



## CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Clergy Fr Howard James (Parish Priest)  
Parish Secretaries: Lisa Mulvaney & Deirdre Weir  
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 – 11am

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C 14 FEBRUARY 2010

### READINGS at MASS

**Today :** Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20, Luke 6:17,20-26  
**Next Sunday: First Sunday of Lent**  
1 Samuel 26:2-23, Psalm 102  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49, Luke 6:27-38

### 'I'M ALRIGHT JACK!'

"Woe to those who are rich." "Woe to those with plenty to eat." "Woe to those who laugh." "Woe to those who are honoured." Does Jesus mean that heaven is denied us if we pick up a well earned pay packet at the end of the month, stock the freezer and put on a cheerful face?

Few of us consider ourselves really well off, but there is a real danger that when we are finally making ends meet we can become seriously complacent. There is a real danger that when we are sitting down to our Spaghetti Bolognese and a bottle of Italian red, that the images of world disasters flashing across our TV screens do not really touch us for more than fleeting moments. We have struggled through a hard day at work, paid the bills, fed the family and got the children to bed. The last thing we want is breaking news of famine or earthquakes to make us feel uncomfortable.

"Blessed are those who are poor. Blessed are those who are hungry. Blessed are those who weep." Jesus is always on the side of those who are poor and badly done to, but this is not a prescription for being poor and hungry in a bid to win Jesus' favour. Jesus is clearly not about keeping people in poverty, so what exactly does he mean? In God's kingdom our earthly values are turned upside down. We count wealth, good health and success as blessings, which of course they are, but they stop being blessings and become hindrances instead when we bury our heads in the sand and fail to see or do anything about a world that suffers widespread starvation and war. The blessings in our lives can only bring true happiness once we are able to shed our "I'm alright Jack" mentality and do something about the "woes" in other people's lives.

**ST JOHN'S GOT TALENT/FUNDRAISING PROJECT** – we are hoping to have auditions soon for anyone willing to participate in 'St John's got talent'. The auditions will be divided into "two groups, 4 – 14, 14 +. Watch this space". If you have any skills and talents and you would like to "show them off, well now" is your chance to shine. More details of the date and times will be announced shortly. Get thinking.....

**YOUTH CENTRE** – we are pleased to announce that the Youth Centre re-opened last Tuesday. The Youth Centre is open on Tuesdays from 6-9pm and welcomes young people from the ages of 11-14 and offer a variety of activities including table tennis, arts & crafts and pool. The programme of activities for the next month is available now by leaving a message with Fr Howard who will pass it on to the Youth Team Leader, Elsworth Samuel.

### DEAR PARISHIONERS

I am sure that we are all aware of the devastation that took place in Haiti recently. The pictures in the newspapers, television and the accounts on the radio would have left us feeling saddened and asking "What can we do"? During the forthcoming season of Lent I would like us, as a second collection and as part of our Lenten Almsgiving, to make our donation for the people and victims of Haiti. This will be forwarded to CAFOD as part of their appeal. I would also like to ask for your prayers for a friend of mine, Rosemond James, who is still missing in Haiti. Please pray for him and his young family.

Many thanks, Fr Howard.

**A Lenten Alms Collection will be taken up NEXT WEEKEND.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6pm(Sat) John Connaughton RIP (Anniv)  
9am John Connaughton RIP (Anniv)  
10:30am For Parishioners  
12noon Michael Courtney RIP  
6pm Andy Higgins RIP

### MONDAY – Feria

10am Efren Bangra RIP

### TUESDAY – Feria

10am Brigid Gorman RIP

### ASH WEDNESDAY – Fast & Abstinence

10am Margaret & Terry Casey RIP  
12.30pm Danny McGinley RIP  
7.30pm Michael Courtney RIP

### THURSDAY – Feria

10am Celia Casey RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

### FRIDAY – Feria

10am Nuala Malone RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)

### SATURDAY – Feria

10am Nuala Malone RIP (Anniv)

**\*\*12 noon Altar Serving Training\*\***

6pm John Mitchell RIP (Anniv)

