

# A HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION



Thursday 5th December 2024

*Our Lord's Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane*

8.00am—Morning Prayer

Followed by a Holy Hour of Reparation

9.30am—Mass in Honour of the Agony in the Garden

Our Lord's request is that we stay awake with Him  
and that we spend time in prayer with him

## FIRST FRIDAY & DEVOTIONS

### **NOVENA TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS**

Friday 6th December 2024



5.30pm—First Friday Confessions & Exposition until 7.15pm

6.30pm—Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30—Mass

Followed by First Friday Devotions

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

### **DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY**

Saturday 7th December 2024

for five consecutive First Saturdays

*Receiving Communion worthily each First Saturday, going to Confession each First Saturday, making a Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, saying the Rosary with a short quiet Rosary meditation provides us with an Indulgence*

8.00am—Church opens for Silent Prayer 8.15am—Morning Prayer

Followed by First Saturday Confessions until 10.00am

9.30am—Rosary with Rosary Meditation until 10.00am

10.15am—First Saturday Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

10.30am—Mass for the Conversion of Sinners



# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

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The  
Immaculate  
Conception



December

## Weekend Mass Intentions

**Sat:** - 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – For the Repose of the Holy Souls

**Followed by Confessions until 11.00am**

5.00pm - Eleni Djerkallis – 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sun** – The church opens at 7.00pm

8.00am – Intentions of Faustina Smiley

9.30am – For the Intentions of Parishioners

11.00am – Aldo & Guiseppe Ghisoni, Sergio

D'Andrea, Ghisoni, Abbate, Inzani, Fusco & Hernandes Families - RIP

5.00pm – Thanksgiving for Protection

**Mon** – 8.15am - Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Jacqueline O'Donovan – Cont Recovery

**No Adoration this morning**

**Tues** – 8.15am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Josephine Djerkallis – Birthday Intention

**No Adoration this Morning**

**Wed** - 8.15am – Church Opens for Quiet Prayer

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Repose of the Holy Souls

**No Adoration this Morning**

**Thu** – 7.45am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.00am – Morning Prayer

**Followed by a Holy Hour of Reparation**

9.30am – Jim Dallegain – RIP

**Followed by Exposition until 11.00am**

**Fri** 5.00pm – Church Opens with Exposition

5.30pm – Advent Confessions until 7.15pm

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – For the Holy Father's Intentions

**Followed by First Friday Devotions**

**Sat** – 7.00am – Church opens for Quiet Prayer

8.15am – Morning Prayer

**Followed by 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Confessions until 10.00a**

9.30am – Rosary and 15mins Rosary Prayer time

10.15am – First Saturday Devotions

10.30am – For the Conversion of Sinners

5.00pm – Alfie Greene – Continued Recovery

**Sun** – Church opens at 7.00am

8.00am – Intentions of Faustina Smiley

9.30am – Intentions of Parishioners

11.00am – Nwando Okechukwu – Birthday Int.

## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*“There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves.”*

Walking on the beach, one sometimes finds sea-shells gnarled and wrinkled by salt, sand and tide. Turning them over, one discovers the smoothest mother-of-pearl, a surface shimmering and beautiful. We can take this as an image of the Church and the saints. Pummelled and polished by the tide of time, by the storms of life, the Church waits for the rising tide of God's timelessness which will engulf all, before casting up on the shore of eternity miracles of patience and fortitude which remains hidden today. The first Christian community experienced the tension between the two comings of the Lord, his earthly ministry and his return at the end of time. Believing the Parousia of the Son of Man to be imminent, they believed also in the necessity of living blameless lives. But the Christians for whom St Luke is writing are already aware of another dimension. For them, the Lord is coming not for some unknown time in the future: he is already here in the now of salvation history. At any instant he may suddenly pass judgement on the inner meaning which we give to our human existence. The essential attitude, therefore, for the faithful is one of unflinching watchfulness: standing ready, rejecting the evil actions of darkness and staying alert thanks to constant prayer.

## THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESSION

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December from**

**5.30pm to 7.15pm**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December from**

**8.30am to 10.00am**

Please do take advantage of these times. Always a very special time of the year and so good for us to put things right with God and with ourselves. Face to face or private confessions in the sacristy.

## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

**December 2024 – For Pilgrims of Hope**

Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

## PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Please can you help by donating some items for our Bazaar. It is one way that we raise money for our parish. Please do try and be generous so that we can make it a great success. The Bazaar begins at 12 noon in the Parish Hall.

