#### **Offertory Collections:**

 Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>
 March 2013

 Envelopes:
 £ 669.46

 Loose:
 £ 439.60

 Standing Orders
 £ 662.50

 Thank you very much.

Your generosity enable us to pay the parish bills. Thank you!!! JUST MOVED in TO THE PARISH?

<u>Welcome.</u> Please register by completing a registration form from the office. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING (OFFERING) It is deciding how much of your income

to regularly give to the work of your Parish. This will help us **budget** for the years ahead.

#### STANDING ORDER

It is not always possible to attend Mass in your own parish every week, like when you're on holiday. The most effective way to give is via a standing order from your bank account. All you need to do is fill in our Planned Giving Form, sign it, and return it to the office.

#### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2012-2013 Gift Aid? It's worth it!

It is important to <u>gift aid</u> your offering to the church (envelopes or standing order). This means that the government will top up your offering by 25p for every £1. at no extra expense to you, the giver. You have to be a UK taxpayer to qualify and you have to fill in a declaration form. For more information, please call the office or ask Fr. Gideon

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS THIS WEEK		
Maria Louis' Intentions		
For the Parish		
Ludvinia King Intentions (Thanksgiving)		
Denis O'Connor R.I.P.		
Patrick Doyle R.I.P. (Anniv)		
Joseph David R.I.P. Funeral Mass		
Josefa Roduello & Consuelo Santorio RIP		
William Cosby R.I.P. (Anniv) Ben Nevin R.I.P. For the Parish		

# <u>The Voice of Eden Grove</u>



# Church of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

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2:30pm. Wed: 10:00 - 4:00pm

VEAR OF FAITHS

# *Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection* Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup>March 2013

# Life Always Prevails

It is Mary Magdalene who discovers the empty tomb while it 'was still dark'. The stone of the tomb is a symbol of all that is dark in this world and all those things which keep us from being free. An empty tomb is a powerful symbol, so impossible to explain that it really is a matter of faith. You can accept it or struggle with it or dismiss it entirely. Until you experience resurrection, none of it makes any sense. We can relate to the moments of resurrection in our own lives today remembering a time when we thought our world had ended because of a broken relationship or a tragedy. When we come through such experiences we can begin to understand something of resurrection. There is new life after the hardship has passed, even though we couldn't see it at the time. Just as Jesus spent his earthly ministry breaking down barriers between people he has shown us that there is always hope in the darkest of situations. Nothing is impossible.

'There are wars and rumours of war, poverty and plague, hunger and pain. Still, the sap is rising, again there is the resurrection of spring, and God's continuing promise to us that He is with us always, with His comfort and joy, if we will only ask.'

### HAPPY EASTER ALLELUIA!

I wish you all a most joyous Easter. May the following fifty days of the Easter Season remind you that the paschal mystery is at the centre of our Christian existence, so Eastertide should be the richest and most joyous time of the year. Fr. Gideon

#### We ask for your charitable prayers for those who are sick, recently deceased and those whose anniversaries are at this time.

#### For Pastoral Care of the Sick and the Housebound:

Lisa McKenna, Joe Neary, Michael Cole, Alison McGoff, Miroslaw Katiowski, Deignan Family, Dr. Tanya Ba Obeid, Gemma Patterson, Florence McGrath, Chris Eisen, Jim Spencer, David Joseph, Nicola Jacques, Margaret Hughes, Mary Egan, Ann Harvey, Anne Conway, Martin & Margaret Cooke, Mary Kennedy, Peter Finn, Colman Connolv, Lil Traynor, Myrtle Hughes, Lillian Appino, Sarah Lane, Nessa Healy, Anne Franklin, Mary Morrissey, Roy Barton, James McNamara, Patrick Enright, Ernie Fisher, Celia Donovan, Nancy Doyle, Erin Connor, Julia White, Mary Barry, Edwina Toson, Ana Shaw, Pauline Hunt, and all who are sick and housebound in the parish.

