



## CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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*A parish of Westminster Roman Catholic Diocese Trustees, No. 233699*

Clergy Fr Howard James (Parish Priest)  
Parish Secretaries: Lisa Mulvaney & Deirdre Weir  
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

### EASTER SUNDAY

**04 APRIL 2010**

### READINGS at MASS

**Today :** Acts 10:34-37-43, Psalm 117  
Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9

**Next Sunday: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 5:12-16, Psalm 117  
Apocalypse 1:9-13, 17-19, John 20:19-31

### ROCK SOLID BELIEF?

Belief in the Resurrection is central and imperative to our faith, and because it is central and imperative it really ought to be rock solid. For many, this truth is distinctly uncomfortable. The account of Jesus' Resurrection is so lacking in detail, that it can leave us with more questions than answers. For many, belief is far from rock solid. A rock solid belief that Jesus died and rose again to give us a clean slate would mean us living our lives very differently, but more often than not, this is not the case.

Traditionally at this time of year thousands of Christians are baptised all over the world. One such candidate was asked whether he felt any different now that he was baptised. The candidate replied, "Yes, I went from believing nothing, to believing everything sort of vaguely. I hope that God will make things clearer to me as I continue on this journey." The Resurrection is a little like this. In all honesty, the story of the Empty Tomb doesn't have us leaping up and down in the church pews. In truth, the Resurrection doesn't make everything great. We still have fear and doubt and pain, but whereas before we had nothing, now we have a hope. For some of us it might be a vague kind of hope, but we trust that God will make it a stronger hope as we continue our journey of faith and understanding.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** – parishioners can collect their new boxes of envelopes for their contribution from the back of the church. Anyone wishing to join the scheme can contact the parish office.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** – the next course of preparation for parents with children for baptism is on **Tuesdays 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** in the church. Preparation is required by the church. If you live outside the parish you will need a letter of permission from your parish priest. Please complete a registration form from the Vestibule and return it to the office.

**ADORATION AND BENEDICTION** – From Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March Adoration will last for an hour from 10:30 until 11:30 ending with Benediction. I hope you will all find this more convenient.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: July 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2010** – It was agreed that the parish should join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and that we should travel by train. The cost is therefore £570 per person, travel and full board, sharing a room and staying at the Notre Dame de France hotel. The Euro Star departs from St Pancras to Paris then the TGV (French train) to Lourdes. If you would like a SINGLE room that would be an extra £150. If you would like to join the Pilgrimage please call the Parish Office and a booking form will be sent to you.

**MASS INTENTIONS  
EASTER SUNDAY**

8.30pm Easter Vigil - Parishioners  
9am Eileen Regan RIP  
10:30am For Parishioners  
12noon Bianca & Pasquale Mansi RIP  
**\*\*No evening Mass\*\***

**MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

10am Margaret Buckley RIP (Anniv)

**TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

10am Bill Regan RIP

**WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF  
EASTER**

10am Angelo Muruzzi RIP

**THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF  
EASTER**

10am Molly Sexton RIP

**FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER**

10am Mrs Mary Noleen RIP

**SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF  
EASTER**

10am Gelma Clarke RIP  
6pm Margaret & Terry Casey RIP

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9am Kate Parker RIP  
10.30am For Parishioners  
12noon Domenica Meneghel RIP  
6pm Jack Buckley RIP (Anniv)

**CHOIR 12 noon MASS ON SUNDAYS** – do you like to sing? We need people who enjoy singing and are willing to commit, support in the sung Mass setting, Psalm and hymns is needed. If interested, please come to the organ loft (red doors on left as you come into the church and up the stairs) Sunday mornings at 11.45am. Or if you prefer come up and speak to our Organist Adrian Gunning after the 12 noon Mass.

**CONFIRMATION – Confirmation rehearsal Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7pm** in the church and **Confirmation Day Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June 11am** with Bishop Hope Celebrating Mass.

**ALTAR SERVERS** – In light of the diocesan directive of mandatory CRB checks for all altar Servers aged 17+, could **All current and new Servers** please see **Fred** to sign the New Authorisation Form ASAP.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – this will take place at the 10.30am Mass on 25<sup>th</sup> April. Children 7 and under will be invited to come to the School Hall at the beginning of Mass.

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

**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**

**Rest in Peace** – please pray for those who died Recently, especially Charles McCarrick, 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, Bridin Davey and J Lavelle, Marist Brother.

**FINANCES**

Sun 28 Mar: Envelopes: £ 674.20  
Loose Cash: £ 798.11  
Homeless: £ 21.02

**Thank you Very Much.**

**PART-TIME WORK** – for John Skerritt who is Catholic and attends Mass at Balls Pond Road is looking for cleaning, gardening, but no heavy lifting. If you could help please call him on 020 275 9288.

**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.

**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.

**A 'COME AND SEE WEEKEND'** – at Allen Hall seminary from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. For men aged 18+ who are considering a possible calling to the priesthood. The weekend will offer a 'taster' of seminary life with talks from seminarians and priests, as well as opportunities for personal and shared reflection. Places are limited. For further details please contact the Westminster Vocations Director, Fr Richard Nesbitt at [richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:richardnesbitt@rcdow.org.uk)