

*What is your picture of holiness? In your eyes, what does a Saint look like?*

Pope Francis' recent Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* ("Rejoice and be Glad") offers us his answers to these questions. He says that we should look for holiness not only in those who have been formally declared to be saints but also in the people 'next door'.

He writes 'I like to contemplate the holiness present in the patience of God's people: in those parents who raise their children with immense love, in those men and women who work hard to support their families, in the sick, in elderly religious who never lose their smile.....Very often it is a holiness found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, Reflect God's Presence.

There are copies of the book available in the Holy Shop at the back of the Church priced at £4.95.

The Sistine Chapel Choir, the Holy Father's personal choir, performs a sacred choral music concert from the repertoire they sing in the Vatican on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 8pm in Westminster Cathedral. The concert will last an hour, and is free of charge (no tickets required). Come and experience this world-famous choir singing in the beautiful setting of Westminster Cathedral. **All are welcome.**

### **Irish Referendum on the Eighth Amendment, 25 May 2018**

In their Spring Statement, the Irish Bishops wrote, "Article 40.3.3 is a declaration of equality and respect for human life. It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future. We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will "choose life" and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country."

**Be strong enough to stand alone, smart enough to know when you need help and brave enough to ask for it.**

Mazenod Social Club

020 7624 5517

Manager: Anna Redmond  
Assistant Manager: Mags Conway

### **Opening Hours**

Monday – Thursday: 5pm to Midnight

Friday: 5pm to 1:30am

Saturday: Noon to 1:30am

Sunday: Noon to 10pm

**Weekly Events:**

**Mon: Ballroom of Romance - Adult Social Dancing**

**Tues: 25 Card School in Lounge/Salsa in Hall**

**Wed: Pensioner Advice Service in hall from 10am**

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> May

McGinty in Lounge from 9:30pm

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May

**Kilta Tones**

from Middleton, Co. Cork

**They love to sing and have entertained people for many years all over Cork and further afield. They take their music seriously but love to have the craic too! Visiting London this weekend. Why not pop in for a sing-a-long. From 5pm. Free admission.**

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May

**Ballroom of Romance with Slim Attraction from 8:30pm**

Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May

**Finbarr Black in Lounge from 9:30pm**

&

**London North West Celtic Supporters end of season Party in Hall. From 8pm Music by Saoirse**

**Tickets: £5**

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Ballroom of Romance with The Duets**



# Sacred Heart Church

Newsletter for 13th May 2018

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### Oblate Vocations



The novena for Oblate Vocations will take place from Monday 21st May—Tuesday 29th May. Please remember to pray for Vocations for Priests and Brothers For information on Oblate Vocations, please contact Fr John McFadden OMI at [j.mcfadden@oblates.com](mailto:j.mcfadden@oblates.com) or visit the website [www.oblatevocations.com](http://www.oblatevocations.com)

**+++Feast Days—St Eugene de Mazenod 21st May. Blessed Joseph Gerard 29th May+++**

***Loving God, you called St Eugene to send forth missionaries to proclaim and live the Gospel among the poor. Increase our love, we pray, for those who are most abandoned. Extend your loving call to many young people in our Community, and grant them the desire to give of themselves. Their lives and talents to the service of Jesus Christ and the Church.***

***May our young people answer your call as missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate to serve those who are in need. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

### Pentecost Sunday

On Sunday 20th May we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday the birthday of the Church, all Parishioners are invited to wear something Red to Mass.

### Talk on Pope Francis and World Peace

All are welcome to attend a talk led Fr Frank Morrissey OMI in the Community Centre on Thursday 24th May from 7.30pm.



This weekend we congratulate the **67 children** who made their first communion. We thank their families for supporting them on their faith journey and we thank the team of Catechists who helped them too. Our Parish celebration will be on Sunday June 10th at 11am when they will join us for their final class followed by the Family Mass at 12.30pm, their communion party will be in the school hall afterwards.

Could all **Readers** please check that the lectionary is open at the appropriate page BEFORE Mass starts.

We are looking to recruit more Readers for the family Mass at 12.30pm If you would like to join our team please speak with Marcia and we will organise training and get you on the rota.

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Darkness to Light walk in aid of Pieta House on Saturday morning to raise funds to support those who are struggling with life and contemplating suicide. Well done to Fr Michael & Fr Terry for also taking part in the walk.

All children must be accompanied by a Parent or Guardian when using the toilet during Mass.

### Funeral and Death Notices

**Christine Guerin** late of Dollis Hill Avenue. Funeral Mass Monday 14th May at 12.15pm, following onto Paddington Old Cemetery for 1.30pm. Please also pray for **Patrick McKeivitt, Josephine Niland and David Benjamin** recently deceased.

The family of the late **Thomas Moylan** thank all those who attended his funeral and sent Mass cards and supported Anna in so many ways. The holy sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions on Tuesday 22nd May at 12.15pm.



