



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 – 11am

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C 20 DECEMBER 2009

READINGS at MASS

Today : Micah 5:1-4, Psalm 79
Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-44

Next Sunday: THE HOLY FAMILY
Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6.12-14, Psalm 127
Colossians 3:12-21, Luke 2:41-52

THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS TWO WEEKS UNTIL 3rd JANUARY 2010

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

What would you do if your boss promised a brand new company car if you could meet certain targets? Well you'd probably pull out all the stops of course. You'd fill each day working hard and planning the next. What would you do if God promised you a place in Heaven if you lived your life by Jesus' teaching? It's a terrible realisation to think we might work harder for a company car than a place in Heaven!

Promises affect our lives, they motivate us and bind us, but only if we truly believe in them. If we truly believed in God's promise, surely it would fill every corner of our lives as it did Mary's. Sadly, many of us confine God to a very small part of our lives. Bringing God into our work and spare time seems incompatible. Doing anything of any real importance feels beyond us. Being chosen by God seems highly unlikely, and as for following Mary's example well that really is a tall order.

Today Mary reminds us that ordinary people can be transformed by God's promise. We are invited to take God into every part of our life it just takes a little imagination and a little ingenuity. We are reminded that however unimportant and small we might feel, we are part of God's plan. We are reminded that if we listen to God as Mary did, anything is possible.

OPEN CHRISTMAS DINNER: CHEF/CHEFS URGENTLY NEEDED – the two chefs who prepare the Open Christmas dinner are not available this year. Can you help to prepare the meal for Christmas Day? If you can please call Fr Howard on 020 7226 3277.

IT'S CAROLS ON THE UNDERGROUND TIME – On Wednesday 23rd December from 5.30 – 6.30pm. (We meet at 5.15pm) in the Angel Underground Foyer. Come and sing 'In Aid of the Homeless in Islington. People love to hear Carols at this time of the year, Let's enjoy!! For more information please contact Deirdre on 020 7688 0279.

OPEN CHRISTMAS – plans are going ahead for the Open Christmas and now is the opportunity to sign up. **We would be very grateful for volunteers** to help on Wednesday 23rd, Thursday 24th and Friday 25th December. This will ensure a very successful event which makes Christmas the joyful occasion for those who are alone. Volunteers are the soul of this Parish. Thursday 24th – Vegetable preparation, 10.30am – 2pm, Christmas Day – volunteers from 11.30am. Lunch served from 1pm. If you can help please sign up on the board in the Vestibule.

ARCHBISHOP'S 40TH JUBILEE – Archbishop Vincent celebrates his 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Monday 21st December. The Archbishop would be grateful for your prayers for his Jubilee. Let us remember him and pray for God's Blessing for his ministry.

SPONSORED WALK – please return all sponsorship sheets and money by Wednesday 23rd. James Griffin was the first to arrive at the Cathedral and Amalia was the 'oldest' walker. They both receive a prize. As soon as all the sheets are in then it can be determined who raised the most money and the Hamper can be given to them before Christmas Day. Fr Howard has raised just over £2,500 but has exempted himself from 'possibly' winning the Hamper.

MASS INTENTIONS**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

6pm(Sat) Gawron Czeslaw RIP (10th Anniv)
 9am Ellen, Sid & Peter Winford RIP
 10:30am Mary Malone RIP
 12noon For Parishioners
 6pm Nuala Malone RIP

MONDAY – Advent Feria

10am Intentions of Okereafor Family

TUESDAY – Advent Feria

10am Intentions of Fr Louis & Fr Prakash

WEDNESDAY – Advent Feria

10am Juan Valera (Jnr) RIP Juan Valera (Snr) RIP
 Encarnacion Ordonez RIP

7.30pm Peter Joseph Conway RIP

THURSDAY – Christmas Eve

10am Cornelius O'Connor RIP

6pm Jim Ward RIP

11.30pm Vigil & Midnight Mass

For Parishioners

FRIDAY – CHRISTMAS DAY**9am Dawn Mass**

Nuala Malone RIP (Birthday)

