

**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

## Parish Newsletter

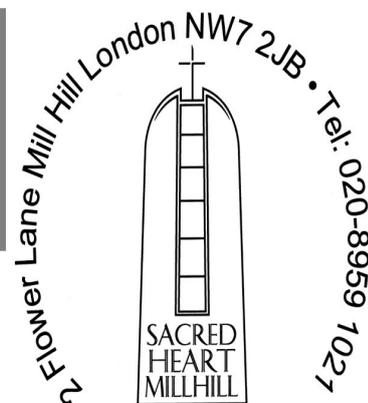
### 3rd Sunday of Easter

### Sunday 5th May 2019

**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  
**Saturday:** 10.30 - 11.30 am  
 and every **3rd Sunday** after 6pm Mass



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## Sunday Notes—Signs Of Holiness

### Paragraph 110

Within the framework of Holiness offered by the Beatitudes (Matthew 25:31-46) I would like to mention a few signs or spiritual attitudes that, in my opinion, are necessary if we are to understand the way of life to which the Lord calls us.

I will not pause to explain the means of sanctification already know to us: the various methods of prayer, and the inestimable sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation; the offering of personal sacrifices, different forms of devotion, spiritual direction, and many others as well. Here I will speak of certain aspect of the call to Holiness that I hope will prove especially meaningful.

### Paragraph 111

The signs I wish to highlight are not the sum total of a model of Holiness but are five expressions of love for God and neighbour that I consider of particular importance in the light of certain dangers and limitations present in today's culture. There we see a sense of anxiety sometimes violent, that distracts and debilitates; negativity and sullenness; the self-content bred by consumerism and individualism and all those forms of spirituality having nothing to do with God— that dominate the current religious market place.

Signs of holiness in today's world;

1. Perseverance, patience and meekness
2. Joy and sense of humour
3. Boldness and passion
4. In community
5. In constant prayer

N.B. We will consider each of these signs of Holiness in the coming weeks.

*Fr Ray Armstrong CM*

### Liturgical Calendar

**Sun 5 May 3rd Sunday of Easter**  
 8:30 Fr Eamon Raftery (RIP)  
**10:00 First Holy Communion**  
 11:30 Dorothy O'Hoy (Anniv)  
 6pm Raymond Travers (RIP)

**Mon 6 May Easter feria**  
 10:00 Christopher Williams  
 (Birthday Remembrance)

**NO EVENING MASS**

**Tues 7 May Easter feria**  
 10:00 Eslinda & Albert Menezes (RIP)

**12.15 Funeral Mass**  
**John Canavan RIP**

**Wed 8 May Easter feria**  
 10:00 Michael Woods (Anniv)

**Thurs 9 May Easter feria**  
 10:00 Josephine Nwaokolo (Anniv)

**Fri 10 May Easter feria**  
 10:00 James & Eileen Fraher  
 (Anniv)

**Sat 11 May Easter feria**  
 10:00 Donald Halstead (Rec Dec)  
**6:00 First Communion Mass**

## Bits and Pieces

### Holy Week 2019 - A Time of Great Blessings

#### Our New Calvary Shrine

On Palm Sunday it was an extra joy to process around the perimeter of the church singing our Hosannas, now that the outdoor Calvary shrine has been paved in granite tiles.

#### The Easter Triduum – Those three days of keeping watch and praying

The Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and culminating with a wonderfully expressive Easter Vigil helped to remove the cloud's veil which often surrounds us, and revealed to us the beauty of the Light of Christ coming into our world. This was repeated in our Easter Sunday Liturgies. Again, sincere thanks to all who prepared for this Triduum and all who took part.

#### “They think it's all over” – not quite!

It would be a great pity to bask in the glories of Easter day and not complete the journey to Pentecost. So, in these days we see the church growing in the Acts of the Apostles as the increasing numbers of believers is given at various times.

#### Sri Lanka

Marshall McLuhan, as far back as 1964, spoke of the world as a 'global village'.

At that time, he could see, how, through Mass communication systems, our world was becoming one community, and, how a global culture was shrinking and expanding at the same time.

His were prophetic words which are more real today, fifty-five years later. One of the effects of this is that the joys and sorrows of our sisters and brothers world-wide become immediately our joys and sorrows. (Indeed, we have here, echoes of the poet, John Donne, in his poem,

#### *No Man(sic) is an Island*

*No man is an island,*

*Entire of itself,*

*Every man is a piece of the continent,*

*A part of the main.*

In this context our thoughts and prayers have been with the Sinhalese-speaking Catholics of the western coast of Sri Lanka, and with the Protestant worshipping community in Batticaloa on the Eastern side, since Easter Sunday, and especially with the many parishioners of this parish, who have been directly or indirectly affected by the tragic deaths and injuries of relatives and fellow country people.

#### Mike and Ros Landers

Next weekend we sadly bid adieu to Mike and Ros Landers who have been at the heart of our music ministry here in Sacred Heart over the last fifteen years. Those who attend the 6 p.m. Sunday Mass, the Easter vigil, Penitential services and other sacramental occasions will have been enriched by the creative and contemplative music, much of it their own compositions.

They move to Oban in Scotland shortly and while we will miss them, as they leave a great void in our liturgical lives, I am personally pleased for the next parish which will welcome and host them. On behalf of all our priests, past and present, and you, our parishioners, I wish Mike and Ros every blessing on their lives and ministry into the future, and offer them a deep debt of gratitude for all they have given to the parish.

