



CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Parish Office Open: Tues – Fri, 10am – 2pm

SUNDAY MASS

9am, 10.30am (Children's Liturgy), 12 noon (sung) & 6pm, Vigil Mass – Saturday 6pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Please see overleaf for times and intentions

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 10.30 – 11am, 5.15 - 5.45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION Sat 10.30 – 11.30am

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

11 JULY 2010

READINGS at MASS

Today : Deuteronomy 30:10-14, Psalm 68
Colossians 1:15-20, Luke 10:25-37

Next Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday of the Year
Genesis 18:1-10, Psalm 14
Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42

NEIGHBOURS FROM HELL?

On being told to 'Love thy neighbour as thyself,' a lawyer asks Jesus "Who is my neighbour?" It's a testing question; it's a question that tests our priorities, our perceptions and our prejudices. The Jewish lawyer was quite ready to love his Jewish neighbours, but as for the Samaritans! The Samaritans were hated by the Jews and the lawyer obviously couldn't believe that Jesus would deem them worthy of any neighbourly love. Jesus doesn't answer the question directly, but tells a parable in which a Samaritan plays the hero. Of course, Jesus' point is that regardless of class, culture race, age or enmity, everyone on the planet is our neighbour.

We might think that we understand and accept Jesus' teaching, but have we really taken the teaching on board? Jesus sends along people every day of our lives for us to love. How often do we pass the test? How can we love people who don't love us back or don't even like us very much? How do we love those who don't respect us or don't share our values? How do we love those who aren't interested in us, or worse, hate what we stand for? Anyone can love family and friends, but the real test is when we have to love our enemies. Love of course is the last thing we want to lavish on our enemies. Revenge, punishment and avoidance suit us far better.

Today's strong message of course is that love does not discriminate. We might not think we are discriminating against others, yet we marginalize others every time we fail to get involved. Every time we turn a blind eye to the plight of others we are withholding our love and failing God's test. Every time we decide that the beggar, the addict or the criminals are unworthy of our help we fall short of God's expectations.

Today's challenge is not to focus on loving those who are easy to love, but on those we normally have no time for. There's a saying that goes, 'Wanting only to meet people like oneself is like only wanting to know oneself.' In endeavouring to love our enemies it's helpful to look beyond our differences and remember that everyone on this planet needs the same things food, home comforts, safety and love.

PARISH PICNIC – following on from the success of last year, the Parish Picnic will take place on Sunday 11th July after the 12 noon Mass, at Highbury Fields, next to the tennis court. Please bring food to share, your blankets, chairs, etc and have a fun day for all.

RCIA – thinking of becoming a Catholic? Or do you know someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic. The next preparatory course will start in the Autumn, but in the meantime, we are holding an evening for those who would like to learn more about becoming a Catholic, to ask questions and to meet those who will be leading the course. It will take place at the Presbytery (39 Duncan Terrace, the house to the left of the church) at 7.30pm on Monday 12th July. If you would like any further information please contact David Lester on 020 7250 0513 or email davidlester51@btinternet.com Please do come and join us!

SEA SUNDAY 11th JULY - today is Sea Sunday, when the Church remembers all those who live and work at sea. This year is also 'The Year of the Seafarer', and so is a very important year for Apostleship of the Sea and seafarers. There will be a second collection taken up at all Masses.

ADVANCE NOTICE – Sunday Mass times during **August** will be: (Saturday Vigil 6pm), Sunday 9:30am, 11:30am & 6pm.

**MASS INTENTIONS
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**

6pm(Sat) Mary O'Hara RIP
9am Rosaleen Buckley RIP (Anniv)
10:30am For Parishioners
12noon Maria Gasparro RIP
6pm Mrs Anna Amasinti RIP

MONDAY – Feria

10am Mr John Okolo RIP

TUESDAY – Feria

10am Intentions of Fr Louis Tete

WEDNESDAY – Feria

10am Holy Souls

THURSDAY – St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor

10am 'Chapter' Intentions

FRIDAY – Feria

10am Samuel Keith Fitzgerald RIP

****12 noon Funeral Mass of John Fenlon RIP ****

SATURDAY – Feria

10am Mrs Power RIP

6pm Owen Henry RIP

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9am For Parishioners
10:30am Mrs Gisele Martial RIP (Anniv)
12noon Mrs Anne Foley RIP
6pm Maestri, Cappuccini & Bertolini RIP

**Prayer for the Papal Visit to the UK 16th -19th
September 2010**

God of truth and love,

Your Son, Jesus Christ, stands as the light to all who seek you with a sincere heart.