10.30am Mass with Carols

Manuel & Waldron Family RIP

12noon Sung Mass

The Casey & Coleman Family RIP

SATURDAY – ST STEPHEN, Protomartyr

10am Colywn St David's RIP

6pm Margaret & Terry Casey RIP

SUNDAY – THE HOLY FAMILY

9am Gloria Seaman RIP (Anniv)

10.30am Rosie Waldron RIP (Anniv)

12 noon For Parishioners

****No Evening Mass****

MONDAY – HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs

10am Intentions of Fr Prakash Tigga

TUESDAY – Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

10am Intentions of Okereafor Family

WEDNESDAY – Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

10am Jo Mongey RIP (Anniv)

THURSDAY – Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

10am Nuala Malone RIP

*******MIDNIGHT MASS*******

1ST JANUARY 2010

FRIDAY – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

12noon Frank O'Mara & Bill Price RIP

SATURDAY – SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

10am Mairead Parker RIP

6pm Michael, Martin & Jack Talty RIP

SUNDAY – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9am Anthony Alexander RIP

10.30am For Parishioners

12noon Angel RIP

6pm Mary Corcoran RIP

CALVARY PRAYER GROUP – will be held here at St John the Evangelist Church on the 1st Friday of every month from 7pm – 9pm. For more information contact Daniel on 07932 052 866.

YOUNG MEN WANTED FOR A GOSPEL CHOIR – on Sundays at 6 pm Masses here at St John's. There is no audition. Please contact Beatrice on Beatrice-t@hotmail.com or 0777 0793 732.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Rest in Peace – please pray for those who died Recently, especially, Maud Mary Janice 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, Dessie Cullen, 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, Brendan Bryne, Mandy Mayes, Joseph Matthew, John Hanway, Winifred MacAuley and Juliette Uibopuu.

FINANCES: For Sunday 13 December

Envelopes: £ 610.87 Loose Cash: £ 878.00

Homeless: £ 15.92

Thank you Very Much.

CONFIRMATION – session 4 is on Monday 4th January at 7pm – 8pm in the Fr George Haines Centre. **Contributions still to be paid for Confirmation please return by Tuesday 22nd December to the parish office.**

SCHOOL REFERENCE FORMS – for Reception 2010. These forms will be signed on **11th, 12th and 13th January 2010** between **3pm and 5pm. No appointment needed. Do not leave in the letterbox.** Please call Fr Howard if you can not make those dates.

DIocese OF WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK – for 2010 are on sale from the parish office at £4 each or ring bound £5. They contain details of every church, school, and organisation in the diocese. Limited stock so buy now!

LOTTERY WINNER DECEMBER – James Carroll No.7 Congratulations you have won £100.

HOMELESS – please do not donate any sandwiches for the homeless between Wednesday 23rd December to 5th January 2010. Thank you.

SUNDAY CLUB – needs someone to manage our Accounts from February 2010 onwards. We are looking for someone to take over gradually from early in the new year, someone efficient and willing to take on a not-too-onerous, but necessary task. If you think you can help, please contact Molly on 020 7226 3887 or email mollymconville@gmail.com

ITALIAN LESSONS – by experienced Italian native, qualified Lecturer. Call Antonia on 020 7490 0829.

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.

CHRISTMAS CEILI PARTY – at the London Irish Centre on Sunday 20th December from 8pm sharp with lessons for newbies to 8.30pm. Music from Tony Kearney from Cork. You may also bring an instrument and your voices. Cost for Adults only £4 come and enjoy! Anton Coyle Organiser 020 7272 5815.

CATHOLIC SINGLES – is an organisation which helps single, widowed, separated and divorced Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet, either one to one or through social events. All members receive a monthly bulletin, called Catholic Networking. For more information please tel. 0161 941 3498 or www.catholicssingles.org.uk or email info@catholicssingles.org.uk