## SEASON OF ADVENT

The Season of Advent begins on  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

For Christians around the world, Advent refers to the four weeks leading up to Christmas, where communities remember and celebrate the arrival of Jesus and join together in the hope of his ultimate return  
**Four Themes of Advent:**

Hope: The first theme of Advent is hope.

Peace: The second theme is on peace.

Love: Week three celebrates love

Joy: The last week focuses on joy

how fitting is that!

Advent, like Lent, is a Penitential Season, and a time when we think about changing our lives for the better so that our hearts are open to welcome Jesus at Christmas.



Prepare yourself well – be faithful to your prayers and regular attendance at Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

8.30am – Morning Prayer & Rosary

9.30am – Mass (with School)

6.30pm – Evening Prayer & Rosary

7.30pm – Mass with singing

## AN ADVENT EVENING WITH FOOD & CAROLS

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

As we prepare for Christmas, please join us in the parish hall after the 5.00pm parish Mass for an Advent Supper – with Christmas Carols, music and entertainment. There will also be a raffle with prizes. All are welcome – donations are welcome.

## RETRouvaille

### You can help your Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue – or have you just stopped talking to each other? **Retrouvaille** helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. No group therapy or group work. 1000's of couples have been helped with difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the next programme – residential weekend (8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> November) call or text on 07887296983 or email: [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com)

## MARY'S MEALS

### An appeal

Mary's Meals can make money for their work by collecting any unwanted mobiles/ipads/jewellery/watches/cameras. If you have any of these and would be willing to donate them, pop them in a bag. Mark the bag Mary's Meals and hand it in next time you are at Mass. David Chapman will pick them up and deliver them to the Mary's Meals office. Thank you for your support.

## FRIDAY LUNCH

Our Friday Lunch Club is very popular but we are in desperate need of help for a short time to move heavy tables and to help unload food off the van when it is delivered – for about an hour and half from about 9.00am.

## MAGNIFICAT

Because of the change of translation the cost of Magnificat has increased for this month only from £4.99 to £6.50. Sorry!

## YOUNG ADULTS DEANERY MEETINGS

### Ages 18 – 35

The idea is for young adults (ages 18-35) to meet up once a month at one of the parishes in the Enfield deanery on a weekday evening for a time of prayer, worship (with a talk) and a social. This will allow young adults to grow and develop in their faith with mutual support and friendship. The next meeting will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (7-9pm) at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, New Southgate. For further details please contact: [annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:annamcmullan@rcdow.org.uk)

## DILEXIT NOS

Pope Francis has released a new encyclical entitled "Dilexit Nos" (He Loved Us) in which he calls Catholics to rediscover the love and compassion found in the heart of Jesus Christ (the Sacred Heart). If you would like a copy we now have them available in the parish shop.

## LEGION OF MARY

### Our Lady Seat of Wisdom

Meeting on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
at 2.45pm in parish hall

An opportunity to meet together and say our Legion prayers together and to give our reports on the work we have achieved over the past week or so.

## CHOSEN – Season Four

I know that many of you have enjoyed watching the films **CHOSEN** which are based on the life of Jesus. Some of you may not have seen Season Four yet, so we are going to show the next part in the parish hall on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** at 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available. Please join us for an entertaining evening.

## CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The **CCS** are a charity providing young people and children with counselling and therapy, emergency grants for families and carers and adoption and aftercare. Check out their Christmas Card brochure in porch.

**Parish Shop** – Open for Rosaries, Candles, Statues and Occasional Cards.

## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**Friday Evenings**  
from 5.00 – 7.15pm  
**Saturday Mornings**  
from 7.00 – 8.30am  
*During this Year of Prayer,  
Try and give a little  
more time to Our Lord*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Wanting a Mass said for a person or occasion is good but a reminder that if you wish a special date then you must hand in your request well in advance if you do not want to be disappointed. Thanks

## Introductory Sessions for Parishioners

Anna Dupelycz from the Agency will be visiting the parish talking on 3 subjects  
**5th Dec – A look at Liturgy**  
Understanding the Liturgical year  
**16<sup>th</sup> Jan – Reflecting on the Eucharist**  
Understanding the Sacrament of the Eucharist  
**13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Reflecting on Reconciliation**  
Understanding the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
Evenings will run from 7.00pm to 9.00pm

