



# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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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

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 18 JULY 2010

### READINGS at MASS

**Today :** Genesis 18:1-10, Psalm 14  
Colossians 1:24-28, Luke 10:38-42  
**Next Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday of the Year**  
Genesis 18:2-32, Psalm 137  
Colossians 2:12-14, Luke 11:1-13  
**Sunday 1 August: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**  
Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23, Psalm 89  
Colossians 3:1-5.9-11, Luke 12:13-21

## A LITTLE BIT OF MARTHA AND A LITTLE BIT OF MARY

Churches are busy places. There are always one thousand and one things to do. There are youth clubs to organise, pilgrimages to finance, fundraising for the church dry rot repairs, then there's the toddlers group, the pensioners bingo night, the flower arranging, music rehearsals, the church magazine to compile, quite apart from all the regular book keeping, admin' and upkeep of registers. For much of its work the church relies on volunteers ...a team of willing parishioners who fit church ministry alongside other pressing work commitments. Without these very busy people, the church would most likely grind to a halt. Martha was one of these people. When Jesus calls at the home of Martha and Mary we see that Martha busies herself with all the practical arrangements. Meanwhile, here sister Mary takes time out to sit and listen to Jesus. Worse, when Martha complains, Jesus appears to take Mary's side!

The very great danger in this story is that we feel inclined to take the side of one sister or the other. Surely Jesus wasn't taking Mary's side at Martha's cost. Jesus must have appreciated Martha's efforts to be a perfect hostess, but he was perhaps pointing out a pitfall to those of us who are overly busy. Sometimes our lives can become so full of practical concerns that we become intellectually and spiritually empty. It's true that faith is meaningless without the action to back it up, but it's equally important that actions without Christ at the core can ring hollow. We have to make space in our busy lives for our spiritual and intellectual development or we are in serious danger of becoming busy just for the sake of keeping busy. Before we know it we can be running round in senseless circles. Before we know it we can become exhausted, yet have little to show for our efforts. In today's gospel, Mary recognised that on this occasion it was more important to develop spiritually than to work in the kitchen, and for this, Jesus commends her for making the better choice.

We are not asked to be more like Mary than Martha. We are not asked to choose a contemplative faith over action and works of charity. The ideal is to adopt a little of both, a little bit of Martha and a little bit of Mary.

## GRAND SUMMER DRAW – **First Prize: Tilly McRedmond, Second Prize: Mary Akpelli, Third Prize: Mrs McGann.**

Many thanks to everyone who supported this event by purchasing tickets or donating prizes.  
To date the raffle has raised £2160.

**PARISH PICNIC** – It was a success this year. Thanks to everyone who was able to attend. I hope that we can have the picnic again next year. It should be the second Sunday in July, please bear that in mind for next year.

**FR GEORGE HAINES AND AIDAN MARLEY** – Fr George Haines, a beloved former parish priest at St John's, was ordained on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 1951. February 2010 saw the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr Haines's passing. This year also sees the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the tragic death of a young parishioner, Aidan Marley. A plaque to remember both Fr Haines and Aidan will be placed on the front wall of the church before the end of this year. This project was undertaken and agreed by Fr Shaun before he left. Please remember Fr Haine's and Aidan's family in your prayers.

**TRIP TO HYDE PARK & BIRMINGHAM** – everyone who signed to go to Hyde Park and Birmingham will be able to do so. We were oversubscribed, but due to the generosity of a parish that did not use all their spaces, we were able to get extra places.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** – there are five members of the parish community who will be joining the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes on 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010. If you would like your intentions to be taken to Lourdes, please sign the form in the Lady chapel and put your donation in an envelope, marked: LOURDES, and the intention will be left at the Grotto.

**ORGAN RECITAL** – by Martin Baker (Organist of Westminster Cathedral) next Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. Music by Alain Bach and others. Admission is FREE with collection for the Restoration. Do come and support our Cathedral Organist.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

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

#### MONDAY – Feria

10am HOLY SOULS

#### TUESDAY – Feria

10am Mary Geary RIP

#### WEDNESDAY – Feria

**\*\*10am Funeral Mass of Kevin O'Leary RIP\*\***

#### THURSDAY – St Mary Magdalen

10am Intentions of Inez Schiavi

#### FRIDAY – St Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe

10am Intentions of Tom Dunlea

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

#### SATURDAY – Feria

10am Special Intentions  
6pm Seed of Thanks giving for answered Prayer

#### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9am Betty Flaherty RIP (Anniv)  
10:30am For Parishioners  
12noon George Hayes RIP (Anniv)  
6pm The Arandora Star Victims RIP (Anniv)

#### MONDAY – SS Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V. Mary

10am Colwyn St Davids RIP

#### TUESDAY – Feria

10am Samuel Keith Fitzgerald RIP

#### WEDNESDAY – Feria

10am Seed of Thanks giving for answered Prayers

#### THURSDAY – St Martha

10am Intentions of Kitty Parker

#### FRIDAY – Feria

10am Kate Parker RIP

#### SATURDAY – St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

10am HOLY SOULS

6pm Peg Kiely RIP

#### EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9.30am Mary Malone RIP (Anniv)  
11.30am Imran & Zaki Quershi RIP  
6pm For Parishioners

### Prayer for the Papal Visit to the UK 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**Rest in Peace** – please pray for those who died recently, especially Kevin O'Leary, 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, Aillen Murphy RIP

**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 Ogivie, Mrs Bridie Davey, J.Lavelle, Marist Brother, Alicia Graham, Iris Mulvany and Luciano Vandelli.

### FINANCES

Sun 11 July: Envelopes: £430.52 Loose: £605.17  
Homeless: £49.27 Apostleship of the Sea: £408.26  
Thank You

**THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS TWO WEEKS AS THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 19 JULY-27 JULY 2010.**

**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](http://www.spec.org.uk)

**A DAY WITH MARY** – Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July at Church of Mary, Mother of God, Ponders End.

**YOUNG ADULTS IN THE WEST RETREAT DAY** – join Bishop Alan at St Jude's Shrine, Faversham on 24<sup>th</sup> July. To book call 020 7798 9357 email [davidburke@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:davidburke@rcdow.org.uk)

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

**IRISH DANCING** – has finished for the holidays and will be back on 7<sup>th</sup> September in the Fr George Haines Centre.

**BRIGHT LIGHTS PILGRIMAGE** – Today Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm in London Colney, AL2 1AF. Join hundreds to walk the very route that St Albans took from his place of arrest and to his execution spot, followed by short service in the Abbey at 7.30pm. £8 includes walk, supper and coach. [www.brightlights.org.uk](http://www.brightlights.org.uk)

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

**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.

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