

Salt & Light

We are supposed to be salt of the earth and the light of the world. Being salt is really a pretty hopeless affair. There is nothing so useless and so inedible as salt by itself. You cannot do anything with just salt. In time of famine you cannot eat it. When thirsty you cannot drink it. That would only make things worse. Salt by itself is not good. It is useless. Salt only becomes useful when it is used, when mixed with other things. Jesus did not say we are salt. He said we are the salt *of the earth*. We should be mixed up with the earth, with the reality around us. 'You are the Salt of the Earth' means that we should be prepared to be thrown onto the cooking pot of human affairs. We cannot stand in front of the pot, we have to be in the pot, mixed with the contents and giving it all a certain flavour. We should be giving it a special taste, flavour, effect to all human reality—in this world, in this life, in this city, in **Kilburn**.

Jesus calls us the light of the world. Light becomes useful when it helps us see things. You and I should brighten up our world, our area, light up possibilities, help people see themselves and others in the light of the gospel message as children of God and brothers and sisters of one another. If we live and act like this—salt of the earth and light of the world we will bring consolation to others, give them hope and comfort as they journey through life.

Corrib Rest—Community Rooms

A developer plans to convert the Corrib Rest into flats with minimal community space. The space is protected by a 106 agreement which means that the developer cannot build flats unless Brent Council allow and approve it. Your support would help save the Corrib. Please email us at savethecorrib2017@gmail.com or like us on facebook and follow us on twitter at savethecorrib.

A meeting will take place this Sunday outside the Corrib Rest 76-80 Salusbury Road at 12 noon where you will have the chance to sign a petition to save the Corrib.

Mazenod Social Club

020 7624 5517

Manager: Anna Redmond

Assistant Manager: Mags Conway

Weekly events

Monday:

Ballroom of Romance

Tuesday:

25 Card School in Lounge

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

Wed:

Pensioners Advisory Service 10 – 1pm.

Please arrive by 11am. Doors close at 12.

Friday:

Salsa Party – 1st Friday of month

Line Dancing – 2nd Friday of month

Set Dancing – last Friday of month

Hall available for hire

Weddings; Birthdays; Anniversaries; communions; christenings; Funerals and family celebrations

Music Every Saturday & Monday Night

Sat 4th February

On The Tear in Lounge from 9.30pm

Mon 6th February

**Ballroom of Romance with
Seamus Moore**

Sat 11th February

Anton & Lyn in Lounge from 9.30pm

Mon 13th February

Ballroom of Romance with The Duets

Friday 17th February

Line Dancing in Hall from 8.30pm

Saturday 18th February

The Doctors in Lounge

Sacred Heart Church

Newsletter for 5th February 2017.

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

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

WELCOME

This weekend we welcome Bishop Nicholas Hudson to the Parish. There are 214 Parishes in the Diocese, we are part of the Diocese of Westminster and the Camden Deanery. Bishop Nicholas is one of four auxiliary Bishops who with Cardinal Vincent Nichols care for the Diocese.

In our prayers we remember all those who work on behalf of the Diocese.



First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Today at 12.30pm Mass, we welcome the children who are preparing for their First Holy Communion and also the Confirmation candidates.



Please continue to pray for all the children and teenagers, their parents and Catechists and all those that are helping them prepare to receive the sacraments.

Congratulations

Today at 11am Mass, Ann Palmer our former Sacristan will be awarded with a medal and certificate in recognition of over 50 years service to our Church. Many congratulations to Ann on her dedicated, loyal service. We thank Ann for all her hard work over the years and wish her good health in the years to come.

Lourdes Novena



The Novena will continue every evening this week at 7.30pm, and will conclude after 6pm Mass on 11th February with a Torchlight Procession.

A petition box is now available at our Lady's Altar, all petitions placed in the box will be taken to Lourdes by Fr Lorcan and he will place them at the Grotto.

All donations of flowers can be placed by our Lady's statue. Thank you.

Oblate Lourdes Pilgrimage

This year the Oblates will travel on the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes from 17th—22nd September. If you would like to join the pilgrimage the price is £554 for general Pilgrims and for assisted pilgrims which are for those that will stay in the hospital in Lourdes the price is £469.00. More information can be found on the posters at the back of the Church and also on our website.

Funeral Notices

Michael Kennedy late of Mary Green, Abbey Road. Funeral Mass Monday 6th February at 12.15pm following onto West London Crematorium at 1.30pm.

