



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

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 03 JANUARY 2010

READINGS at MASS

Today : Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 71
Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7, Psalm 28
Acts 10:34-38, Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Wanted.... Unwanted Christmas Presents! Save lives. Declutter yours

If you opened your Christmas presents this year and thought, "Great! Just what I always wanted!" you're probably one of the lucky minority. For the rest of us the house can easily become cluttered with things that we don't really want and certainly don't need. But before you stuff those unwanted gifts at the bottom of your wardrobe, give the charity shops a thought. Your local charity shop can convert your gifts into cash to fund their work – helping deliver urgent aid in emergencies, better education, and health care. Just after Christmas is a bad time for us to make cash donations because most of us are all spent up, but it's the perfect time to set our world to rights with a serious clear-out!

Dear Parishioners and Friends of St John's, Many thanks for your generous gifts, cards and prayers and support during the last year.

The Christmas plays of St John's Primary set the scene for a very busy week. The Key Stage I 'Celebrating a Caribbean Christmas' was written by a Student at St John's and Key Stage II 'Go Gabriel Go' was written by a former student. I think that we can expect good things from them in the future.

The Family Mass at 6pm was illustrated by our children and they did a beautiful job of portraying the Christmas story. Baby Emma was blessed at the end of Mass and it helped to show us the story of the infant child is one that will always resonate with our daily living.

The Carol Service was spiritually moving service and the Midnight Mass certainly touched my life for its beauty and spiritually and a community praying and worshipping together.

We have had a year of hard fundraising for the ongoing Restoration of our Parish Church and the Sponsored Walk was our major fundraiser. I would like to thank everyone for getting behind this project.

We have started a Parish Council and I am looking forward to working with them to continue the good work that my many predecessors have started. I would like to encourage us to be a Praying Community that reaches out to everyone.

As we begin our new year and a new decade I would like to ask God's blessing for all of you and your loved ones. We have been blessed here. May the celebration of the birth of the Christ child continue to awaken in us God's love and the action that we take as a result of knowing God. May the Spirit of the Holy Family of Nazareth be in every home in the Parish.

RAFFLE PRIZES – there are three remaining raffle prizes in the parish office. The winning tickets are J. Scott Church, Mary Buckley Church and Stephany Axango. Please collect your prize from the office. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

6pm(Sat) Michael, Martin & Jack Talty RIP

9am Anthony Alexander RIP

10:30am For Parishioners

12noon Angel RIP

6pm Nuala Mary Corcoran RIP

MONDAY – Christmas Feria

10am Intentions of Okereafor Family

TUESDAY – Christmas Feria

10am Colywn St. David's RIP

WEDNESDAY – Christmas Feria

10am Baby Archie Stechman-Journeaux RIP

THURSDAY – Christmas Feria

10am Tracey, Nell & Jim RIP

FRIDAY – Christmas Feria

10am Walter Briscoe RIP

SATURDAY – Christmas Feria

10am Philip Enright RIP

6pm Intentions of Mrs Sylvia D'Souza

SUNDAY – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9am Sean Cronin RIP

10.30am Tim Olsen Vetland RIP

12noon Jackie Warde RIP (Anniv)

6pm For Parishioners

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.

CONFIRMATION – session 5 is on Monday 4th January at 7pm – 8pm in the Fr George Haines Centre.

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!

CARMEL-IN-THE-CITY – there will be no Carmel-in-the-City on the 1st Saturday in January 2010, due to Christmas New Year holidays. We shall combine January and February sessions into a single event on Saturday 30th January. Bishop John Crowley and retired Bishop of Middlesbrough will celebrate Mass at 11.30am which will anticipate the Feast of Candlemass as we also head into Carmel-in-the-City's 3rd year. Bishop John will speak in the afternoon on 'A Bishop's view of priesthood', linking with 'The Year for Priests' theme.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Rest in Peace – please pray for those who died Recently, especially, Maud Mary Janice, Baby Archie Stechman-Journeaux 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 and Helmut Aster.

FINANCES

Sun 20 Dec: Envelopes: £407.57	Sun 25 Dec:
Loose Cash: £705.69	Envelopes: £ 982.10
Homeless: £140.00	Loose Cash: £1994.47
Sun 27 Dec: Envelopes: £368.50	
Loose Cash: £531.33	
Homeless: £ 9.55	
Carol Singing: £224.50	

Thank you Very Much.

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

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.catholicsingles.org.uk or email info@catholicsingles.org.uk

REAL CEILI NIGHTS ON SUNDAY – at the London Irish Centre, Camden Square, NW1. Only £4 for adults and starts at 8pm with tuition for newcomers.

PRAY TOGETHER FOR ISLINGTON – Tuesday 12th January 2010 at 1pm. Lunch together at Tim Clarke's home – 78 Aberdeen Park, N5. Please bring packed lunch as drinks will be provided.

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.