



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

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 20 JUNE 2010

READINGS at MASS

Today : Zechariah 12:10-11;13-1, Psalm 62
Galatians 3:26-29, Luke 9:18-24

Next Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

1 Kings 19:6.19-21, Psalm 15
Galatians 5:1.13-18, Luke 9:51-62

CHRISTIANITY WITHOUT THE SUFFERING

"Who do you say that I am?" Jesus asks his disciples. "The Messiah of God," replies Peter promptly.

How would we answer the same question? Who do you say Jesus is? Is he the Son of God, or a prophet or just a very good man with a talent for story-telling and teaching?

"The Son of God of course," we reply with well-tutored ease but, here comes the sting. Simply recognising that Jesus is the Son of God is not enough. Recognising that Jesus is the Son of God means living life very differently from those around us. "If anyone want to become my followers," says Jesus, "let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily." Suddenly being a Christian, doesn't sound like much fun. Surely there is a way to be a Christian without the suffering?

It's only human nature to want to avoid problems. Problems cause us pain and difficulty. It's only human nature to side-step confrontation, to wait for problems to go away of their own accord or hope that someone else will solve things for us. But one of the great lessons in life is that problems are part of our Christian journey. Once we have solved one problem there will always be another on the horizon. The sooner we accept this simple fact of life the sooner we can equip ourselves to cope. There is no use in pretending that problems don't exist we have to confront them head on, and in confronting them we become stronger and wiser as a result.

Is there an alternative to taking up our crosses? Well yes, we could live frivolous lives refusing to face up to any kind of responsibility. We could bury our heads in the sand and pretend our problems simply don't exist, leaving us weakened and lacking in integrity. Then there's always the option to mask our problems with alcohol, comfort eating, retail therapy or drugs. Psychiatric clinics are full of people who have tried to escape their problems and end up making things much worse.

Life is full of suffering, but once we make the decision to take up our crosses with good cheer, life is suddenly a lot easier and a lot more fulfilling.

ST JOHN'S FAITH-SHARING GROUP – as adult Catholics we often need support in knowing and living our faith. It is always good to get together to share our thoughts, ask questions, look for answers and learn more about what we believe and how we live that faith day to day. The Faith-Sharing Group meets once a month to do just that. With guest speakers, films and discussion, it is the perfect opportunity to share with others in these challenging times when our faith may be called into question. If you are interested in coming along to this very friendly and informal group, then please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or simply turn up for next meeting 7.30pm Tuesday 22nd June in the dining room in the Presbytery at No 39 – you will be very welcome.

ST JOHN'S LOTTERY CLUB – we have **31** slots available for the lottery. Would you like to sign up?

HEALING SERVICE – between the Baptist Church, St James Anglican Church and St John's held here at St John the Evangelist Church on Sunday 20th June at 3.30pm.

ORGAN RECITAL – by Graham Barber next Saturday 26th June at 7.30pm. Music by Alain, Bach and Karg-Elert. Admission is FREE. A collection will be taken up for Restoration.

COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE – Sunday 27th June.

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

"GRAND DRAW" DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S – one of the fundraising events that we have planned to raise money for the restoration, is a Grand Draw. Tickets will be attached to each newsletter this weekend. There are 10 tickets in a booklet costing £1 per ticket or £10 for a whole book. If you can sell more than one booklet that would be great and you can get more booklets for sale at the parish office. If we can get this right then that could be a major contribution to the restoration fund. Please help as much as you can.

MASS INTENTIONS

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6pm(Sat) P.J. Griffin RIP
9am Grace Hickey RIP (Anniv)
10:30am Kate Parker RIP
12noon George Carrington RIP
6pm For Parishioners

MONDAY – St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

10am Thanksgiving Mass for Dallas Ariotti & William Doe

TUESDAY – SS John Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs

10am Beato Francisco Garate & the Souls of Purgatory

WEDNESDAY – Feria

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THURSDAY – Nativity of St John the Baptist

10am Anna Sabini RIP (Anniv)

FRIDAY – Feria

10am Beato Francisco Garate & the Souls of Purgatory

****1pm Funeral Mass of John Okolo RIP****

SATURDAY – Feria

10am Colwyn St Davids RIP
6pm P.J. Griffin RIP

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

9am Raymond Kelly RIP

No 10:30 Mass

12noon Mrs Tracey Perella RIP
6pm For Parishioners

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.

ST JOHN'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP – Sunday 20th June at 6pm Mass where the YAG will introduce the group to the community. Refreshments will be available after Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL – Mike Fletcher was elected as the Parish Council President and Guido Waldman was elected as Secretary. Many congratulations to both. Photographs of the Parish Council will be posted on the Parish board in the Vestibule, soon.

PARISH PARTY – the Annual Parish Part will be on Sunday 27th June after the 12 noon Mass. There will be **NO MASS AT 10:30am on the 27th**. Everyone is invited to bring some refreshments for the party. A sign-up sheet for your contributions is available this week.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Rest in Peace – please pray for those who died recently, especially John Okolo and Mary Geary 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 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 Ogievie, Mrs Bridie Davey, J.Lavelle, Marist Brother and Alicia Graham.

FINANCES

Sun 13 June: Envelopes: £558.53 Loose: £922.58
Homeless: £21.70
Thank You

PAPAL VISIT – the Diocese has been allocated few places for each of the Papal events, in one case 18, in another 200. Parishes has been asked to nominate people for each event and that will go into a ballot I will consult and name persons for each of the events, it is very possible that your name, once nominated, may not be drawn. St John the Evangelist Primary School has been selected, from all the Islington schools, to be present at the gathering of young people at Twickenham. Many Congratulations. Please continue to pray for the success of the Papal visit.

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 today for all.

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.

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

CELEBRATING UGANDA MARTYRS DAY – Mass will be celebrated on the Feast of the Uganda Martyrs on Sunday 27th June at 3.00pm, at St Gabriel's Parish, 15 St John's Villas, Upper Holloway, N19. Main celebrant will be Bishop John Baptist Kaggwa of Masaka Diocese, Uganda.

FURNITURE NEEDED URGENT – for two people in need, if you have chairs/tables/chest of drawers/wardrobe or computer desk. Please contact Peggy Orlandi S.V.P. on 020 7251 3312.

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 0208 888 5518.

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