

**St Johns Hospice** are hosting an Easter Fayre on Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th March from 11am—6pm. St Johns Wood Church Gardens, NW8 7PF

Would you like to get involved in volunteering with **Caritas**, register online at [www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.caritaswestminster.org.uk/volunteer) or fill out the card at the back of the Church.

One of the **Confirmation Candidates**, Torrie, is asking for our help to raise necessary funds for her baby brother to have lifesaving surgery. Troy is just one year old. The family have to raise funds for the operation as it is not available on the NHS. The Confirmation group will be helping her by selling **Easter Eggs** in Mugs for £5 each. All proceeds will go to the cause. If you would like to order them, please do so after the 11am and 12.30pm masses next weekend or by calling the Parish Office.

**Easter Novena Cards** are available from the parish office. All names on the Novena list will be prayed for from 16th - 22nd April at every Mass.

There is a wide selection of cards and gifts for **Easter, Communion and Confirmation** available at the Repository shop at the back of the church



A gentle reminder that the clocks go forward 1 hour next Saturday night 25th March. Don't be late for Mass!

## A Thought for Lent

I shall pass through this world but once.  
Any good that I can do or kindness that I  
can show to any human being,  
Let me do it now,  
Let me not defer not neglect it,  
For I shall not pass this way again.  
*Stephen Grellet*

## Mazenod Social Club

020 7624 5517  
Manager: Anna Redmond  
Assistant Manager: Mags Conway

### Weekly events

#### Monday:

The Ballroom of Romance from 8.30pm to 11.30pm. Adult Social dancing

#### 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

Music Every Saturday & Monday Night

### St. Patricks Weekend

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
Saoirse in Lounge from 9.30pm

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
The Ballindaggin Pipe Band from Co. Wexford in Hall, followed by Slim & Ray On The Tear from 7pm - Free Admission

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Ballroom of Romance with Pat Hayes

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March  
Pat & Mustang in Lounge from 9.30pm

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Ballroom of Romance with Joe & Gerry

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April  
The Doctors in Lounge from 9.30pm

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
Ballroom of Romance with  
Eugene Doonan

# Sacred Heart Church

Newsletter for 19th March 2017.

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## The Samaritan Woman

*A Samaritan woman came to draw water and Jesus said to her,  
"Give me a drink" .....*



Who are you friends?

What makes you say that they are your friends?

You tell them things about yourself that you would not tell a stranger. You know that they will not tell others the secrets you share with them, that they will not hold against you what you tell them or hold it over your head as a threat. At the deepest level, you trust that they will remain your friends even when they know some of the less savoury aspects of your past life and character. You also trust that they will stick with you through thick and thin, through good times and tough times. And at least some of these characteristics will also be true of the relationship God wants with you.

What is the most important characteristic I look for in a friend?

Can I also find this characteristic in my friendship with God?

### Gift Aid Boxes

New boxes are available at the back of the Church after every Mass this weekend. Standing Order and gift aid forms are also available. Please speak to George or a member of the team for any further information. Thank you to all who contribute through the gift aid scheme. Please remember for every £1 donated the Government will add an additional 25p. Last year the parish received over £17,000 from the gift aid scheme. Many thanks to George for his time and dedication with gift aid administration.

### Carpenter from Nazareth seeks Joiners

Have you ever considered the call of the Carpenter from Nazareth? The Oblates of Mary Immaculate are hosting a discernment weekend in their Retreat Centre, 62 Chamber Street, Tower Hill, London on Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April for those who may wish to explore more deeply where God may be calling them.

For more information, please contact Fr John McFadden OMI at Sacred Heart Church 020 7624 1701, email [j.mcfadden@oblates.co.uk](mailto:j.mcfadden@oblates.co.uk) or speak with your local Oblate.



### Stations of the Cross

During Lent we will have stations of the Cross every Friday at **10.30am and 7pm.**

**If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!**

Saint Catherine of Siena

## Funeral Notices

**Thomas (Gus) McGrath** late of Messina Avenue. Reception into Church Monday 27th March at 6pm. Funeral Mass Tuesday 28th March at 12.15pm following onto West London Crematorium at 2.15pm.

**Nicholas Power** late of Woodside Grange Road. Funeral service to be held at St Pancras Cemetery on Friday 24th March at 10.30am

## 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 preparation class is always on the first Monday of the month with Ann & Fr. Terry. **Please note there will be No Preparation class in April.** We Welcome into the Church through the sacrament of Baptism **Marcus Antonio Dayrit**



 Please pray for the **8 adults** on our **RCIA Programme** who are discerning about joining the Catholic Church as full members this Easter.

