

We invite you to visit www.oblates.co.uk where you will find news items, the readings of the day and you can also submit a prayer online and members of the Oblate community will remember you in their prayers. The **Oblates In Britain & Ireland** have recently set up a new Facebook page. The purpose of this new page is to reach out to members of our Oblate family and to those we serve and minister to with news and inspiration. Please search the Anglo-Irish Oblates and like our new page!



If you would like to travel with the Oblates this year, please contact Noreen in the Parish Office. Representatives for the Pilgrimage will be speaking at all Masses on weekend of 15th May. They will speak regarding the sick that are travelling and also appeal to anybody that would like to assist.

For those staying in the hotel the cost is £545.00 and for the assisted Pilgrims the cost is £465.00

Oblate Summer School—Fr Frank Santucci

Summer School 1—Do I have a Spirituality?
July 18th—July 21st
Summer School 2—Spirituality and Mission
July 22nd—July 24th

For more information, please contact Mr Kirk Jacob Oblate Partners in Mission 020 7624 7296 or email kirk.oblate.partners@gmail.com

Fr Stewart Phelan OMI

Fr Stewart was born in Kerry in 1879, his family moved to London and he attended the local primary school in Kilburn. He then went to the Oblate Juniorate in Belcamp and was ordained an Oblate Priest in 1903. He became a chaplain to the Royal Navy, and was killed 100 years ago in the Battle of Jutland aboard the Black Prince on May 31st. Mass will be celebrated in his honour at Sacred Heart Church, the date will be confirmed shortly.

Mazenod Social Club

020 7624 5517

Manager: Anna Redmond

Assistant Manager:

Mags Conway

Opening Hours:

Monday /Tues/Wed /Thurs from 4.30pm

Friday from 4pm;

Saturday & Sunday from 12 noon

Monday: Salsa in Hall from 8pm

Tuesday: 25 Card School in Lounge Bingo:

6.45 – 7.45pm in Hall

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

Wed: Pensioners Advisory Service in Hall

from 10am – 1pm. Please arrive by 11am

Friday: Salsa Party – 1st Friday of month

Line Dancing – 2nd Friday of month

**Music in Lounge
Every Saturday Night
Late Bar!**

**Sat 7th May
The Doctors**



Everyone Welcome!

Sacred Heart Church

Newsletter for 8th May 2016

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

Websites: www.omiquex.org.uk. & www.oblates.co.uk



Ascension Sunday

When Jesus was preparing to leave he kept repeating the words “It is better for you that I go away”. Why is it better that we go away? When young people leave home to begin a life on their own they are saying “It is better that I go away. You and I will be sad now but our sadness will turn into joy. If I don’t go away I will always be your little boy or girl and I will not be able to give you my life as an adult. So let us not cling to one another—it is better for you that I go away”

Painful words can be from a young child leaving for school to the mother. Or a father leaving for another country to find work, or to saying goodbye to a loved one in death.

The Ascension is about the lord seeking a new way to be with us. Some like a story that we can follow clear and precise, a beginning, middle and end. The story of the Ascension is like all stories about leaving—it is open ended, there is no plan B. This is where we are NOW “Why are you men of Galilee standing here looking into the sky” (Acts 1v11). The prayer of St Teresa of Avila puts it well.

Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on the world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which he blesses the world.

Diary Dates

Talk on Thomas Merton—Thursday 12th May at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

Fr. Frank Morrissey OMI will present a workshop of the **Synod on the Family**. On Thursday 19th May at 7.30pm in the Community Hall.

Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 24th May at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

The talk on **Julian of Norwich** which was scheduled for Thursday 26th May at 7.30pm has been cancelled. An alternative date will be advised shortly. Apologies for any inconvenience.

We are holding a Mass on Sunday May 22nd at 12.30pm, where we will pray for all our parishioners, young and old, who are facing **examinations** of one kind or another. We will say Special prayers and a prayer card will be given to them all. **Good Luck to all taking exams!**

The journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step !