#### Anniversaries:

Mary Gill, Beryl Genovese, George Johnson, Gordon de Nobrega, Luis Bedoya, Maria Bright, Patrick Doyle, William Cosby . Ben Nevin

#### Please Pray for the Recently

**Dead:** Joseph David, Sarah Colgan, Anna Larotonda, Maria Ines Habib Oliveira, Margaret Cooney, John Danquah, Kate Johansen, Mark Griffin *"Eternal rest grant unto them Lord, and let your light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."* 

#### MILLERS FUNERAL CATHOLIC UNDERTAKERS Essex Rd. 020 7226 3886

**BAPTISM:** To book a baptism for your child, please contact Fr. Gideon at the parish office at least 6 months before the Baptism date. In keeping with the Diocesan Policy, at least one parent or guardian of the child needs to supply us with their Baptismal Certificate and the child's <u>Birth</u> Certificate. God parents **must** be Catholics. Parents and god parents have to attend a meeting with the catechist or the priest before the baptism takes place.

#### MARRIAGE: -Make your arrangements with the priest at least six (6) months before your wedding date.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2012-2013

<u>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April</u>: Children's Session: "Do this in Memory of me". This starts with the <u>Mass at 10:15</u> and the SESSION finishes at 12:30pm.

Please bring and collect your children on time!

#### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2013**

-Next Candidate's session on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 11:30 – 12:45 pm.

#### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2013-2014

Your old set of Planned Giving Envelopes ends on the  $31^{st}$  March. The new set starts on the 7th April (Easter Sunday). Please do not use any old envelopes after the  $1^{st}$  April. (we have posted all uncollected new envelopes)

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#### A DAY WITH MARY

<u>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April -</u> at Immaculate Conception , Farm Street, Mayfair <u>Saturday 13 April –</u> at Holy Apostles, Pimlico. For more info: <u>www.adaywithmary.org</u>

## QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK @intercom

#### **Q.** What is the meaning of Alleluia?

**A.** Alleluia is a great shout of joy to God. During the penitential season of Lent it is dropped from the Church's prayer but returns to dominate Easter's prayers. Let us break up the word to analyse its meaning. The centre of the word is EL, the Hebrew word for God. Before and after EL we have a great release of energy with AL saluting God and a mighty shout UIA (YA) to proclaim our joy at the resurrection of the Lord. It was when I heard what the commentator called the Clare shout in Croke Park that I discovered the primal joy of alleluia. Let it rip this Easter! The Lord is risen, Alleluia!

#### Union of Catholic Mothers (UCM)

meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after the 12:00 Noon Mass. All mothers are welcome.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

AT ST. GABRIEL'S 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL Programme starts at 2:30pm. Expositon, Benediction, Confessions, Rosary, Prayers and Hymns. Bookshops and refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

#### PRIESTHOOD/RELIGIOUS LIFE DAY FOR MEN

Is God calling me to the diocesan priesthood or religious life? If this a real question for you, come to the retreat day for men (aged 18+) who are discerning God's calling to a life of deeper discipleship on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Mount Street Jesuit Centre. For more info and to register, contact Fr. Richard at: richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk

#### DIOCESAN MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR POPE FRANCIS at Westminster Cathedral on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 5:30PM Archbishop Vincent Nichols : Celebrant All are welcome!

### EASTER BLESSINGS

"If Easter means anything to modern man it means that eternal truth is eternal. You many nail it to the tree, wrap it up in grave clothes, and seal it in a tomb; but 'truth crushed to earth, shall rise again.' Truth does not perish; it cannot be destroyed. It may be distorted; it has been silenced temporarily; it has been compelled to carry its cross to Calvary's brow or to drink the cup of poisoned hemlock in a Grecian jail, but with inevitable certainty after every Black Friday dawns truth's Easter Morn." Donald HarveyTippet

The above quote is a wonderful Easter reflection which reminds us of the central place the Easter celebration has in our faith journey. The truth that underlies all that we are as Christians and Catholics – Jesus Christ has risen! Alleluia!

#### HCPT – THE PILGRIMAGE TRUST

There will be four young people and three children from our parish who will be travelling on a week's pilgrimage to <u>Lourdes</u> with the HCPT-The Pilgrimage Trust. Our parish group as well as other parishes will be led by Sr. Aideen. The HCPT is a U.K. based charity which takes children with special needs on pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes. It was formerly known as Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust.

#### FUNERAL MASSES

JOSEPH ALFRED DAVID R.I.P. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 10:00AM. Burial at Islington Cemetery.

SARAH CARMEL COLGAN R.I.P. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013 at 12:00Noon followed by cremation at Islington Crematorium.

**REQUIESCAT EN PACE!**