## Thank You

We are very grateful to the staff and pupils of St Mary's School for preparing the liturgy for St Patrick's Day. Well done to the school for their hard work and for making the 12 noon Mass so memorable. St Mary's have very kindly also prepared prayer cards, these are available at the back of the Church—please take one.

## Mary a Contemporary Prophet

A retreat presented by Fr Selvam OMI and the Partners in Mission Team. Saturday 25th March from 10am –5.30pm in the Parish Hall of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Stafford Road, West Kilburn. Tea & Coffee will be provided but please bring a pack lunch. please contact Kirk Jacob on 020 624 7296 or email kirk.oblate.partners@gmail.com

## Taizé Prayer around the Cross during Lent



Taizé style prayer around the Cross begins on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the church and will continue at the same time on 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> March and 4<sup>th</sup> April. We will sing some simple chants, hear a Gospel reading and spend a short time in silence. All are welcome to join us and take the opportunity to spend some time in preparation for the Easter mystery. **'Stay with me, Remain here with me, Watch and Pray....'**

## Lenten Parish Retreat

During this time of Lent you are invited to a time of prayer, reflection and silence as we hear the words of Jesus **'Take up your cross and follow me'** This will take place in the Church on Sunday 2nd April from 2-5pm. This will be led by Bro. Michael Moore omi and Dawn Benbow from Partners in Mission.

## Parish Reconciliation Service

All are welcome to join us on Wednesday 12th April at 7pm in the Church for our Parish Reconciliation Service.

## Young at Heart Club

The **Young at Heart Club** had a great day at the Irish Centre on Friday. We will be travelling to visit Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday. We will meet outside the Cathedral at 1.30pm. The quickest way is to get the 16 Bus from the High Road and get off at Victoria

The hours of the **Credit Union** have changed. Monday from 6.30pm-8.30pm Tuesday from 9.15am-11.15am and Saturdays from 2pm-3.30pm. Have you ever considered becoming a member of the credit Union? It is a great way to save and a very cheap way to borrow. Please call in and have a chat with one of our volunteers on Tuesday mornings in the Parish House. There are letters available at the back of the church inviting you to join us.

Do you have **money worries**? Do you want an opportunity to talk to someone in confidence about these matters? If so, why not call into the Parish House on Tuesday mornings from 9.15 till noon and talk to John or Pat.

**Quex Youth Club** meets every Friday in St Eugene's School Hall. It is open to all young people of Secondary School age. We meet from 7pm till 8.30pm

Do you live with a child or a teenager with **mental health** issues? If so, why not pop into the parish house every Thursday from 11 till 1pm to our drop in centre.

Free **English classes** take place every Tuesday from 10am at 14a Quex Road.

The **Parish Crèche** will be meeting on Monday at 9.30am and walking around to Hullabaloo Play Centre on West End Lane. Please come along and join us. All welcome.

The timetable for **Holy Week** is available at the back of the church and also on the website.

There are no spaces left on the **Sign Language** course which will start after Easter. Fr. Terry will contact the members of the class with the details of the classes soon.

*The Bible teaches that every man and woman is created out of love and made in God's image and likeness (Gen 1:26).*

We are planning a **Parish Family day out** to the seaside on 23rd July. Are you interested in joining us? We will leave around 8am, arrive at Clacton, celebrate Mass, and have a picnic, with time at the seaside and the funfair. If you would like to come as a FAMILY, please contact Fr Terry. **No** children are allowed without their own parents!

Our next **Parish Dinner** will be held at the Villa Ronel Restaurant on 18th March at 7.30pm. The cost of a three course meal is £12.00. Places are limited, therefore please book early. There will also be a disco afterwards



Many thanks to all those who donate to the Heart Project.

**Collection** on Sunday 12th March **£3411.11** Thank you for your continued support of the Diocese and our Parish.

A very big thank you from **Mary's Meals** on the rags to riches collection which was held last week. The Parish managed to give 1,180kg of unwanted clothes making a total contribution of **£640.00**. The amount raised will feed 46 children who will not only get fed one good nutritious meal every school day for a whole year, they will get an education too.

The **Porch Project** is going very well. We open on Thursdays from 5.30pm till 9pm. If you know of anyone who is rough sleeping or homeless, please ask them to come along and join us any Thursday at the room at the back of the Parish House.

## Upcoming Meetings

**SVP Meeting**  
Wednesday 22nd March at 7.30pm  
in the Conference Room

**JPIC Meeting**  
Monday 27h March at 7.30pm in the Conference Room