Funeral Notices

Phyllis Crowley. Funeral Mass Thursday 12th May at 12.15pm, following onto Kensal Green Cemetery at 1.30pm.



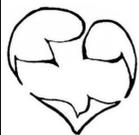
If you would like your child to be baptised, please call into the Parish House on Monday between 9.30am-1pm to meet with Sr. Lucilla to complete the necessary paper work. We welcome into the Church through the sacrament of baptism
Georgia Jade Speers



Congratulations to the 21 children who made their First Holy Communion here on Saturday. Please remember all the children over the coming weeks in your prayers.

Growing in Faith

A newsletter with all the latest information on the Growing in Faith is available at the back of the Church.



Today, May 8th, we welcome **Bishop Nicholas Hudson** as he meets the Confirmation Candidates at 11.15am for their class and then he will lead us in prayer at the Family Mass at 12.30pm

Gift Aid Boxes

For all those that have signed up to pay through the envelope scheme, please collect your box from the Sacristy.

FAMILY FUN DAY

This year we will have our Family Fun Day on 10th July after 12.30pm Mass in the School Playground/Hall. If you would like to be involved in anyway please contact Noreen in the Parish Office. We need help with setting up and running the stalls, all are welcome. Don't be Shy!

Also if you have a talent and would like to showcase this, we would love for you to join in with the entertainment programme. We are looking for musicians, singers, dancers, comedians, magicians, etc.

If you have an idea on how we can improve the event from last year, we welcome your feedback. Please get involved in anyway possible. Thank you.

CHURCH OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

The Church opens at 8am every morning and closes at 7pm in the evening. This is with the exception of **Friday afternoon when closure of the Church will take place at 4pm** to allow for the Church to be cleaned.

Ascension Sunday has been designated by the Catholic Church as **Communications Sunday** when we are asked to pray for those who work in media. Prayer cards are available at the back of the Church. If you wish to make a donation you may do so at www.catholicnews.org.uk/donate-wcd

Keep your life simple, organised and enjoyable!

If you would like your son or daughter to join our **Saturday Club** for young people with additional needs contact Maria any Saturday afternoon in the Parish House from 2pm-4pm.

The **Quex Youth Group** meets every Friday evening from 7pm-8.30pm in St Eugene's School Hall. We have a wide range of activities every week. Last week we held our Mini Olympics Night. New Members are most welcome.

Do you have an issue that you would like some **FREE Legal Advice** on? If so, please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with one of our solicitors who are here to help you.

The **Parent and Toddlers Group** meet in the Parish House every Monday from 9.15am till 11am. New members welcome to pop in.

As a parish we provide support for the **Homeless Shelter** in Cricklewood. We now staff the kitchen **4** nights a week. Many thanks to all our volunteers, young and old.

The Confirmation Candidates are taking part in a Sponsored Pilgrim walk from Tower Hill Church to Tyburn Convent on Sunday May 22nd after the 12.30pm Mass. All monies raised will go towards the Cardinal Hume Centre for Young Homeless Men and Women in London.

The **Adults**, who were received into FULL membership of the Church through the **RCIA** at Easter, are deciding what group they would like to become involved with in our community. Please pray for them.

The **Credit Union** is now up and running in our parish. We have **3** collecting times at the parish house. Our 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. Many thanks to all the volunteers who staff the office for us.

The Parish Day trip to the shrine of **Our Lady at Walsingham** is now full. For all that have booked can monies to be paid to Noreen in the Parish Office as soon as possible

Give up your old tins! Yes, that's right. We are looking to collect your **EMPTY** tins that we can use to help us with our flower arranging classes for the various groups in the Parish. Please make sure that the tins are empty and clean! Pass them into the Sacristy any time

Many thanks to the 70 people who turned up last week for the Parish Meal. A great night was had by all. Our next meal will be in June. Keep your eyes open for more details in the Quex next week.

Many thanks to the parishioners who donated food at all the masses last weekend. The food is distributed from the Parish House every day to the people who come looking for help. All donations of food are most welcome at any time, there is no need to wait until the First Sunday of the month!