## Prayers please:

**Sick:** Fergal Sherry, Mehill Ftoni, Agnes Robinson, Peter Thorpe, Joe Harper, Mary Conway. Suzi Modi, Agnes Guveya, Liz Freeman, Adreina Sifari, Margaret Felgate, Mark Keighrey, Marilyn Theodore. Sara Malaki, John Keighrey, Dan Heath, Geoffry Nwachukwu. Maureen Walker, Eamon Fitzpatrick. Eileen Lacey,

**Recently Dead:** Agatha Durowaa, Angelo D'Vito, Daphne Sullivan. Thomas Lawlor. Brid McGonagle, Kathleen Fitzsimmons, Djomou Julienne, Phyllis Robinson, Jennifer Browne, Liam Sullivan, Fr David Williamson. Rose Tonkin, Frank Sebaggala, Rosemarie Warnesuriya, Elvera Nardone, Victor Saldhana, Fr Damien Crimes, Patrick Mukasa. Philomena Gomes, Peter Thorpe, Fernando Iannelli.

**Anniversaries:** Dennis Swanton, Solomis & Eleni Djerkallis, Surujnath Ragbir, Sheila Saldhana, Theresa Ragbir, Marie Mendy, Vermeil Joson, Anscarina Dinha, Margaret Paul, Diane Bunker. Peggy Power.

**Morning Prayer & Rosary** – is said before all weekday Masses. Monday to Thursday and Saturday mornings at 8.30am and Friday evening at 6.30pm before Mass.

**Legion of Mary** – the next meeting of the Legion of Mary is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 2.45pm in the hall.

**Friday Lunch** – is served every Friday in the hall from 11.30am onwards – open to all comers – no cost!

**Contactless Offerings to the Parish** – you can find the Dona Contactless Terminal in the porch of the church for any donations you may wish to make to the parish and for payment for any purchases from the parish Repository. Not for special collections  
**Junior Carol Concert**  
The Junior Classes from St Mary's School will be presenting their Carol Concert in the church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00pm. You are very welcome to come along.

## Altar Servers Training

There will be training for all Altar Servers in preparation for Christmas on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December straight after 11.00am Mass – all Servers!

**Please remember:** Please take advantage of the times of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in our church. So important as a help to building a relationship with Jesus.

# SUNDAY PLUS

Wake up to love!

## Life continues

By Sr Janet Fearn FMDM

**L**ife continues. Yet to board the Circumvesuviana means a train journey which rarely loses sight of Vesuvius, a sleeping volcano, which, one day, will erupt again. Indeed, volcanic activity has formed most of the landscape and coastline of the Bay of Naples.

The AD 79 eruption which destroyed the cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum also preserved them for future generations. In fact, although the archaeological excavations appear huge, they are only a small fraction of the treasures which are still to be revealed.

Centuries of repeated hardship, conflict and the ever-present threat of volcanic eruption have moulded the vibrant, dynamic personality of the people of Naples, who live for the present, constantly remember the past, and walk towards the future. Volcanic soils uniquely flavour food and wines. Countless shops sell statues representing the souls in purgatory,

reminding people to pray for those who have gone before them. Naples and Neapolitans are alive and active – but they know from whence they have come and keep an eye on the future.

Today, the first Sunday of Advent, Jesus reminds us that, one day, the world will end. Yet between then and now, life continues and what is important is to make the most of our time. We face many unknowns, but Jesus is our sure companion and so, with him, we walk in faith and trust, following the path that he lays out for us. We can't change the past. The future is full of uncertainties, but the present moment is God's gift – if we are prepared to accept the challenge.

*Sr Janet Fearn is a Franciscan Missionary of the Divine Motherhood.*



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## Beginning again

By Natasha Pritchard

We have been in ordinary time for a while and perhaps during that time we haven't given ourselves the nudge we need to come out of our ordinary ways. Today, as we enter an extraordinary time, we have an opportunity to begin again and to ask ourselves, how will we make this Advent different?

In today's readings, we are reminded that we are called to love each other and to grow in holiness. We're reminded to stay vigilant and avoid falling into complacency. As St Paul puts it, we are called to lead the kind of life that God wants for us.

The day is approaching when the Lord will come and fulfil his promises. What are the promises you want to make to God today? What is one small way you might grow in holiness this special season?

