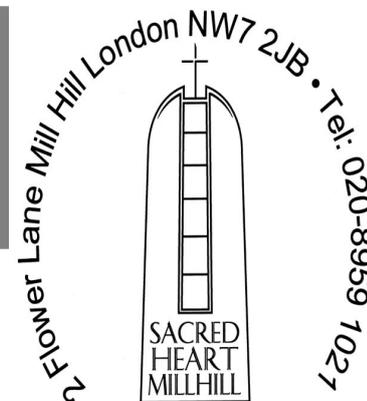


Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Lent

4th March 2018



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Sunday Masses:

Sacred Heart Church:

Saturday: 6.00 pm *Vigil Mass*

Sunday: 8.30 am

10.00 am

11.30 am

6.00 pm

Weekday Masses

10.00 am Mon – Sat

& 7.30 pm on Monday only

and on the First Friday

Morning Prayer of the Church

9.30 am Mon - Fri

Rosary 9.40 am Mon - Sat

Holy Day Masses

10 am, 12.15 & 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sat: 10.30 - 11.30 am and 5pm- 5.45pm

Adoration and Novena of the Miraculous Medal and Sacred Heart

Monday after 7.30pm Mass — 8.15 - 9pm

Wednesday & Thursday: 10.30—12.00 noon

Fr Ray's Notes

The Church

As Catholics very Sunday we come to the church of the Sacred Heart and Mary Immaculate to attend Mass. As Blessed Pope Paul VI has said “ Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the living Heart of every parish.” On entering the church we see the Tabernacle with the sanctuary lamp beside it burning 24/7. As an act of deep faith we genuflect to Our Lord Christ really truly and substantially present. Often this is too difficult because of illness or age we can substitute with a bow of the head and shoulders. We know that God loves each of us and is very pleased that we have come to Mass. The sacrifice of the Mass is truly life-giving and gives us help and protection for the week ahead. We know that the Son of God who came to live among us has not left us alone.

The Mass

The Mass is the prayer of prayers because it is the perfect prayer of Our Lord offered to God our Father. The Mass creates and defines the Catholic community. We must never forget the profound truth and beauty of what is happening. The cure of Ars, St John Vianney said "If we really understood the Mass. We would die of joy." At every Mass the bread and wine are changed into the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ, through the power of the holy Spirit. This is the miracle of transubstantiation whereby the bread and wine are fundamentally changed. We are invited to join with the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the Cross for our salvation. We join our weak distracted prayers to the prayer of Our Lord who presents them to God our Father. It is the perfect act of worship and the source of our Christian life.

Holy Communion

We believe that Jesus Christ true God and true man is present in Holy Communion under the appearance of bread and wine. This is not just a sign or symbol as some heretics claim. We meet the whole Christ, body, blood, soul and divinity. The Eucharist is the perfect food for our souls which seek nourishment. Our Lord appeared to St Thomas and the Apostles on Low Sunday and said “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” We should join in the priest’s prayer before Holy Communion. “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit, through your death give life to the world, free me by this, your most holy Body and Blood from all my sins and from every evil; keep me always faithful to your commandments, and never let me be parted from you.”

The Blessed Sacrament

Because of the real presence of Our Lord in the Tabernacle our church is a sacred space. It has an atmosphere of holiness. Parishioners should respect this by praying silently and avoiding loud talk. **This atmosphere is difficult to create but easy to destroy.** When St John Vianney was asked what he was doing in the back seat of his Church he replied, “Our Lord looks at me and I look at Him.”

Fr Ray Armstrong

Liturgical Calendar

Sun 4th Mar 3rd Sun of Lent

8.30 Anthony & Verodiana
Fernandes (RIP)
10.00 Ollie Cunny (Rec Dec)
11.30 For the People of the Parish
6pm Timothy Landers (Anniv)

Mon 5th Mar Lent feria

10.00 Jorge Cuerrero (Anniv)
7.30 pm Patrick Collins (Anniv)

Tue 6th Mar Lent feria

10.00 Bridie O’Shea (RIP)

Wed 7th Mar Lent feria

10.00 Miroslav Givkovic (Anniv)

Thurs 8th Mar Lent feria

10.00 Michael O’Halloran (Rec Dec)

Fri 9th Mar Lent feria

10.00 Bridie O’Shea (Rec Dec)

Sat 10th Mar A Day With Mary

See separate details of the day

Message from Fr Stephen Monaghan

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the parishioners of Mill Hill for their very warm welcome, wonderful hospitality and extraordinary generosity during my recent visit after which, I felt very affirmed in the work I am doing and very energised about going back to Ethiopia. The kindness of the parishioners resulted in donations for the school amounting to £3,140! I have never done an appeal for the school before so, to receive such a sum, is way beyond anything I might have imagined.

