

St Patrick's Day. Patrick was the Patron Saint of Ireland and Nigeria. St Mary's School will lead the Mass at 12.15pm on March 17th.

On Sunday 20th March **Broadford Youth Choir (from Co Limerick)** will lead the singing at our 7pm Mass. Please give them a warm Sacred Heart welcome.

Broadford Youth Choir will also be performing in the Community Hall after Mass. The programme will involve a mixture of Genres from 1916 to date. There will also be Irish poems, traditional music and one or two extras—hopefully a spot of dancing!

St Eugene de Mazenod stations of the cross are available from the Repository Shop, priced £1.

Parishioners are invited to go on a **Deanery** Pilgrimage to the Holy Door, St Dominic's Haverstock Hill on 30th April, to arrive at 4pm Bishop Hudson will attend and give a reflection.

Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral on 14th May at 3pm, for all couples that are celebrating a significant **Wedding Anniversary**. If you would like to attend, please let Noreen know, and a special invitation will be sent from the Diocese.

If you would like to travel to Rome from 29th November—4th December with the Oblates this year, please contact Partners in Mission 0207 624 7296. To secure your place a deposit will need to be paid as soon as Possible.

Fairtrade Fortnight 29th February—13th March. "Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning you have depended on more than half the world" *Martin Luther King.*

Please visit www.fairtrade.org.uk/en/get-involved/current-campaigns/fairtrade-fortnight-2016.

Congratulations to the family and friends of Josh Hanson who participated in a sky dive in his memory last Saturday. We hope a lot of money was raised for the charity **Justice For Josh**.

Mazenod Social Club

020 7624 5517

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 5th March

Pat & Mustang in Lounge



St Patrick's Day 17th March

Open at 1pm

Bacon & Cabbage served until 5pm

£6 per person

Anton & Lyn from 8.30pm in Lounge

Set Dancing Ceili in Hall from 8pm

Sat 12th March

John & Caroline

Easter Sunday 27th March

1916 – 2016 Commemoration

The Blackstairs Rebel in Hall

From 8pm. Admission £5

Sacred Heart Church

Newsletter for 6th March 2016

Contact Details: Telephone: 0207 624 1701, Email: parish@omiquex.org.uk

Website: www.omiquex.org.uk

Merciful Like the Father



In reflecting upon the parable of the Prodigal son, the spiritual writer Henri Nouwen once wrote perhaps the most radical statement Jesus ever made is "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate".

God's compassion is described by Jesus not simply to show me how willing God is to feel for me, or to forgive my sins and offer me new life and happiness, but to invite me to become like God and to show the same compassion to others....I am destined to step into my Father's place and offer to others the same compassion that he has offered me. The return to the Father is ultimately the challenge to become the Father.

"Let us not forget this word. God never tires of forgiving us, but we sometimes time of asking God's forgiveness"Pope Frances



The **Parish Penitential Service** will be held on Tuesday 8th March. Please note the time is now slightly later at **8pm**. As we prepare to celebrate Easter, please make an effort to come along during the Year of Mercy and celebrate God's love for us all.

Eucharistic Ministers

Please sign in before the start of the Mass in which you will be ministering.

Can all Eucharistic Ministers attend the Mass at 8pm on Holy Thursday when your commitment will be renewed.

New Oblate Website

We are delighted to announce the launch of the updated Oblate website. The new site will enable members of the Oblate family to join with us and share in the mission of the Oblates. Please visit www.oblates.co.uk or www.oblates.ie

Donations Envelopes

New boxes will be distributed after all Masses on Sunday 13th March. Members of the Finance Committee will be available if you have any queries

Please remember that clocks will go forward 1 hour at 1am on Sunday 27th March.



The Only Person You Should Try To Be Better Than Is
The Person You Were Yesterday

Funeral Notices

John Powell late of Wilmot Place, Camden. Funeral Mass Thursday 10th March at 12.15pm, following onto Hampstead Cemetery at 1.30pm

Lisa Jane Lyttle, late of Mowbray Road, Funeral Mass Friday 11th March at 12.15pm following onto Hampstead Cemetery at 1.30pm.

Funeral Mass for **Owen Conaghy** will at St John & St Helens Birmingham on March 24th at 12 noon. Owen will be remembered at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 23rd March at 12.15pm Mass.



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. We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism **Ethan Mathew Gorny**. Our next welcoming Mass will be March 13th at 12.30pm.



Today at 12.30pm Mass we welcome the children who are preparing for First Holy Communion and their families. Please continue to pray for them.

The meeting for **First Holy Communion Parents** will be held on Tuesday March 8th at 7pm and the meeting for parents of **Confirmation candidates** will be on Wednesday March 9th at 7pm. Both meetings will be held in the Church. Please note the changes in these dates.

Collections

Thank you for your continued generosity for the Parish and Diocese. 28th February, £3496.68
Second collection for the building fund £1088.00.

An update will be given shortly on the recent planned giving appeal. Thank you once again for your patience.



Oblate Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If you would like to travel with the Oblates this year on their annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 17th—22nd September, please contact Noreen in the Parish Office.

Easter Novena

Novena cards are now available from the Parish Office.
All names that are placed on the Novena list will be prayed for at all Masses from 27th March until 2nd April.

CAFOD

If you would like to donate to the work of CAFOD, envelopes are available at the back of the Church. Donations can be sent directly to CAFOD.

English Classes

Free English classes every Tuesday from 10am—12 noon. Basement of 14 Quex Road. For more information, please speak with Fr Lylie.



Palms will be blessed at all Masses on Sunday 20th March.

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 people with additional needs meets in the Parish House on Saturday from 2pm-4pm. This week we participated in Mother's Day Craft. New members are most welcome. Please call in and see Maria any Saturday.

The **Credit Union** is now up and running in our parish. We have **3** collecting times for people at 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.

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 or Angela in the school hall on Friday. Last Friday we held an Arts and Craft Night for Mother's Day.



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](http://www.omiquex.org.uk/oblate%20world).

Don't forget to look at the **new banners** at the side of the altar in the Church to highlight the **Year of Mercy**. They are beautiful!

We welcome the **Catholic Deaf Association** to our Family Mass at 12.30pm on **Palm Sunday**. Please come along and join us as the Mass will be signed by Shell Rocca.

Are you interested in joining us on a day pilgrimage to the **Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham**? We are planning a day visit on July 10th. The cost of the trip is £20. For more information please contact Noreen in the Parish Office.

The next **Parish Night** out will be held on Thursday March 17th at 7.30pm in **Small is Beautiful** Restaurant on Kilburn High Road. This is now full. Can all those who have put their names down, please pay the £15.00 as soon as possible.

In this **Year of Mercy**, as part of our Outreach in the community, we now provide food and friendship at Ashford Place Homeless Shelter in Cricklewood 3 nights a week.



Will all **Readers of the Word** collect your new rota from the Sacristy. A list is available to sign in the Sacristy if you would like to read in Holy Week.

Once again this week a car was parked in such a way that it caused an obstruction to other drivers and they were unable to exit the car park. Please be reminded that the car park needs to be free flowing at all times in case of an emergency. Please always park in a designated bay and do not park along the wall.

The Car Park is for Church use only and not for the convenience of shoppers!

Every moment is a fresh beginning

T S Elliott.