*Natasha Pritchard has worked in Catholic hospital chaplaincy, youth ministry and is now Area Support Chaplain at Methodist Homes.*



Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope

## The Jubilee app

The official mobile app for the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Iubilaeum25", is available for free download. The app, which will make registration for Jubilee events easier, can be downloaded from the App Store for iOS and from the Android Play Store.

The app, available in six languages, will allow access to all the latest news on the Jubilee, and allow the user to register as a pilgrim for the Holy Year and obtain the Pilgrim Card for free. Once registered on the portal, users will also be able to sign up for Jubilee events and pilgrimages to the Holy Door.

By navigating the simple and intuitive menu, users will also be able to "save" the events they are interested in, access their personalized area more quickly and obtain the unique QR code needed for access to the Holy Door.

*Dicastery for Evangelisation*

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your kingdom.

The Jubilee Prayer

**Today:**  
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2  
Luke 21:25-28,34-36

**Monday:**  
Isaiah 2:1-5  
Matthew 8:5-11

**Tuesday:**  
Isaiah 11:1-10  
Luke 10:21-24

**Wednesday:**  
Isaiah 25:6-10  
Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday:**  
Isaiah 26:1-6  
Matthew 7:21, 24-27

**Friday:**  
Isaiah 29:17-24  
Matthew 9:27-31

**Saturday:**  
Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26  
Matthew 9:35 – 10:1, 6-8

**Next Sunday:**  
Baruch 5:1-9  
Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
Luke 3:1-6

# THE *Wednesday* WORD



## Encountering Christ The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

*Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families*



Set aside 10-15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross and remain still for a minute of settling silence.



Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

### 1

#### Read

#### The Gospel for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

#### LIBERATION IS NEAR AT HAND

Jesus said to his disciples, "There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man."

**Taken from Luke 21:25-28. 34-36 The First Sunday of Advent, Year C**

### 2

#### Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

The first Sunday gospel of the year (and the liturgical year begins in Advent) is also in a way the last gospel of the previous year. It comes at the end of Jesus's ministry, when he is preparing his disciples for their own ministry - in succession to him. Jesus is speaking to them on the Mount of Olives, looking down on the white city of Jerusalem, glittering in the sunshine. The city is soon to be destroyed by the Romans, with dreadful horrors of famine, massacre, burnings and executions. This is seen as a foretaste of the end of the world when Jesus, the Son of Man, comes to save his people. We do not know when this will happen, and, more importantly, when it will happen for us, when we will meet the Son of Man and be judged and saved by him. But our Christian faith is a guarantee that it will be a moment of God's mercy, whenever it occurs. We must look forward to it, and have it ever present before our mind. But we would be fooling ourselves if we think that there are no struggles and trials and hardships to be undergone on the way. Why is the passage appointed for the first Sunday of Advent, the turning-point between the years? Because the birth of Jesus at Christmas, for which we are beginning to prepare, is a significant move towards the fulfilment of the promises of salvation, the coming of Christ as a baby - with all the budding potential of a baby.

**What does Jesus really mean by these prophecies of catastrophic turmoil in the universe? How does Jesus want us to face turmoil and troubles in life?**

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

### 3

#### Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

### 4

#### Pray for Families

**This Wednesday's word for our school families is ADVENT !**

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

**St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

# WEDNESDAY WORD PLUS +

Fr Henry's reflections on the first and second readings of **Sunday 1st December 2024**



**1st Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

## The Branch for David

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: "In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity."



At the darkest moment of Israel's history, when the storm-clouds of invasion were gathering, and the threat of Babylonian conquest and subsequent exile seemed almost inevitable, comes this prophecy from the mouth of Jeremiah that the promise made long ago to David will not fail. Jerusalem will be sacked, but the promise remains that the city will be named 'The Lord is our Integrity' or, more accurately, he is our 'Saving Justice'. The justice of God is not like human justice which is conformity with the law. It is God's fulfilment of his promises made to Abraham, Moses and David. So, at this dire moment, Jeremiah renews those promises that the stock of David will never fail, and gives a corresponding symbolic name to the city of David. Today's gospel speaks of another destruction of Jerusalem, that wrought by the Romans in AD 70, and looks beyond it to the final coming of Christ. So several layers may be uncovered in this reading: God's promise, seemingly lost when the Babylonians sack Jerusalem, will be restored by the coming of Christ at the incarnation, and then by the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans, which is the prelude to and promise of the final coming of Christ. In all these events the Lord is our Saving Justice. **How does Jesus bring the Saving Justice of God to the world?**

**The Lord  
will overcome  
all evil.**



**2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

## The Coming of the Lord Jesus

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.