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9am Frank O'Mara RIP (Anniv)  
10.30am Mrs Nell Lee RIP  
12noon Margaret Fitzpatrick RIP  
6pm For Parishioners

**ST JOHN'S YOUTH CENTRE** – this parish youth club, founded in 1973 and open one evening a week to any local young person aged 11 to 14, is urgently looking for new Committee members to help with the governance of the club, which is run by trained youth workers. Any willing hands, especially those who can take on the Chairmanship and the role of Treasurer, and who can devote just a small number of hours each month and help with fundraising, will be most welcome. The club also needs to recruit volunteer youth workers to work one evening a week with the young people; they would receive training as needed. If you believe you might be able to commit yourself for six months or more please contact Fr Howard.

**HOLY COMMUNION** – next session is on 28<sup>th</sup> February and the topic is Fruit of the Vine. Please bring your children to the 10.30am Mass.

**BAPTISMS** – we welcome our new parishioners who will be baptised:

Gabriel Giorgio John Bonzano, Olivia Igbesimokumo Louise Joses, Ellie Grace Clark and Gabriel Nathan Cobham.

**IRISH DANCING** – lessons are available in the Fr George Haines Centre (formerly the Crypt). If you have a girl or boy who is interested in Irish Dancing come along on Tuesday's from 3.30pm-5pm or call 020 7359 9833.

**STAY AND PLAY** – is open during this half-term between 10am to 2pm.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**Rest in Peace** – please pray for those who died Recently, especially Dessie Cullen, Michael Power and John Fahey 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, Gerald Donnelly, Lucy Bergonzi, Gabrielle, Amy Louise Green, Christiana Okonji, Nichola Biggs, Lisa Wilson, Inez Schiavi, Margaret Kennedy, Margery Trotter, George Carrington-Johnson, Stefan Dabeesing, 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, Mandy Mayes, Joseph Matthew, John Hanway, Winifred MacAuley, Juliette Uibopuu, Helmut Aster, Harry Perkins, Con Enright, Bro John Ogivie Mbrs, Robert Redrupp and Bridin Davey.

## FINANCES

Sun 07 Feb: Envelopes: £ 423.51  
Loose Cash: £ 623.41  
Homeless: £ 19.75

**Thank you Very Much.**

## HOLY COMMUNION DRESSES/ACCESSORIES

– looking for individual style First Communion dresses? Hard to find the right size? Contact Josiane Abel on 020 7278 7291 (after 6pm) or 0785 4047 724.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – this will take place at the 10.30am Mass on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 28<sup>th</sup> March and 25<sup>th</sup> April. Children 7 and under will be invited to come to the School Hall at the beginning of Mass.

**THE STATUE OF OUR LADY** – is now in the far end of Chapel of the Sacred Heart until her Chapel is ready.

**FAITH MATTERS** – Lent 2010 Series The Year of Priesthood. Tuesday's at 7pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 16<sup>th</sup> March at Westminster Cathedral Hall (Victoria Street, London SW1P). Registration for all the lectures is required. Please email [faithmatters@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:faithmatters@rcdow.org.uk) or telephone 020 7931 6078 suggested donation £3.

**MIND THE GAP** – a series of young films for young adults (17-35ish) at Our Lady of the Assumption & St Gregory Catholic Church, 13 Warwick Street, London W1B. Held on Monday evenings 7.00-9.30pm (6.30pm refreshments). Faith Like Potatoes is on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010.

**LIVING VOCATIONALLY: a Commitment to Growth and Change** – a talk for young adults aged 18-38 by Sr. Gabriela Gasch on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30-9pm in the Hinsley Room at Westminster Cathedral.

**A DAY WITH MARY** – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March at Holy Ghost & St Stephen, Ashchurch Grove, London W12.

**ENGLISH CLASSES** – St Mellitus Church, Tollington Park, N4 3AG. Five minutes walk from Finsbury Park Station. Free classes from 10am to 12 noon on Fridays in school term time.  
Contact Jan on 0208 888 5518.