



Lourdes July 2023

A group of 30 from Caritas St Joseph's travelled with the Diocese to Lourdes this summer. It has been 4 years since we last went. The theme was 'Build a Chapel here' and this was at the core of all we did. We constructed a cardboard building of Westminster Cathedral and covered it in our intentions, showing visually that the people are the bricks of the Church.

Our St Joseph's mass was celebrated by bishop John Sherrington and our pilgrims and Redcaps performed the Gospel drama together. The message was "Grow in my love" and told the parable of the sower. Some of our performers were sunflowers and others were weeds!! Bishop John thought their acting was very good.



Welcome to our Christmas Newsletter 2023. I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone and that we are approaching the season of Advent. This season whilst reflective is also a season of hope. Hope is particularly needed at this time. Not only do we continue to pray for those at war and in conflict and hope that our prayers are joined with theirs for peace., but we also pray for those in our communities who are suffering conflict of any kind in their personal or work lives. We pray that they too find God's light guiding their paths this Advent.

Our Carol Concert this year will include the Confirmation of one of our students, melding together the work of the Centre and of the Outreach. We do hope that as many as possible of you can join us at what is going to be one of our most joyous occasions.

We cannot thank our volunteers enough for all the hard work they do not only in our Centres at Hendon and Hounslow and Feltham, but in the Outreach as well. They volunteer at our Saturday clubs and in our parishes supporting families and preparing those with intellectual disabilities for the Sacraments. If you would like to learn more about volunteering for us please do contact Thushari on Thushari@stjoseph.org.uk. If you are unable to spare the time but would like to make a donation towards our work please fill in the form on the back page. We could not survive without the generosity of our donors and funders. I would like to thank you all for all you do for us and those we serve.

Gail Williams—Centre Manager

Achievement day

Our Achievement day was a beautiful day in July. Bishop Paul McAleenan presented all of the medals and met the families. We had tremendous performances by our classes - Dance and Music and Recording reflecting all of the hard work our students



BBQ

Great sunny day for our annual St Joseph's BBQ, we had over 100 guests and everyone had a great time before the start of the summer



10 K run

Thanks and Congratulations to our runners Paul, Adela, Robinson, Finola and Gregory who completed London's 10K run

in aid of Caritas St Joseph's



CHRISTMAS CAROLS
At St Joseph's Pastoral Centre
on
Saturday 9th December 2023
5:30pm
With Carols, Mince pies and Mulled Wine
And a chance to buy Christmas items made by our students.
Charity No 233699

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**We Celebrated
St Joseph's
45th Anniversary on
Saturday 8th
October 2022
at
Westminster
Cathedral**



Sacramental preparations across the diocese

Over the past year the Outreach team have been busy preparing young people and adults for First Holy Communion and Confirmation across the diocese, Hounslow, Hanwell, Enfield, Northolt, Haverstock Hill, Bayswater and the Cathedral.



Amanda and her family at her Confirmation at the Cathedral (left)

Kai and his family after his Confirmation, Haverstock Hill (right)



Saturday/Social Clubs

Clubs still continue at St Monica's, Palmers Green, The Annunciation, Burnt Oak. We are hoping to restart the Clubs in Kingsland and Whetstone in the near future. Ealing Abbey group meet via Zoom every month and the Watford Family group each month also.

The Allotment gathering at Cat Hill, Enfield run by Geetha, continue to meet each month, in season.

"Geetha's winning Yield!" (left)



Thank you for your kindness and support, from all of us at Caritas St Joseph's. We wish you a Blessed and wonderful festive season!

Thank You



Caritas St Joseph's

2023 Christmas appeal

*Lend a Hand
This
Christmas*



Thanks to the generosity of our donors Caritas St Joseph's has done all it can to support those in need. We would like to carry on and support our communities throughout next year and beyond and would be grateful if you could 'Lend a Hand' this Christmas' Many Thanks

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