyone who is in Secondary school is welcome to come. Contact Martha, Mary or Rita in the school hall on Friday. Last Friday we had a quiz & bingo night.

We have launched the Credit Union in our parish. There will be 3 collecting times in the parish house. The times are Tuesday 9.15-10.30am, Thursday 6.30pm-8pm and Saturday from 2-4pm. If you would like to join or find out more information, please call in at any of the above times to the parish house.

An Invitation to discover the Beauty of the Document Joy of the Gospel written by Pope Francis . Please see below a list of dates in both our churches for reflection and discussion with Sr. Margaret Muldoon a Holy Family of Bordeaux Sister, who has spent a lot of time in Rome. All are welcome to attend.

Sacred Heart Presbytery Kilburn Immaculate Heart, Stafford Road

Time: 7.30pm each Monday	Time: 7.30pm each Wednesday
15th February	17th February
22nd February	24th February
29th February	2nd March
7th March	9th March
14th March	16th March

