



Newsletter 7 Jan. 2018

Epiphany

FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Thought for the Week. When someone asked her how we should pray to Mary, Marthe Robin replied: 'You have to talk to her as a child talks to its mother.' It's nothing more complicated than that! 'You have to ask her for everything,' Marthe said, 'to be daring in everything, because she is all-



powerful. We ask everything from mothers who can't do everything, even if they would like to. But with

Mary our Mother, let's be daring, let's not be afraid of asking anything.' Sophie Guex, quoting Ven. Marthe Robin.

A big thank you to all who made our **Christmas celebration** very special this year. The Crib and flowers were especially beautiful, and the music was enchanting. Many thanks to our sacristans, readers, eucharistic ministers and altar servers. Thank you, too, from Fr. Keith, for all the very kind gifts he received: you are most generous. A very Happy New Year to you all and those you love.

Our new **parish website** is up and running: www.humilitas.org We are currently updating it and adding material. Please let us know your views on the website and anything you wish to see there.

We welcome **Fr Sergio della Maggiora** from Chile who will be staying with us till the end of January to

improve his English. He will be celebrating some of the Masses in the parish. This week he is celebrating Mass Monday to Friday at 7am.

The next meeting of the **Parish Council** is on Weds. Jan. 10. Please let us know if you have any items you wish to raise.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation** will be given next year on Friday June 22nd at 6pm. If you would like to be confirmed next year, please speak to Fr. Keith after one of the Sunday Masses before the middle of January. The first class will be on Monday 15 Jan. at 6pm. You must be at least 14 by the end of July 2018, i.e. in Year 9 of school or upwards.

The funeral of **Mr. Maurice Flynn** will take place here on Thursday 11 Jan. at the 10am Mass, with reception of the body at 6pm the previous evening.

New **Planned Giving Envelopes** are available for everyone at the back of Church.

We have **rooms available for rent** in the parish house on a short-term basis. If you know anyone who wants to stay in London, either for a few days, or for up to three months while they find permanent accommodation, please contact the parish office for details.

Are you **new to the Parish**? Please let us know by filling in one of the Registration forms at the back of Church and handing it in.

Truths of the Catholic Church - weekly session. Unsure of Church teaching? Trying to make sense of the modern world and its values? Uncertain about

matters of morality? John Cassidy invites you to come along on Wednesdays any time between 11 am and 1 pm to find out more. Starting Wednesday January 17th 'Connect with Christ' - bring you closer to Jesus!

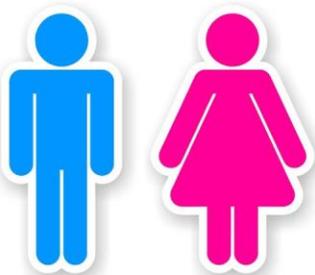
If someone you know becomes **unable to get to Mass**, please let us know so we can arrange for them to receive Holy Communion at home. If they are **taken to hospital**, please ensure that nurses ask the Catholic chaplain to visit them: if this proves difficult, contact us so we can arrange this. We now have a monthly newsletter for the sick and housebound of the parish.

Rehearsals for our **Children's Choir** take place in the Front Room of the Parish house each Sunday morning at 8.30am. Please see the timetable in the Church porch.

OTHER EVENTS

There is an event for teachers who are currently **teaching in a non-Catholic school** but would be interested in a position in a Catholic school, or would be helped by a mentoring programme for Leadership in a Catholic school; it is on Tuesday Feb. 6 at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street: see the poster in the Church porch for details.

The Guild of Our Lady & St Joseph warmly welcomes you and members of your parish to join us as we explore:



Life, Gender, Relationships: Catholic Ethics and Today's Society. Our speaker, Dr. Anthony McCarthy, is a bio-ethicist and Education Director at SPUC. Date: 16

January, Location: Our Lady of Victories Parish Hall, Kensington High Street W8 6SA. Doors will open at 6:45 pm and the lecture will begin at 7 pm. Refreshments and Q&A will follow. Admission: £5

at the door. Registration:
guildofourladyandstjoseph@gmail.com

The SVP are distributing 12,000 **Vinnie Packs** containing cold weather essentials to the homeless this winter. Please could you consider sponsoring packs at a suggested donation of £3.50 per pack. Donations can be sent to Vinnie Packs, PO Box 72264, London SW1P 9EZ with cheques made out to SVP. Thank you so much for your support.

Copies of the **2018 Year Book** for Westminster diocese are available for sale in the bookstall at the back of Church, price £4.50

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Our Mass times are Sunday 9.30am, 12.30pm and 6pm, with a Vigil Mass on Saturdays at 6pm. During the week Mass is at 10am every day, with Morning Prayer at 9.40am. We say the Divine Mercy together every Friday before Benediction and Mass at approx. 9.40am Rotas for readers and Eucharistic ministers are displayed on the notice board.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 10 Parish Council
Jan. 11 Funeral of Maurice Flynn
Jan. 15 First Confirmation class 6pm
Jan. 16 Catholic Ethics talk, Our Lady of Victories
Jan. 17 Connect with Christ 11am
Feb. 6 Session for teachers, Vaughan House