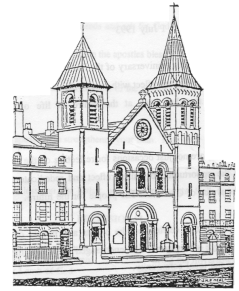


CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR B

29 January 2012

TRUE AUTHORITY

Today Mark tells us how Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. He tells us how amazed the people were at how he taught and at the authority in his teachings. His authority was powerful enough to expel demons even. You'll notice that Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught but only how he taught and the impression he made. So why did people sense authority in Jesus' presence, and why was it so compelling?

When we think of authority we tend to think of bosses, leaders or the legal profession. We think of rules, laws and boundaries. We equate authority with enforcement and for the most part we don't like it very much. Perhaps Jesus' brand of authority was compelling because it wasn't any of these things. Jesus' brand of authority wasn't about the exclusion that the scribes and Pharisees were so fond of but of total inclusion. Jesus' authority was rooted in the value of every man woman and child over any outdated rule or redundant tradition.

PARISH NEWS

CANDLEMAS: We celebrate and remember the moment Jesus is presented to his local church (Temple) by Mary and Joseph, and it gives this year's confirmation and RCIA candidates an opportunity to participate in the service being held on **Thursday 2nd February at 7:30pm**. It gives you all an opportunity for your own candles to be blessed also, all parishioners are welcome to attend.

SIGNING OF SCHOOL FORMS FOR ST JOHN'S: The second round of signing forms for St John's Nursery and Reception will take place on **Tuesday 7th February between 3:30 – 6pm** and **Wednesday 8th February 3:30 – 6pm**. No appointment is necessary. Please come during those times. If these dates are not convenient please ring after 4th February to make an appointment.

ALTAR SERVERS: Training is being held for new Servers on Saturday 11th February at 12 noon in the main body of the church for those wishing to become new Servers. This training session is also for servers who are no longer Altar Serving and wish to resume. Requirements to become an Altar Server: one year must have elapsed after receiving your First Holy Communion, have good disposition, reliable and good time-keeping. Completed application forms can be received on the day. Application forms are available from the Sacristy on request before Mass.

SHARING THE LOAD ON THE LAUNDRY: There is a need to divide the laundry cleaning from the Altar Albs to Altar

table cloths if you are able to volunteer to clean one alb a week in your weekly or daily wash. In most cases the alb does not need ironing, just hung dry. Please come to the Sacristy to give your name/number or just text Frank Amat on 07957 138 401.

SCHOOL MASSES: **Sunday 29th January at 10:30** SATURN CLASS and **Wednesday 1st February at 10am** JUPITER CLASS will be arranging Liturgy for Mass.

FR GEORGE HAINES: Was born on 29th November 1927 and was baptised in St John's in the same font we have now. He was ordained Priest on 21st July 1951 and died on 7th February 2000 after being retired for a short time before. He served as a Parish Priest here at St John's for over 25 years.

DIOCESAN NEWS

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: Catholic Education Service Sunday 5th as requested by the Diocese of Westminster.

DIARY

ITALIAN DINNER: The Parish Italian Dinner as part of our ongoing fundraising efforts, will be on **Saturday 4th February** at 7:30pm at The Italian Social Centre, 136 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5EN. Tickets are £25 and include a glass of wine. There are only **100 tickets** available, so please try to get them early.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Lesson 8 is on Sunday 29th January.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Will resume on Sunday 29th January and 5th February.

NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION 22 JANUARY: £398.29 envelopes / £651.67 loose

HI EVERYBODY: I'm Victoria Azubuike and I'm running for the first ever Islington Youth Council. If you are aged 11-17 and you live or go to secondary school in Islington or you're looked after by Islington Council, YOU have the right to vote! If I get elected I hope to campaign for more youth support and activities to help build a better future for young people in Islington. I will be giving a short talk at St John's on Sunday 5th February at 10:30 Mass. FB or Twitter Me.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who died: Valerio Martinez, Mrs Pat Yearly, Nuala Mulligan, Mgr Agostino Gonella, Fr Robin Whitney, Fr Stephen Bartlett, Bridget

Clare Lloyd-Jones, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Elspeth Portess-Abrahamson.

HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Paddy Buckley, Mick Hossack, Amylia Boylen, June Edwards, Joanne Matthias, Adriano Grazioli, Chanelle Aldea Alba, Stephen Martinez, Fr Christopher Hamilton-Gray, Bro. J. Lavelle, Marist Brother, Mufide Family, Harry Perkins, Antonio Neto, Mary Frederick, Mary Halligan, John Day, Ned Martin, Jacky Kelly, Jacquelin Abel, Suzanne Greaves, Mary Frederick, Bridget Harrington, John Drum, Ann Sarling, Lorly McClure, Fred Pledger, and Mary Carroll.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 28 Jan	6pm	Ronnie Murphy RIP	Mark 1:21-28
Sun 29 Jan FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9am	Ronchetti Family RIP	
	10:30am	Canon Joseph Tynan RIP (Anniv)	
	12 noon	Francois Giuntini RIP	
	6pm	For Parishioners	
Mon 30 Jan Feria	10am	Mary Delores Sexton RIP	Mark 5:1-20
Tue 31 Jan St John Bosco, Priest	10am	John Connaughton RIP (Anniv)	Mark 5:21-43
Wed 1 Feb Feria	10am	Victoria Boo RIP	Mark 6:1-6
Thu 2 Feb PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEAST	10am 7:30pm	Philip Enright RIP	Luke 2:22-40
Fri 3 Feb SS Lawrence, Dunstan & Theodore, Bishops Friday abstinence	10am	Pier-Luigi Zazzera RIP	
Sat 4 Feb Feria	10am	Intentions of Sister Victoria	
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Anne Drury RIP	Mark 1:29-39
Sun 5 Feb FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	9:00am	Florence Mary Donovan RIP (Anniv)	
	10:30am	John Scotch RIP (Anniv)	
	12 noon	For Parishioners	
	6pm	Hannah Fitzgerald RIP & Mgr Fr Harris RIP	