

# ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH, BAYSWATER

6/7 August 2022



## Thought for the Week:

“Yes, my dear friends, whichever way we consider the service of God, whether by prayer or penance, or the frequent reception of the sacraments, by our love of God and of neighbour, or in our absolute self-sacrifice – yes, dearly beloved, in all

these things we shall find only joy, pleasure and happiness for the present and the future, as you will soon see. Those who know their religion and practise it understand that the Cross and persecution, contempt, suffering, poverty and death itself are changed into sweetness, consolation and an everlasting reward. *St. John Mary Vianney, the Curé of Ars.*

## FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS

As we conclude our **First Holy Communion** celebrations for this year, we are already thinking about next year! As you are probably aware, our preparation process involves one meeting a month, on Saturdays at 11am, at which both parents and children are present together, and in between, we support you in sharing your faith with your child. It is clear that the most significant influence on your child's faith development is you, the parents. What they learn in school and in Church is important, but the primary formation is done by you: the rest is just a support.

Realising that we are all different in our experiences and our attitudes to our faith, we have decided that we will begin next year's preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion by taking a bit of extra time to get to know each family rather than by holding a general meeting. So we're going to begin by inviting each family to meet Margaret, our catechist, and Fr. Keith for half an hour or so over the next few weeks. In practice that means the Catholic parent in each family to meet us without their child being present, which would be too much of a distraction. If you would like your child to receive these sacraments, please get in touch with Fr. Keith, preferably by email, to make an appointment. You can also pick up a form from the back of Church and post it through the parish house letter box when you have filled it in. We may have a lot of families to meet, so please do it promptly.

There are some **changes to Mass times** this week: Mass on Monday will be at 10am and on Wednesday at 6pm. No 12 noon Mass on those days.

On Wednesday we will have our monthly **devotions to St. Joseph** following the 6pm Mass.

After a two-year absence, we are once again holding our annual Mass and Street Party as part of the **Notting**



**Hill Carnival**, on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>. The Mass begins at 6pm and will be celebrated by Fr. James Cadman. The Street Party will be held immediately after the Mass, and there will be Caribbean food, music, and dancing. Music will be supplied by the Nostalgia Steel Band.

It would be great if we could keep the Church open at least some of the time during the Carnival itself (Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August) so people can come in and pray. In order to do this, we need one or two people to be in the Church at all times. Please let Fr. Keith know if you could help or put your name on the sheet at the back of Church.

Check out **Fr. Keith's blog**: <https://holysmirk.co.uk/>

## OTHER NOTICES

**Kew Gardens outing to the Food Forever Festival** with Caritas Food Collective, Westminster Justice & Peace, and CAFOD, Tuesday 9th August, 11am. Join us for a visit to see the famous botanical gardens and explore Kew's exhibition on the future of sustainable food. You will need to arrange your own travel and book your own tickets via Kew's website and will be free to explore the gardens at your own pace. All participants are invited to meet together inside the Gardens at the Victoria Gate entrance at 11am for an introduction to the festival and again in the same place at 4pm for a time of sharing and a closing prayer. There will be the option to bring a picnic to eat together (weather permitting!) or you can go independently to any of Kew's restaurants or food outlets. Ticket prices and all concessions are here:

<https://www.kew.org/kew-gardens/visit-kew-gardens/tickets>. Please let us know if you are joining. Email Niki at Caritas Food Collective: [cfc@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cfc@rcdow.org.uk)

## The Stonyhurst yearly course in Thomistic philosophy



and theology, in partnership with CEPHAS, focusses on the Cardinal virtues this year. **The Search for Happiness** will offer a close study of the four pillars of the good life, reflecting on the necessary interior structures for responding justly to the challenges of the contemporary world. Runs 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August. Further information & booking:

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-search-for-happiness/>

In September and October this year, the **Relics of St Bernadette** will journey on pilgrimage across England, Scotland, and Wales for the first time. This very special event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in a church or cathedral near them. The relics will be in the Diocese of Westminster for the following dates: - St Thomas of Canterbury, Fulham: 3rd September and 30th October – 1st November; Westminster Cathedral: 3rd – 5th September; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hayes: 5th – 6th September; St Mary's University, Twickenham: 6th September; St John Fisher, Shepperton: 6th – 7th September; St Joseph's, Stevenage: 17th – 18th October; Our Lady of Willesden: 28th – 30th October. For full details of the tour, visit [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)

Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum - **To Accompany Refugees**, Saturday 17th September, 10:00 - 13:00, St Aloysius Church Hall, 20 Phoenix Road, Euston, London, NW1 1TA How are we to respond to the displacement of people due to war, poverty and persecution? As those seeking shelter and sanctuary continue to arrive on our shores Westminster Social Justice and Peace Forum invites you to be part of the solution and To Accompany Refugees. At this event we will discuss, and present our vision of, the Catholic response to migration. We look forward to welcoming you. You will have an opportunity to contribute to the debate on this pressing need of our time and have any questions answered. You are welcome to just come along on the day but registering in advance on Eventbrite will help us to plan for numbers. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/westminster->

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**Father Jacques Philippe** will be leading a day of meditation in which he will talk about how to grow in peace with the Virgin Mary. 24 Sept. 9am-5.15pm, Holy Apostles Church, Pimlico, SW1V 4LY. Cost £25. Registration: <https://jphilippelondonretreat2022.eventbrite.co.uk> or contact [jphilippelondonretreat@gmail.com](mailto:jphilippelondonretreat@gmail.com)

An exhibition of the **'Windrush Generation: Unsung Heroes'** is hosted in North Kensington Library. This runs till the end of 'Black History Month' in October, this exhibition showcases the personal stories of ordinary people living through extraordinary circumstances and will be accompanied by Windrush era artefacts.

The parish of Hitchin has been in touch with us about a 15-year-old parishioner of theirs who is in need of a **kidney transplant** and there has been a national appeal to find a donor for her. We have been asked to spread the word. Please speak to Fr. Keith or Mariella if you would like to know more.

Every September up to six boys join **Westminster Cathedral Choir School** in Year 4 as choristers. Becoming a chorister offers a boy the opportunity to sing in a world-famous choir, and to join a thriving, inclusive, independent school for boys, age 4 to 13. All choristers receive generous scholarships supplemented by means-tested bursaries worth up to 100% of fees. Contact Lucy Auger to find out more. Telephone 020 7798 9081 or email [lauger@choirschool.com](mailto:lauger@choirschool.com)

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