Gladys Bissember. Late of Buckley Road Reception into Church on Thursday 9th February at 6pm, funeral Mass Friday 10th February at 12.15pm following onto West London Crematorium at 1.30pm

Death Announcements

Patrick Nolan, late of Broadfield, Boadhurst Gardens, funeral arrangements to be announced. John (Sean) McElvey late of Camden Town and formerly of Webheath, funeral arrangements to be announced later.

The Sacrament of Baptism

If you wish to discuss your child's baptism, please call to the Parish Office on any **Thursday morning** and speak with Sr. Lucilla.



The next preparation class will be on Monday 6th February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

The next welcome Mass for all children that will be baptised in the coming months will be on Sunday 19th February at 12.30pm

Helping the Homeless and Lonely

Our **Porch Project** now opens on Thursday from 5pm—9pm in the meeting room at the back of the Presbytery. Soup and sandwiches and company are provided to the homeless and lonely. For more information, contact James.

Lost Property

A purse was recently handed in. If this could be yours, please contact the Parish Office.

Young at Heart Club

The Club is open to all people over the age of 60. The group meet on **Wednesday at 1pm.** This week there will be Arts and Crafts in the Presbytery. Both trips to Liverpool and the House of Commons are now full.

Faith in the City

Retreat and Spirituality Centre, in the heart of the hustle and bustle of the city, this is a centre for those who seek time for reflections and prayer or just be quite. For more information please see website www.orc-london.org

Lighthouses don't go running all over an island looking for boats to save; they just stand there shining

.....Anne Lamott

Monday Morning Creche

Our Quex **Parent and Toddler Group** takes place on Monday mornings from 9am-11am in the Parish House. Please call in for a cuppa and let the babies play with the toys. For any further information please speak to Martha on Monday.

English Classes

Free classes take place every Tuesday at 10am in the Basement of 14a Quex Road. New members very welcome.

Credit Union

For more information regarding the Credit Union please speak to Pat on the Office number 020 7624 1701 on any Tuesday morning from 9am—11.30am. Information leaflets on over-budgeting are available from the back of the Church.

*“See everything,
Overlook a good deal.
Forgive much.
Correct a little” ...Pope John XXXIII's motto*

Quex Youth Club

Our Youth Group meet in the School Hall every Friday from 7pm-8.30pm. New members are welcome, please come along and speak with Mary any Friday,

Support with Mental Health Issues

The group meets on Thursday between 11am—1pm in the Presbytery.

Saturday Afternoon Club

The **Saturday Afternoon Club** for children and adults with additional needs meets at 2pm till 4pm every week in the Parish House. For more information, call in any Saturday and talk to Maria.

Upcoming Meetings

Friends of St Eugene
Tuesday 14th February at 7.15pm in the Presbytery.

Finances

The end of year accounts have been submitted to the Diocese for approval. Collection Sunday 29th January - **£2983.81.** Second collection for the building fund **£929.00.**

In 2016 **£17,500** was repaid to the Oblates. The debt now stands at **£109,479.00**

The amount collected for the crib was **£465.00** which will be sent to Catholic Children's Society. Thank you for your continued support of the Parish and Diocese.

Mary - Mother. Our Lady of Lourdes

“My Mother taught me many things. One was this: that a mother can never forget her child, even if that child is no longer in her presence and care. The bond between them endures. It is written into her heart and flesh. A mother carries the hopes of her child as her own; she feels the anguish of her child; she suffers whatever pain befalls the fruit of her womb”.

Mary is our Mother, she bears us as her children not by conceiving us in her body but by adopting us within her heart, She is our mother in all things, above all our Mother of Sorrows and our Mother of Mercy.

Have you noticed that in most statues of our Blessed Lady she is holding her Son? In fact, she is holding him out to us, showing us the blessed fruit of her womb, Jesus. It is to him that she wants to come. She brings him to us and us to him. In him we find and receive all that we need, for he is our foundation, our hope and joy.

Cardinal Nichols 1st January 2017.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The **RCIA** Group meets again this Tuesday, at 7.30pm in the Parish House.

Prayer with the Icon

Icons are religious paintings with a distinctive symbolic style and a Christian subject. They are a great aid to prayer and meditation. The experience of praying with an icon of our Lord's life and grace is a unique, contemplative and spiritual delight. Looking at and praying in the presence of an icon, we are able to whisper our deepest longings to God. All are welcome to an hour of presence and prayer with the Icon of Our Lord in the baptistry of our church at **7:30 pm on Wednesday, 15th February 2017.**