

Confessions: Sat 10.30am to 10.50am, 5.15pm-5.45pm
Sunday: 10.15am-10.45am

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Mass Intentions	
Sat	14 Apr 6.00pm Yvonne Moore (Intentions)
Sun	15 Apr 9.00am For You The People 11.00am Godofredo (Freddy) Platon (Anniversary)
Mon	16 Apr 9.15am Imelda Andrews (RIP)
Tue	17 Apr 9.15am Joseph Spudic (RIP)
Wed	18 Apr 9.15am Judy Wray (RIP)
Thu	19 Apr 9.15am Jack Curley (RIP)
Fri	20 Apr 9.15am Baby Adam (Intentions) 7.00pm Intentions of our Confirmandi
Sat	21 Apr 10.00am Mary Quinn (Memorial Mass) 6.00pm Winnie Madden (RIP)
Sun	22 April 9.00am Canon Digby Samuels (RIP) 11.00am Augustus Ademokun (Anniversary)

NEWSLETTER

April 15, 2018

The Third Sunday of Easter

The 100th Anniversary of the First Mass in Highbury!!!

Two maiden ladies, the Misses Pebardy, offered their house (64 Highbury Park) to the Archbishop of Westminster, Cardinal Francis Bourne, for use as a Carmelite Convent. Cardinal Bourne gladly accepted their kind offer and said that this little Carmel was to be our Lady's own in a very special way. By Christmas Day 1917 the deed was signed and sealed and the keys of 64 Highbury Park were Carmel's Christmas gift to the Babe in the crib. On 17 April, 1918 Cardinal Bourne solemnly opened the new London Carmel dedicated to the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary and celebrated Mass. The passages of the house were so narrow that it was difficult for the cardinal to pass along them in his full robes but he insisted on blessing the whole house in spite of this. The following Sunday there were 100 people packed into the chapel, which only had thirty-four chairs, and seventy people received Holy Communion. Even the local non-Catholics took the arrival of the nuns as a happy omen, and declared that they were no longer afraid of air-raids now that the Carmelites had come. When the Carmelites left Highbury in 1953 the convent site was used for the construction of our present parish church. Please join your fellow parishioners after each Mass this weekend as we celebrate this wonderful anniversary. Finally, wherever you are this coming Tuesday give thanks to Almighty God in prayer for the First Mass celebrated in Highbury. Please also pray for Cardinal Bourne, Mother Mary of Jesus (who founded the Carmel), and all the priests, sisters and lay people who over the last 100 years have celebrated Mass here in Highbury.

A Message from His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols to the Parish of St Joan of Arc, Highbury 17 April 2018.

"I am delighted to send this message to you all as you mark the 100th anniversary of the celebration of Holy Mass in Highbury on 17th April 1918. On that memorable day, the celebration of Mass took place in the Carmelite Convent in Highbury, but since then the Catholic community here has grown and now rejoices in the great parish of St Joan of Arc. In marking this anniversary, we give thanks to God for the great gift of the Eucharist, the presence among us of the Risen Lord as food and drink for our souls. We know well that the Eucharist is our food of life, nourishing us for the task of living our faith in every word and action of each day. What greater gift can there be! At this time, we are also preparing for our National Eucharistic Congress, taking place in Liverpool from 7th to 9th September. This is a marvellous opportunity for us to deepen our faith in the Eucharistic presence of Christ, who is always with us, in this Sacrament, in the very act of giving Himself to His Father on our behalf. It is through prayer before the Blessed Sacrament that our hearts are opened to that great gift and moved to reflect on it, make it real, in our own lives. So often we are asked to be generous towards others. Quite often it is the last thing we feel like doing. Yet in the ultimate generosity of Jesus, we find our deepest motive for stretching out our hands, even as He stretched out His! I pray that this anniversary, and the Eucharistic Congress to come, will renew in you all that spirit of service and fill you with the joy that only Jesus can bring. With my prayers and blessings for you all,"
Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster

Our Confirmation Candidates have a very important practice for their Confirmation ceremony at 6.15pm Monday April 16 in the church – all must attend.

Key Stage Two Class Teacher required for Westminster Cathedral Primary School, Pimlico (starting September 2018). Visits to the are warmly encouraged. Please call **0207 641 5915** to arrange a visit. Application forms can be downloaded from www.westminstercathedralprimary.co.uk

Hope Meets Art On Saturday 28 April, 2018, Olivia Lomenech Gill, illustrator of 'Fantastic beasts' by J K Rowling will give her support to the small charitable association Hope Meets Art, during its Annual Fashion Event at the Baden Powell House, South Kensington. In Dakar, Senegal, every year hundreds of boys live rough on the streets while girls are kept uneducated at home. Hope Meets Art helps two communities of Marist Priests and Sisters to provide safety, education, medical and practical support to these young people so that they can integrate society or reintegrate their families. Come and join us for a lively evening. See website: www.hopemeetsart.net Tickets £20.

The winning raffle ticket for our Easter Egg Raffle is a yellow ticket number 5, serial number 304579. Many thanks to everyone who bought a ticket – we raised £550 for Aid to the Church in Need.

First Communion Classes resume next weekend.

