



# 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 – 11.30am

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD 16 MAY 2010

### READINGS at MASS

**Today :** Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 46  
Ephesians 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53

**Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday**  
Acts 2:1-11, Psalm 103  
Romans 8:8-17, 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

## REFLECTION FOR THE ASCENSION OVER TO US

The focus of the Ascension gospel is exaltation and mission. It's time for us to stop looking into the sky and wondering where Jesus has gone, and focus on the important business of putting his teaching into action. There's a real danger nowadays that our faith can become academic. In a world where there seems to be more questions than answers, we can easily fall into the trap of spending too much time, reading, studying pondering and theorising. This is all well and good, but at the end of the day, what counts most is getting things done.

The Ascension, like the Resurrection points to a future in which we live out a reality where death and the threat of death no longer disable us. Jesus leaves us with comfort, support, affirmation and promises. A runner passes on a baton not for his fellow runner to stand still and ponder the importance and significance of the baton. The idea is to win the race. Likewise Jesus has lived a life of example and now it's over to us.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** – I would like to congratulate all the children who will receive Communion for the first time at the 12noon Mass today. I would like to thank all the Catechists for helping to prepare them, Parents and Carers of our children for all they have done to bring us to this special day.

**ST JOHN'S GOT TALENT** – on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April the Grand Final of "St John's Got Talent" took place in the school hall. Supporters of all the acts packed the hall and made for a real theatre atmosphere. All the acts were of the highest standard in so many different ways, very well done to each of them, as they were truly all champions. A collection was made in the interval while the judges were conferring, funds were raised for the Church Restoration Fund.

The results of the contest was as follows:- **1<sup>st</sup> Place** George.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place** Success, Precious and Worth.  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place** The Gaga Girls (Georgia, Mia and Tilly).

Trophies were presented to First, Second and Third Place, plus £25 to the winner. Thank you to everyone that attended this event, a big thank you to all those who entertained us by taking part, the Acts, Compere and Judges. A special thank you to everyone that helped in the setting-up, the clearing away and organization of this event.

**ITEMS FROM JERUSALEM FOR SALE** – here at St John's on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June after all Masses.

**FUNDRAISING FOR THE LADY CHAPEL** – in a few weeks the floor in the Lady Chapel will be cleaned and restored and the restoration will be 'officially' complete. We have to start our **major fundraising** efforts to pay for that chapel. The fundraising committee will be meeting in a few weeks and the outcome of fundraising initiatives will be given to the Parish. Some of the ideas already discussed and we hope to carry through, are a raffle of various prizes with the First prize being £1000 in cash; a dinner at a restaurant; a number of Quiz nights, an increase in numbers for the Lottery, we need another 40 people paying £5 per month, and another Sponsored walk. If you have any other ideas for fundraising please let Fr Howard know in the next few days. Many thanks for your continued support in the restoration of our church. *Fr Howard.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

6pm(Sat) Albert Mead RIP  
9am Mary Parker (Birthday Intentions)  
10:30am Mass for Parishioners  
12noon FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
6pm Sr. Margaret Crank F.C.J. RIP

### MONDAY – Easter Feria

10am Laurence Hatch RIP

### TUESDAY – Easter Feria

10am Tony Hearte RIP

### WEDNESDAY – Easter Feria

10am Patricia Smith (Birthday) RIP

### THURSDAY – Easter Feria

10am Margaret Longan RIP

### FRIDAY – St Matthias, Apostle

10am Molly & Paul Sexton RIP (Anniv)

### SATURDAY – Easter Feria

10am Intentions of Sr. Mary

6pm John Timlin RIP

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

9am Mass for Parishioners  
10.30am Mass of thanksgiving for Dallas Ariotti & William Doe  
12noon FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
6pm Rosina Luigi Maestri RIP

**WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY** – please remember the work of Communications Professionals on this day, which provides support for the Bishops of England & Wales in promoting the Gospel in the media. Please give generously.

**PRAY TOGETHER FOR ISLINGTON** – will be held here at St John's at 7.30am on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30am followed by breakfast. Please make every effort to attend.

**CONFIRMATION – Confirmation rehearsal Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7pm** in the church and **Confirmation Day Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 11am** with Bishop Hope celebrating Mass.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** – the next session of preparation for parents with babies for baptism will be on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> June**. Godparents are most welcome to attend. Registration forms are on the table in the Vestibule.

**BAPTISM** – we welcome our new parishioners who were baptised and today:  
Archie Mark Alan Healy, Elias Davey, Arthur Higgleton, Jake William Anthony Earl and Katie Isla Deborah Earl.

**SUGAR/COFFEE NEEDED** – if you could donate some sugar it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**Rest in Peace** – please pray for those who died recently, especially Tony Hearte and Mrs Virginia Navelga and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Healing** – please pray for parishioners and their relatives/friends who are ill especially, George Baron, Michael Ball, 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, Harry Perkins, Con Enright, Bro John Ogivie, Mrs Bridie Davey, J.Lavelle, Marist Brother and Alicia Graham.

## FINANCES

Sun 09 May: Envelopes: £ 536.02  
Loose Cash: £ 1098.93

**PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY WITH CAFOD** – join CAFOD for a sponsored bike ride to help raise funds for CAFOD's poverty-fighting work overseas. The bike ride will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> June in Lee Valley Country Park, Hertfordshire. For more information contact CAFOD on 020 8449 6970 or email [Westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:Westminster@cafod.org.uk)

**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 0208 888 5518.

**A DAY WITH MARY** – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May at National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at Westminster Cathedral.

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

**YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT DAY** – Bishop Alan and other young adults on a Retreat Day to St Jude's shrine, Faversham on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Cost £15 includes coach travel. Meet, Pray and relax with other young adults from the Diocese. To book your place contact David Burke on 020 7798 9357 or email [davidburke@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:davidburke@rcdow.org.uk)