

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**.

Milford Hospice Event

The amount raised was £3085. Thanks to the staff and all who contributed to this event.

Thank you from Sr. Gertrude

*Today I received a letter of the Sacred Heart Parish in Kilburn informing me of your most generous response to my mission appeal on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. I have forwarded the cheque to the Sisters' Mission Committee where the money – together with the proceeds of other appeals - will be shared among 12 different congregations to support their work. Apart from receiving your very generous donation, I also want to thank you for allowing me to be briefly part of your parish life and get a sense of the deep faith and devotion alive among you and witness the community spirit and welcome you extend to people of different backgrounds! I have enjoyed the singing and praying together with you in all the masses which was an uplifting experience. I want to thank each and everyone of you for your support and for being companions and partners in our common call to follow Christ and witness to God's love alive among you. I shall continue to treasure my time spent in your parish and pray for God's protection for each of you. With sincere gratitude and prayers of blessings.
Sr. Gertrud Dederichs. Medical Mission Sisters*

Mazenod Social Club

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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 19th 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 21st May

Ballroom of Romance with The Duets

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Sat 26th May

Billy Heneghan in lounge

from 9:30pm

Sun 27th May

Saoirse in Lounge from 8pm

Mon 28th May

Ballroom of Romance with Glen Flynn

Sacred Heart Church

Newsletter for 20th 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 or visit the website 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.

On Monday 21st May, we celebrate the Feast of St Eugene, the founder of The Oblates of Mary Immaculate. A school Mass will be held at 11am. All parents are welcome to attend.

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. Fr Frank is a world renowned Canon lawyer.

Congratulations to the **67 children** who made their first communion last weekend. 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. Photos can be viewed through this link karolinawebb.com/v/photos/1218shearts

A second collection will be taken up on Sunday 27th May for our **Building Fund**. Thank you for your generosity last weekend £1226.00 was donated for the Priests Training Fund.

All are welcome to join us in the Community Centre after 9am Mass for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat with our Priests and other Parishioners.

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

Funeral and Death Notices

David Nathaniel Benjamin late of Tennyson Road. Reception into Church on Thursday 31st May at 5pm. Funeral Mass Friday 1st June at 12.15pm, following onto Paddington Old Cemetery for 1.45pm.

Please pray for **Bridget Ann Taylor-Curley** who recently died in a tragic accident.

The Family of the late **Con O'Shea** express their gratitude for the donations totalling £1100.00 which was collected at his funeral. This will be split between the British Heart Foundation and the Stroke Association. Mass has been offered for you all on Sunday 3rd June at 12.30pm

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. At the 12.30pm Mass today we have the first part of the Baptism Ritual where the children will be presented to the Community. We welcome into the Church through the sacrament of baptism **Laith Charlick-Delgado**.

The next Parents meeting will be on Monday 4th June at 9.30am in the Parish House.

Congratulations to the confirmation candidates and catechists who took part in a sponsored walk last Sunday. A fantastic amount of £2,500 was raised to support school children in Kenya. Please pray for them during these days.

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.uk or call the Parish Office on 0207 624 1701 or email parish@omiquex.org.uk

Would you like to join the Oblates for a retreat on Building Bridges in Crewe led by Fr Lorcan O'Reilly 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

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**. There was a fabulous royal wedding party held last week and there are 50 travelling to Malta in October.

Congratulations and best wishes to **Prince Harry & Meghan Markle** on the happy occasion of their wedding.

Keep love in your heart. A life without it is like a sunless garden when the flowers are dead.....Oscar Wilde

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

The 10 week electronics course starts on Monday at 9.45am—12 noon in the Parish House. Spaces are limited, if you would like to join please contact the Parish Office as soon as



The next Parish Night out will be on Saturday 23rd June, cost £20 per head. For a 3 course meal and entertainment If you would like to attend, please let Fr Terry know.

A support group for Traveller Women will be held with Fr Terry on Tuesday 22nd May at 3pm in the Presbytery.

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 Recre-



Family Fun Day

This year our annual fundraising event will take place on Sunday 1st July between 11am—4pm. There will be entertainment, BBQ, international food and lots of stalls and activities for all the family.

We would like any donations of raffle prizes and bottles for the tombola stall. Maybe you might have some unwanted gifts that you don't need—if so why not donate them.

We would also like to receive donations of cakes on the day, these can be bought or hand baked. If you would like to help in anyway, please let the Parish Office know.

We appreciate any donations of food which can be stored over a period of time and also donations of toiletries. Each day we can have up to 20 people calling to the door for help and the items on our shelves are running low. Please take a sticker from the heart and place any items in the basket by the Altar. Thank you for always thinking of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Convent of Jesus and Mary School (CJM) are delighted to launch the new after school club to children in Years 4 and 5. This exciting new venture enables children, both boys and girls, to sign up to a series of **free** after school sessions in one of the following areas. Science Master Class, Cooking & Nutrition, Basketball, Film making, Drama and Music. These will run at the Convent in Harlesden on Thursday each week commencing on 7th June 2018 and finishing on 5th July 2018 from 4pm-5.30pm.