As we strive with your grace to be faithful in word and deed, May we reflect the kindly light of Christ and offer a witness of hope and peace to all.

We pray for Pope Benedict

And look forward with joy to his forthcoming visit to our countries.

May he be a witness to the unity and hope which is your will for all people.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother for the Church – Pray for us.

St Andrew – Pray for us.

St George – Pray for us.

St David – Pray for us.

HOLY COMMUNION – DVDs are in the office for collection.

GRAND SUMMER DRAW – the Parish Picnic will be today July 11th 2010 at Highbury Fields, next to the tennis court. The Grand Summer Draw will take place at the picnic and tickets will be available for sale on this day. Thanks for your support.

BOOKKEEPER REQUIRED – for St John the Evangelist Church. Please see notice board for all the details.

TRIP TO SOUTHEND-ON-SEA – Coach booked for Friday 30th July leaving at 9.30am. Places for 53 persons age 50+Cost £10 each.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Rest in Peace – please pray for those who died recently, especially Owen Henry, Alan Foley, John Taylor, John Fenlon, John Okolo, Mary Geary, Mandy Mayes, Baby Darragh, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Healing – please pray for parishioners and their relatives/friends who are ill especially, Michael Ball,

Lucy Bergonzi, Gabrielle, Amy Louise Green, Christiana Okonji, Nichola Biggs, Lisa Wilson, Inez Schiavi, Margaret Kennedy, Margery Trotter, George Carrington-Johnson, Stefan Dabeasing, Joanne Matthias, Alf Carr, Kim Riley, Adriano Grazioli, Helen Grace Mboma, Rose Walsh, Paolo Mercantini, Jean Kennedy, Tony Lonergan, David Travers, Florence Irons, Robin & Collette Good, Kitty Parker, Christy McHugh, Mary Gibbons, Anne Sarling, Esther O'Driscoll, Barbara Watkins, Marie Richardson, Peter Shaw, Lisa Grigg, Bridie McLoughlin, Joseph Matthew, John Hanway, Winifred MacAuley, Juliette Uibopuu, Harry Perkins, Con Enright, Bro John Ogievie, Mrs Bridie Davey, J.Lavelle, Marist Brother, Alicia Graham, Iris Mulvany and Luciano Vandelli.

FINANCES

Sun 04 July: Envelopes: £468.80 Loose: £747.40

Homeless: £12.50

Thank You

BAPTISM PREPARATION – the second session for parents with babies for baptism will be on **Tuesday 13th July** at 7.30pm in the church. Godparents are welcome too!

BAPTISM – we welcome our new parishioners who will be baptised today Sunday:

Darcey Celine O'Toole-Dincov, Mai Lilly Murphy and Brook Faye Blackmore.

SPEC – is seeking to appoint young men and women for a year-out experience working with children and young people. These full-time volunteers will live as part of the SPEC community at All Saints Pastoral Centre in London Colney. For more information about SPEC community visit www.spec.org.uk

LONDON CARRIBEAN CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY – invites you to THE ALL LONDON CARIBBEAN PILGRIMAGE and Memorial to Fr Charles Gailard to Aylesford Priory on Sunday 1st August Solemn Mass at 12 noon and Rosary and Benediction at 3.30pm. More details on the **notice board** in the Vestibule.

LA SAINTE UNION CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL: Specialist Science College with Maths. For September 2010, there is the possibility of a small number of places in Year 8 and 10. If you are interested in a place for your daughter, please contact Mrs Pauline O'Brien at the school, for an application form.

A DAY WITH MARY – Saturday 24th July at Church of Mary, Mother of God, Ponders End.

PRAY TOGETHER ISLINGTON – the next PT1 will be led by Nigel at Canonbury Community Baptist Church at 7.30am on Thursday 24th July.

YOUNG ADULTS IN THE WEST RETREAT DAY – join Bishop Alan at St Jude's Shrine, Faversham on 24th July. To book call 020 7798 9357 email davidburke@rcdow.org.uk

FRENCH LESSONS – for children and adults by experienced and qualified French teacher. Call Marie-Paule on 07900 603 103.

ENGLISH CLASSES – St Mellitus Church, Tollington Park, N4 3AG. Ten minutes walk from Finsbury Park Station. Free classes from 10am to 12 noon on Fridays in school term time. Contact Jan on 020 8888 5518.

ITALIAN LESSONS – by experienced Italian Native, qualified lecturer. Call Antonia on 020 7490 0829.