



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C 24 JANUARY 2010

READINGS at MASS

Today : Nehemiah 8:2-6, 8-10, Psalm 18
1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Luke 1:1-4;4:14-21

Next Sunday: Fourth Sunday of the Year

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-79, Psalm 70
1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13, Luke 4:21-30

GREAT WORDS

US Barack Obama's rhetorical skill, his ability to captivate and inspire audiences with his powerful speeches, has led some writers to describe him as the greatest orator of his generation. His speeches draw on speeches past, consciously creating a sense of history, purpose and continuity. As in any great orator, Barack Obama recognises that great truths can be remembered best by one small quote. Keeping things short and succinct will make one's words more memorable than a great big rambling speech. Then of course politicians can be charged with empty rhetoric, it takes a big personality to put the weight of truth and integrity behind his or her words.

When Jesus is invited to stand up and preach back at his own hometown synagogue he chooses his reading with care. What Jesus chooses to read is to be a statement about his own mission priorities. He chooses to speak of social injustice. "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me," he reads, "... because he has anointed me to proclaim glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom to the oppressed." Then Jesus points to himself as the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy before handing back the scroll and sitting down. Jesus has obeyed all the rules of public speaking, he has considered the purpose of his reading, chosen words that will best convey his purpose, and delivered them powerfully and succinctly.

How will Jesus' listeners' respond to his claim? Today's reading doesn't give us the listeners' response so we have time to imagine what our own response would have been. Would we have been inspired and motivated to hear Jesus speak these words? Would we suddenly see the ancient prophecy as just that, an ancient prophecy, or as mission to be fulfilled under Jesus' leadership? Could we imagine the poetry of these words resonating two thousand years later?

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 – 12 and 14+. 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.....

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.

NEXT SUNDAY 31st JANUARY IS CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE DAY – there will be a second collection taken up at all Masses.

BAPTISM PREPARATION - the next session of preparation for parents with babies for baptism will be 2nd and 9th February at 7.30pm. Godparents are most welcome to attend the session.

MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6pm(Sat) Intentions of Nick & Pat
9am Tommy Campbell RIP
10:30am For Parishioners
12noon George Robert Turner RIP
6pm Alan Coram RIP

MONDAY – CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Apostle

10am Intentions of Con Enright

TUESDAY – SS Timothy & Titus, Bishops

10am Colwyn St David's RIP

WEDNESDAY – Feria

****10am Funeral Mass of Michael Power RIP****

THURSDAY – St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

10am Victoria Boo RIP

FRIDAY – Feria

10am Mrs Josephine Gallagher RIP

SATURDAY – Feria

10am Intentions of Anna McShane (Birthday)

****Altar Serving Training****

6pm Alyson McGuire-Baker RIP

Fourth Sunday of the Year

9am Intentions of Kitty Parker

10.30am Frank Cuniffe RIP

12noon Theresa Young RIP

6pm For Parishioners

For some time now parishioners have been asking if they can help with teas and coffee after the 10.30 Mass and with cleaning the church. There are some very generous parishioners who help in both areas but it needs to be put on a regular rota. If you would like to help in both these areas please ring the parish office and leave your name and telephone number and you will be put on a Team Rota. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

CONFIRMATION – session 8 is on Monday 25th January at 7pm – 8pm in the Fr George Haines Centre.

HOLY COMMUNION – Reconciliation. Lesson starts at 10.30am on Saturday 30th January.

BAPTISMS – we welcome our new parishioner who will be baptised:

Harvey Power and Lauren Kaitlyn Rubio.

Claire Plant will be received into the church on Sunday 31st January 2010 at 9am Mass. Please remember her, Steve her husband and her 2 sons in your prayers.

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!

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Rest in Peace – please pray for those who died Recently, especially Hose Mapenao, Afren Benaea, Michael Power and Josephine Gallagher 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, Juliette Uibopuu, Helmut Aster, Harry Perkins, Con Enright, Bro John Ogivie Mbrs and Robert Redrupp.

FINANCES

Sun 17 Jan: Envelopes: £ 390.36
Loose Cash: £ 697.98
Homeless: £ 15.99
Pax Christi: £263.38

Thank you Very Much.

SPONSORED WALK: Total raised to date
£13,394.84 to date.

PRAYER AS ART. ART AS PRAYER WORKSHOP – looking at ways and means of exploring some of the mysterious and powerful ways God enters into our lives and calls us to deeper awareness of his divine love through prayer, reflection and using visual symbols and inspirational creativity. Prayer through story telling, poetry and art. **Saturday 6th February 2010** 10.30am to 4pm at Vaughan House, 46 Francis Street, London SW1P 1QN. Please bring something for a shared lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Bookings: Sheila Gosney rjm 020 8451 9391 email Sheila.gosney@ukonline.co.uk

LOTTERY WINNER FOR JANUARY – is Mary Mungovan number 23 – Congratulations! Please telephone or call at the Presbytery for your cheque of £100.

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES – Saturday 13th February World Day of Prayer for the Sick at 3pm at Westminster Cathedral, Victoria Street, London SW1P 1QW. Celebrant: Archbishop Vincent Nichols the Sacrament of the sick will be administered. If you would like to attend this Mass and get priority seating please let the Parish office know by the 29th January.

The information needed is your name and the person who will accompany you. These seats are limited, so please apply early. Fr Howard.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – starts up again on Sunday 31st January at the 10.30am Mass. It will take place on 21st February, 28th March and 25th April – further dates to be confirmed in due course. Children 7 and under will be invited to come to the School Hall at the beginning of Mass. If you can volunteer to help contact Geraldine 07753828049.

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

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.

THE LONDON IRISH CENTRE – do you know any Irish person who is elderly, lonely, maybe suffering from deteriorating health? Please call 020 7916 2222.