



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 28 FEBRUARY 2010

READINGS at MASS

Today : Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18, Psalm 26
Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 9:28-36

Next Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15, Psalm 102
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12, Luke 13:1-9

A NEW LIGHT

What do you do when you have heard a message umpteen times before and think you already understand it? Perhaps you respond with boredom. Perhaps you respond with opinions and understandings you developed a long time ago. Perhaps you respond by shutting off completely.

In today's gospel it is clear that the disciples thought they knew what Jesus was all about when they quite obviously didn't at all. They certainly didn't understand the necessity for Jesus to go to Jerusalem and meet certain crucifixion. In response to their depression, Jesus takes his disciples up a mountain and treats them to a transfigured vision of himself flanked by Moses and Elijah. Quite literally Jesus motivates his disciples by showing himself in a new light.

Sometimes this is exactly what we need too. When our opinions and understanding of things get stuck in a rut, we need a new light to push us in a fresh direction. The trouble is, we don't have Jesus' physical presence to treat us to a vision; we have to work a little harder for our mountain-top experiences. So how do we shed new light on a subject with which we've become overly familiar? Firstly, we need some good old-fashioned lateral thinking. Try forgetting everything you already know and listen to your own gut reactions. Imagine yourself approaching the message for the very first time. Try reading a book or an article you might not otherwise have considered. Talk to someone you suspect has thought round the subject more than you have. Most importantly talk to God and ask him to shed new light. You might be lucky enough to get inspiration in a blinding flash or a voice from the clouds, but new insights can come at any time and in any guise. Perhaps you are receiving new revelations every day and simply not recognizing them. We need to be constantly 'tuned in' to recognize our mountain-top experiences.

ST JOHN'S GOT TALENT – this is an opportunity for us to show off the great talent that is in our parish. If you would like to audition for this Talent show the dates are as follows:

4-10 years: Friday 12th March at 7pm in the Fr George Haines Parish Centre.

11-16 years: Friday 19th March at 7pm in the Fr George Haines Parish Centre.

17+ Friday 26th March at 7pm in the Fr George Haines Parish Centre.

The dates for the Heats and Finals will be announced later. Come and cheer on the talent in our parish.

YOUTH CENTRE – we are pleased to announce that the Youth Centre has re-opened. The Youth Centre is open on Tuesdays from 6-9pm and welcomes young people from the ages of 11-14 and offer a variety of activities including table tennis, arts & crafts and pool. The programme of activities for the next month is available now by leaving a message with Fr Howard.

LENT – The Stations of the Cross will be done after the 10 o'clock Mass on Friday mornings during Lent.

WEDNESDAY MASSES DURING LENT – during Lent there will be Mass at 10am and 7.30pm.

YEAR OF THE PRIEST 40 HOURS OF ADORATION – each deanery has been asked to organize forty hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In the Islington Deanery, of which we are a part, it was decided that each Parish would organise five hours of Adoration. Here at St John the Evangelist, we will have our five hours of Adoration on Saturday 20th March beginning at 10:30 and ending at 3:30 pm with Benediction. I would like to encourage groups or individuals to sign up for a half and hour's slot. May Sexton will begin at 10:30 and I will take up the 3pm slot. The sign-up sheet will be available from next weekend. Even if you are not signing up for half an hour's slot I would like to encourage you to come to Adoration anytime on that day and pray for priests. Fr Howard.

SCHOOL FORMS FOR RECEPTION – the school forms for entry into the Reception class at St John's will be given out from the 4th March. I will be available to sign them on **Monday 8th at 3:30 – 5pm; Tuesday 9th at 3:30 – 5pm and Wednesday 10th March at 5 – 7pm.** You do not need to make an appointment. If these dates are not convenient for you please call and make arrangements for a more suitable time. Fr Howard.

**MASS INTENTIONS
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

6pm(Sat) Tom Tynan RIP
9am Camilla Mariani RIP (Anniv)
10:30am For Parishioners
12noon Kathleen Hughes, Alice Boylan & Tom Brown RIP (Anniv)
6pm Sarah Flood RIP
MONDAY – ST DAVID, Bishop, Patron of Wales
10am Intentions of Okereafor Family
TUESDAY – Lent Feria
****10am Funeral Mass for Mary Theresa Bright RIP** (known as Maria Bush)**
WEDNESDAY – Lent Feria
10am Intentions of Okereafor Family
****7.30pm Lenten Mass****
THURSDAY – Lent Feria
10am Intentions of Okereafor Family
FRIDAY – Lent Feria
10am Intentions of Jacqui Parker
SATURDAY – Lent Feria
10am Elizabeth Hebden RIP (Anniv)
6pm John Fahey RIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
9am Intentions of Okereafor Family
10.30am Maria Mihalikova & Ian Telmanik RIP
12noon Intentions of Okereafor Family
6pm For Parishioners

****12 noon Altar Serving Training****

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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION – the next session of preparation for parents with babies for baptism will be held on **Tuesday 2nd and 9th March at 7.30pm** in the church. Registration forms are in the Vestibule. Godparents are welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION – session 9 is on Monday 1st March at 7pm-8pm in the Fr George Haines Centre.

HOLY COMMUNION – next session is today 28th February and the topic is Fruit of the Vine. Please bring your children to the 10.30am Mass.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – this will take place July 25th – 31st July 2010. Some application forms were distributed recently. If you would like to go to Lourdes there will be a meeting on Wednesday, March 24th at 6:30pm in the Fr George Haines Parish Centre for us to decide which means of transportation we will take. I would like us to travel as a Parish Group. Fr Howard.

LOTTERY WINNER FEBRUARY – Catriona Murfitt No. 5. Congratulations!

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Rest in Peace – please pray for those who died Recently, especially Mary Theresa Bright, Theresa Fung, Dessie Cullen 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, 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, Helmut Aster, Harry Perkins, Con Enright, Bro John Ogivie Mbrs, Robert Redrupp, Bridin Davey and J Lavelle, Marist Brother.

FINANCES

Sun 21 Feb: Envelopes: £ 371.63
Loose Cash: £ 696.69
Homeless: £ 17.35

Thank you Very Much.

CALLING ALL 20's – 40's – you are invited to meet with Catholics/church attending young people to socialise, pray, have discussions, support each other and live out your Catholic/Christian Commitments.

HOLY COMMUNION DRESSES/ACCESSORIES – Josiane will be displaying her dresses in the Vestibule today Sunday 28th February from 10am or contact Josiane Abel on 020 7278 7291 (after 6pm) or 0785 4047 724.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – this will take place at the 10.30am Mass on 21st February, 28th March and 25th April. Children 7 and under will be invited to come to the School Hall at the beginning of Mass.

A DAY WITH MARY – Saturday 6th March at Holy Ghost & St Stephen, Ashchurch Grove, London W12.

IRISH DANCING – lessons are available in the Fr George Haines Centre (formerly the Crypt). If you have a girl or boy who is interested in Irish Dancing come along on Tuesday's from 3.30pm-5pm or call 020 7359 9833.

SUGAR NEEDED – if you could donate some sugar for the homeless project it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

FAITH MATTERS, Lenten 2010 Series – the Year of Priesthood on Tuesday's 2nd March at 7pm at Westminster Cathedral Hall, London SW1P.

WALK WITH ME – a Lenten Journey of Prayer for 2010 booklets available in the Vestibule **£1**. Please place money in the box that says Newspapers.

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.