## **Our Micah Community**

The Micah community (From the Prophet Micah: 6:8 – *‘this is what Yahweh asks of you, to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with your God’*) is a group of young adults, twenty-something, thirty-something – give or take a little VAT! – who have been meeting regularly in the presbytery over the last year and a half. As the scripture says, they are concerned with justice, with caring for each other, and with growing in prayer. Each Sunday they engage in Lectio Divina, sacred reading of the scriptures for the following Sunday, and applying it to their daily lives.

## **Meditation**

In the next few weeks Micah are hosting sessions on Christian meditation – see elsewhere in the Newsletter for further information.

## **Tolle Lege – Take up and read**

These are the words St. Augustine heard in his heart – an invitation to take up the word of God and savour it. There is a great move today to eat what is good for us, to take exercise and yet, people are less discerning when it comes to the diet of the heart – what we read will shape our thinking, our attitudes and our actions. To this end we have parishioners who are eagerly waiting the opportunity to provide us with a rich diet of spiritual reading which they will make freely available to our parishioners. These books, together with a collection of spiritual classics from our late Fr. Eamon’s personal library will also be made available once we find a suitable place to display and store them in our church. **Kindly let us know if you are interested in this project and if you have spiritual books you wish to donate.**

***An Ordination - “Every high priest is chosen from among people and appointed on their behalf in their relations with God.” (Hebrews, 5:1).***

What a blessing the Ordination of Fr. Chinedu Enuh c.m. will be for us on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup> here in our church at 12.00 noon, followed by his first Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 noon. We thank you, our parishioners for nurturing the faith and vocation of Chinedu, and indeed of John Ashu presently doing his spiritual year in Italy. This is a blessing from God for all of us and indeed for our Vincentian community – it is a day we have longed for, since this is our first priestly ordination in the Anglo-Irish Province of the Vincentians since 1991. Kindly keep both Chinedu and John in your prayers and continue to pray the Lord of the harvest to continue to send labourers into his harvest.

Pray for vocations, nurture vocations within the community and encourage those around you to consider seriously this wonderful calling to the ministerial priesthood.

***Fr Michael***

## Congratulations and Blessings

Our community of faith congratulate all the Children of our Parish who are receiving their **First Holy Communion**  
**Sunday 5th May at 10am Mass**  
**Saturday 11th at 6pm Mass**

## Bethany Connect Support

Bethany Connect Family Support Group meet on **Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm**. Supporting families in prayer and relationships.

## St James Leading Edge School

**Year 7 entry September 2020 – Open Evening Wednesday 2 October 2019**  
The expansion programme at St James' Catholic High School is due for completion this coming September, allowing the school to take on two extra forms of entry in Year 7. This means that we have an extra 60 places for Catholic children currently in Year 5 at primary school.

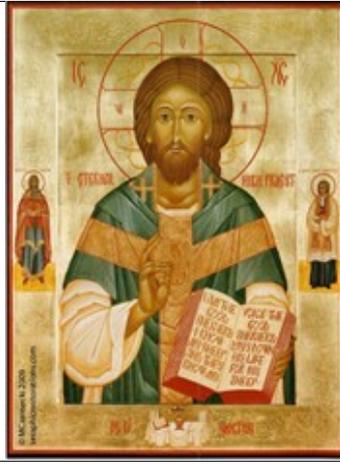
St James' Catholic High School has recently been recognised nationally for its excellent results in 2018 and found to be among the best performing secondary schools in the country, receiving two awards. The school will be presented with their award during the summer term at a ceremony attended by winners from across the region. These excellent outcomes mean that St James' is now designated an SSAT Leading Edge school, enabling teachers and students to benefit from links with a network of outstanding schools. Your child will benefit from an outstanding Catholic education in a school where new facilities include a brand new Sixth Form area, 4G floodlit football pitch, excellent sports, art and drama facilities and new masterclass and learning resource areas.

## Car Park Renewal

**During the Month Of May the car park permit cards are to renewed during office hours and on Saturday 25th May between 10.30—12 noon and 2pm-3pm**  
**You must bring your card with you to be renewed.**  
**All cards must be renewed by Friday 31st May. The fee is £50.**

Sunday Collection for  
28th April 2019  
£1,796.22

*Thank you for your offering*



## Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood at Sacred Heart

*of*

**Rev Chinedu Enuh CM**

*On*

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon**  
**Organised and Reception by the PPC**

## First Mass

*on*

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 12 noon**  
**Organised and Reception by Nigerian Community**

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

*at*

**Sacred Heart and Mary Immaculate Parish**

All Welcome

**On Saturday 15th June there is no 10am or 6pm Mass.**

**On Sunday 16th June Mass is at 8.30am, 10am and 12 noon.**

**There is no parking available on Saturday 15th or Sunday 16th.**

## Our prayers are requested for the sick and housebound

Rita O'Brien Betty Allen  
Maria Darico Mary Raye  
Iris Moore Ulla Gemen  
Allan Van Der Loo  
Raymond Treanor Pauline O'Mahony

**In your prayers please remember**

**John Canavan**

**Funeral Mass**  
**Tuesday 7th May 2019**  
**at 12.15 noon**

*May he rest in peace*

## Baptism

The next Baptism Course is on **28th May at 8pm and 4th June** in the Bethany Room.

Attendance by parents at this course is a Diocesan requirement for the first two children or if there is an interval of five or more years between the children's birth.

## Mothers Prayer Group

The Mother's Prayer Group and Faith Book Club meet each Friday in the Church after mass.

## Bereavement Group

Please note the next meeting in the Bethany Room is on **Monday 13th May at 7pm—9pm**

## SERVING THE PARISH IN THE SPIRIT OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

*Fr Michael McCullagh CM.*

*Fr Noel Travers CM*

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*(Chaplain to Provincial House Daughters of Charity of SVP)*

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