A contribution from the parishioners is enough to pay all of the salaries of all of the Staff, teachers, secretary, cleaner, security for three months, or the cost of paying the house rent for the 25 Deaf children who come from the rural areas around Ambo, for one full year. The cost of inviting 100 Deaf Children from the Rural areas to visit the school once a month for 6 months.... (Bus fare for the child and their parent, cost of refreshments during the visit, a small amount of money to buy a meal in the town before going home, the cost of paying the social affairs offices who arrange and accompany, admin i.e printing off sign language leaflets and so on) So I think you will agree that such a contribution goes a long way in the context of running a school for these special children.

With regards to the Child Sponsorship that a number of parishioner kindly came forward to offer supporting the children the details of how to do this will be published later.

Thank you
Fr Stephen CM

Message from Fr Michael

Vincentian Lay Missionaries (MISEVI: Misioneros Laicos Vicentinos)

Eighty members of the Vincentian Lay Missionaries, founded in Spain twenty years ago, the newest member of the world-wide Vincentian family held their General Assembly in Salamanca last weekend where they elected a new Lay Council and adapted their Constitutions for the next four years.

Many of these missionaries have worked as single people or as families on overseas and home missions varying in time, from one month to many years. It is a new vision of the church in mission, each exercising his or her Baptismal calling. Our Lebanese missionaries spoke of their anguish while working among the two million Syrian refugees in their country. They also spoke of the Daughters of Charity working in hospitals in town and cities of the war-torn country of Syria.

Our parish Missionaries

Our parish of the Sacred Heart has quite a few people who earlier in life were lay missionaries or indeed have members of their families on humanitarian and spiritual missions today. We also have parishioners who have initiated or support missions including our apostolic and religious organizations within the parish.

An Invitation

Already we have had three enquiries of people who would like to volunteer on our overseas missions in response to Fr. Stephen Monaghan's presentation last weekend.

Further information can be had by visiting

www.vlm.ie or www.famvin.org

Michael McCullagh c.m.



A DAY WITH MARY

Saturday 10th March 2018

Our Lady to Lucia, 13 June 1917:
*"Jesus wishes to establish in
the world devotion to my
Immaculate Heart"*

9.15am Video Presentation on Fatima in church hall

10.30am Entry Procession of Our Lady. Angelus. Crowning. Sung Litany

11.00 am Mass in honour of Our Lady. Celebrant & Preacher: Fr Michael McCullagh CM

The Five Joyful Mysteries

12.45pm Lunch break (*Please bring packed lunch*)

1.45pm Exposition and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament

Sermon on Our Lady by Fr Bijoy Chandra Nayak CMF

The Five Luminous Mysteries

Silent Adoration. Meditations on the Passion of Our Lord

3.30pm Tea break

4.15pm Sermon on Our Lady by Fr John Mary Ahimibiswe SMM

The Five Glorious Mysteries.

Act of Consecration.

Benediction

Enrolment in the Brown Scapular and Conferment of the Miraculous Medal

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**During the day : Confession and Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament**