If you have a **child that you would like to be baptised** in the coming months, please call to the Parish Office any Thursday morning between 9am and 12 noon and meet with Sr. Lucilla. The next preparation meeting for parents preparing for Baptism will be held this Monday, **May 14th at 9.30am** in the Parish House. At the 12.30pm Mass on Sunday 20th May we have the first part of the Baptism Ritual where they will be presented to the Community. Congratulations to **Mary Theresa McInerney** who was baptised this week. Please pray for her as she is waiting to have an operation.

Good luck to the **Confirmation candidates and the Team of Catechists** who will be taking part in their sponsored walk today after 12.30pm Mass to raise funds for a mission station in Turkana in Kenya where they hope to support a young person to go to school for a year. This is a fabulous cause that they are supporting. Well done to you all, we are very proud of you!

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Friday 8th June at 7pm**



If you would like to join the **Oblates** on their annual Pilgrimage to **Lourdes**, from 17th—22nd September at a cost of £554.00 which includes flights, airport transfer and full board in a four star hotel, please see our website at [omiquex.org](http://omiquex.org) or call the Parish Office on 0207 624 1701

### Oblate Summer Retreat in Crewe

Would you like to join us for a retreat with a difference in our retreat house at Crewe? It is being led by Fr Lorcan from Saturday July 28th at 10.30am until Monday 30th July at 2pm. For more details please contact Kirk on 0207 624 7296 Or email him at [kirk.oblate.partners@gmail.com](mailto:kirk.oblate.partners@gmail.com)



Our Young at Heart Club is **OPEN** to new members, even though we now have **86** members already! We meet every Wednesday in the Marian Centre, at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Stafford Road from 12.30pm till 3.30pm. This week we have the pleasure of the company of Paula & James as they help us design hanging baskets. **Admission is only £1**

For all the members who are travelling to **Malta** in October, a **non-refundable** deposit of **£50** will need to be paid this Wednesday. Thank you.

Today at all Masses a **second** collection will be taken up at all Masses for the **Priests Training Fund**. A second collection will also be held on Sunday 27th May for our **Building Fund**.

Our Parent and Toddler group meet every Monday in the Parish House from 9.15am until 11am. Please feel free to call in.

Why not come along and join the **Credit Union** here at our Church? We meet on **Monday from 6.30pm-8pm and Tuesday from 9.15am-11am**

**Free English Classes** take place every Tuesday morning at 14a Quex Road from 10am—12noon. New members welcome.

Sr. Noella is running a class in **crochet** every Tuesday from 2.30pm till 4pm in the Parish House. New members welcome.

Every Thursday morning from 9.30am—10.30am we have a support group for parents who have **children with learning disabilities, additional needs or a mental illness**. Please feel free to come along to the Parish House and speak with other parents who are faced with similar challenges. Call in and have a chat with Jo.

The **Friday Night Youth Club** for pupils in Year 6 and 1st year of Secondary School takes place at 6pm in the Parish House. The **Senior Youth Club** meet at 7pm on Saturday evenings in the Parish House.

Our club for young people with **additional needs** is held on Saturday afternoons from 2pm—4pm in the Parish House

We wish all those students in our community all the very best in the weeks ahead as they sit their **state exams**. May they put onto paper all that they have learned in their studies. Good luck to all pupils in Year 6 who are about to sit their SAT exams next week.

Everything comes to you at the right time. **Be Patient!**

Fr Terry will soon be setting up a support group for Traveller Women. Please keep any eye on the bulletin for more information.

The next **SVP** (Saint Vincent De Paul) meeting will held on Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. The SVP are seeking new members, if you would like to get involved or help in anyway, please come along to the meeting.

### Welfare Support at Sacred Heart

We are delighted to welcome **Denise Kidd** to our community. She will be working from our Church as an **Advice and Outreach Worker** from the London Irish Centre. She may be able to assist you with information on the following:

**Applying for National Insurance Number**

**Opening a bank account**

**Housing & benefit advice**

**Returning to Ireland**

**Moving to London**

**Obtaining Irish birth cert and passports**

**Accessing health and care services**

**Referring and signposting to further services**

**Irish & UK pension advice**

Please feel free to call: **0207 916 2222**

or email: [denisekidd@londonirishcentre.org](mailto:denisekidd@londonirishcentre.org)

All are welcome to join Brother Michael Moore OMI for a prayerful **creation walk** on Sunday **27th May**. Leaving from outside the Church at 2pm and walking to Paddington Recreation Park.



Many thanks to **Evaline and Amourel McCooke-Flanagan and JoJo Starks** and their families for the recent cake sale in aid of the Porch Project. They raised the fantastic sum of **£165**

Are you interested in a **6 week** course in **basic electronics** in conjunction with **Kingsgate Community Centre**? If you would like to know how to wire a plug, repair a radio and many more skills, please speak with **Fr Terry** asap