Paul gives instructions about living in holiness while waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Each year the Church reminds us of the final coming of the Lord, which is to be the end of the world as we know it. In the Old Testament the 'Day of the Lord' is the day when God will come to re-establish all things, to put wrongs right, to punish the wicked and reward the righteous. In the New Testament, from this earliest letter of Paul onwards, this Day of the Lord is the Day of the Lord Jesus. It is pictured as a day when the Lord Jesus will come in a triumphal procession 'with all his holy ones', to be joined first by those who have died in the Lord, and then by those who are still living. For Paul, the Day of the Lord is so dominated by his triumph that he does not even mention or envisage punishments for the wicked. The Lord will overcome all evil, sweeping all before him, and will carry all with him in his triumphal procession. Writing later to the Corinthians, Paul envisages that Christ will put all things under his feet, even the last enemy, death, and he will then hand over the Kingdom to his Father. **What is the "kind of life" that the Lord Jesus wants us to live?**

**The Wednesday Word** Connecting Home, School & Parish through the Word of God

**The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church  
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph**

LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

# ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

## ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

*Due to the fact that there are now fewer pupils in London (there is a continued decrease in the population of children) and the issues with finding affordable housing we currently have some places in our Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3 2024/2025 year groups.*

*Please contact the school if you wish to apply for a place for your child.*



**THANK YOU PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS FOR RECOMMENDING OUR SCHOOL AND HELPING TO BUILD UP OUR PUPIL NUMBERS.**

Phone Number: 020 88042396

E-mail: [office@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk)

*'Pupils are eager to come to school each morning because their teachers do their best to help them learn...Pupils learn in a calm environment. This is because the school has high expectations for pupils...Pupils conduct themselves well because they know what is right and have been taught how to behave well. Pupils achieve well across a range of subjects. They are proud to talk about their work which is presented with pride...Warm, caring relationships permeate the school... Pupils are confident that adults will listen to their worries and help them. This means they feel happy and safe...The curriculum is ambitious and well structured...Adults have secure subject knowledge...Leaders have high expectations and are ambitious for pupils...Safeguarding is a priority here.'*  
(OFSTED Inspection, November 2023).

LOVE, LISTEN AND LEARN

**'A. Classroom religious education is outstanding**

- *The school has adapted and developed the themes of the Religious Education Curriculum Directory in an excellent manner to meet the learning needs of the pupils' of St Mary's.*
- *The religious education programme in use fully delivers this content and the use of De Bono system in religious education pushes pupils to develop their understanding further.*
- *After carefully analysing the needs of their pupils, the school has developed a curriculum and teaching programme that has reached outstanding achievement by the pupils in religious education.*
- *Teachers have high expectations and plan lessons that deepen pupils' religious literacy.*
- *Since the last inspection, staff confidence in recording and assessment has been demonstrably achieved with the evidence of the clarity and confidence on the part of the staff in planning imaginative lessons based on the religious education programme followed in the school.*
- *The headteacher is also the religious education curriculum coordinator and she takes the closest interest in developing the excellent teaching and learning of religious education in the school.*
- *The chair of governors is a recent appointment but with her years of experience on the governing body she is clear in her role of both support and challenge in pursuing the special responsibility of governors of a Catholic school.*

**B. The Catholic life of the school is outstanding**

- *The curriculum fully conforms to the classroom curriculum time of at least 10% for religious education and teaching is fully in line with the requirements of the Bishops' Conference.*
- *The previous inspection asked the school to develop pupils' understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and to help pupils understand the ethics of the market place and fair trade. The school has fully addressed these priorities, both in their classroom teaching and in the encouragement offered when choosing charities to support.*
- *The pupils of St Mary's enjoy an outstanding experience of prayer, liturgy and Catholic worship.*
- *Pupils and staff have a deep understanding of the call to 'human flourishing' and are given opportunities to develop and celebrate their gifts and talents.*
- *Partnership with the parents is excellent; they appreciate and support all that the school provides for their children.*
- *The leadership and management of the school are very effective in promoting the Catholic life of the school. The head is strong and devoted in providing both oversight and support on all aspects of Catholic life. The contribution and regular visits of the parish priest provides a strong and stable reinforcement of the foundational position of Catholicism in the life of the school'*

*(OFSTED Section 48 Inspection, September 2019).*