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| <b>Clergy and Parish Office</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Adoration and Prayer<br/>Sundays of Lent<br/>4pm Provincial House</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Our prayers are requested for the<br/>sick and housebound</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Tuesday 10.30 -11.30 Fr Michael and Melanie are available in the Bethany Room. 1pm - Parish Office Closed<br>4pm - 7pm - Fr Michael available in the Presbytery.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | The Daughters of Charity invite you to pray with them during adoration on each Sunday of Lent. It includes adoration and evening prayer of the Church. It ends at 5pm with tea and refreshments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Rita O'Brien            Julie Lambert<br>Betty Allen                Maria Darico<br>Iris Moore                 Raymond Traynor<br>George Pucillo            Bobby O'Mahony<br>Claire O'Connor        Alan van denLoo<br>Monsignor Charles Vella<br>Alfred and Trixie Bartley                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Mothers Prayers</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Stations of the Cross</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Baptism Course</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Mothers Prayer Group each Monday at 2.15pm– 2.45pm in the Bethany Room All welcome. Crèche facilities available.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent after 10am Mass. On <b>Wednesday 14th March</b> there will be <b>no Adoration</b> as the Stations of the cross will be read by <b>Sister Avril</b> , please note <b>this in your diary</b> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | The next Baptism course is on <b>Tuesday 3rd April at 8pm</b> in the Bethany Room and <b>Tuesday 10th April at 8pm</b> in church Attendance by Parents at this course is a Diocesan requirement for the first two children or if there is an interval of 5 or more years between the children's birth.                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Coffee in the Bethany</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Training for New Eucharist Ministers</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Children's Homework Club</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Coffee available after all masses each Sunday. All welcome.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Training for new Eucharistic Ministers <b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm</b> . Contact Parish Office if you would like to put your name forward.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Thank you to those who volunteered to help support the new <b>Drop In Homework Club</b> for parish children. If you would like to be included as a volunteer helper or would like to know more please contact Christina on <b>07717 857 140</b> or <b>0208 343 7331</b> christina.goldie@sky.com <b>All Safe Guarding regulations will be followed.</b>                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>200 Club</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Scrutinies</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>Pilgrim Statue Of Our Lady</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| The Knights of St Columba will be renewing the <b>200 Club</b> over the next two weekends. Subscription of <b>£20</b> will cover the next 12 monthly draws held on the last Sunday of each month with prize money. With 200 parishioners signing up the money raised will provide <b>£2000</b> over the year in prize money and <b>£2000</b> towards heating the church. Please see any member of the KSC in the Narthex after each mass. The money raised will go to the heating costs in the church. Thank you | On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday in Lent we celebrate the Scrutinies. A Scrutiny is when we reflect on the gospels on these particular Sundays—the Samaritan woman at the well, the raising of Lazarus and the cure of the man born blind (all found in the gospel according to John). The idea is that we and the elect respond to what God is asking of us during Lent and in our lives. The elect are those four parishioners who are preparing to be baptised, receive Holy Communion and be confirmed on the Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil.    | It will commence around the parish in May. The Rota is in the Narthex until 25th March. Please write your name, address including post code and contact details. <b>Contact Jean before 9pm on 0208 959 7584 or 07706 632 661</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Mass in Thanksgiving for Matrimony Westminster Cathedral Saturday 19th May at 3pm</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Sacred Heart Afternoon Club</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>SERVING THE PARISH IN THE SPIRIT OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL</b><br><br><i>Fr Michael McCullagh C.M.</i><br><br><i>Fr Noel Travers CM</i><br><br><i>Fr Eamon Raftery CM</i><br><br><i>Fr Ray Armstrong C.M</i><br><i>(Chaplain to Provincial House</i><br><br><i>Daughters of Charity of SVP)</i><br><br><b>Parish Administrator</b><br><i>Melanie Gibbons</i><br><br><i>melanie_millhill@hotmail.co.uk</i><br><br><b>Parish Safeguarding</b><br><br><b>Representative contact at</b><br><br><b>0208 959 1021</b> |
| The Cardinal will be inviting to this Mass all couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their <b>5th, 10th, 25th 30th, 40th 50th and 60th (and every year over 60)</b> wedding anniversary of Catholic marriage in 2018. Please give the Parish Office the following details by 16th March - husband and wife's names, wedding date, full postal address and email or contact number if no email.                                                                                                              | Please note in your diary the speakers for the following <b>Sacred Heart Afternoon Club held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 2pm:</b><br><b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b> - Fr. Steven Young Working in the Royal Household<br><b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Sr. Martina Further ideas on Mindfulness<br><b>21<sup>st</sup> May</b> – Steve Wax Neurotics and light exercise This is exercises for memory plus body<br><b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b><br>To be arranged<br><b>16<sup>th</sup> July</b><br>Highlights of a trip to India by a parishioner |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Foodbank</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | This week end is Foodbank and are appealing for Tinned fish e.g. tuna, sardines, salmon. Tinned meat e.g. corned beef, hot dogs, ham. Dried rice and Long life milk. <b>Other food items needed are:</b> Cereals e.g. crunchy nut, Weetabix, Oats Noodles; Hot chocolate; Coffee, Tinned fruit; Tinned Rice Pudding vegetables Cooking oil.                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p style="text-align: center;"> <b>Sunday Collection for</b><br/> <b>25th February 2018</b><br/> <b>totalled £1,857.78</b><br/> <b>Thank you for your generosity</b> </p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Notices for Bulletin please email: melanie_millhill@hotmail.co.uk</b><br><b>Contact number 0208 959 1021</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |