

# ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH, BAYSWATER

27/28 August 2022



## Thought for the Week:

“Often, we try to hide our true selves from others. We hide our joys and sorrows, successes and failures, because we are afraid that others might try to aggravate our wounds. It is rare to find someone who understands us perfectly.

‘No one understands me!’ is a common complaint. Lord, you know me entirely – you know my sins and my misery, not in order to condemn me, but to have mercy on me and to save me. Help me to understand other people, Lord, without disdain or criticising them, without giving up hope for them, so that together we may sing of your love and love one another as you love us.” *Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan, imprisoned by the Vietnamese government for thirteen years.*

## FORTHCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Our preparation process for **First Holy Communion** 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.

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

On Sunday our **Mass will be at 9.30am**, finishing before 10.30am, to give you time to get in and out of the area before the Carnival Parade begins. There will be no evening Mass this Sunday. On Monday Mass will be at 10am.

On both days we will **keep the Church open** from after Mass till 5pm, so that visitors to the Carnival can come in and pray and find some peace and quiet. If you would like to assist in looking after visitors, please come along at any time during those hours.

This Wednesday evening, we will have our monthly **Mary Queen of Peace outreach to LGBT Catholics**, families and friends. Rosary, Mass (approx. 6pm), music, testimonies, confession, conversation and refreshments: all welcome.

On Friday we will have our monthly **Divine Mercy Devotions**, beginning at 11am and continuing after Mass till 3.15pm.

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

## OTHER NOTICES

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-social-justice-and-peace-forum-to-accompany-refugees-tickets-354473378417?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

**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.

**Love Heals, Body, Mind and Spirit Ministry** welcome you to a day Retreat of quiet Reflection Sat. 10th Sept. 11:00am – 4:30pm, Our Lady of the Assumption & St Gregory, Warwick Street, Piccadilly, W1F 9JR. See poster in Church porch.

**Financial Resilience and Cost of Living.** Martin Lewis, the Money Saving Expert, provides information about the recently announced cost of living support package. His website is regularly updated with this and other topical issues, and you can sign up for free weekly email round-ups

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/news/2022/05/rishi-sunak-martin-lewis-living-costs/>

Provided by the London Assembly, but relevant to those outside the capital as well, the Cost-of-Living Hub helps people access information, support and advice about claiming benefits, dealing with debt, financial management and mental health support. To explore the hub, please visit

<https://www.london.gov.uk/cost-living-hub>

The RBKC Faith Community Partnership has been given permission to use 'The Alex Clifton-Taylor Memorial Garden', Kensington Church Walk, W8 4SG for **‘A Vigil for Peace in Ukraine’**. It will be held every Sunday between 3.00 - 4.00pm. This Vigil welcomes people of all faiths and none. All are welcome. Please do come. It will be a time for silence, solidarity and support for the people of Ukraine. We shall pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia as we hope for Peace. We will continue to hold this Vigil every Sunday till the war ends.

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