



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR C 07 FEBRUARY 2010

READINGS at MASS

Today : Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 137

1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

Next Sunday: Fifth Sunday of the Year

Jeremiah 17:5-8, Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20, Luke 6:17,20-26

THOSE SAME OLD BANANA SKINS!

We work to live ... or at least, that's the idea. But as we get up, go to work, go to bed, get up, go to work, go to bed, get up, go to work, go to bed it begins to feel that instead of working to live we are living to work. Our lives can become a pattern of chores formed by the pressures of life rather than by our own design. After years and years of doing the same things, these patterns can become a comfort zone that imprisons, confines and limits us. Before we know it, there are a whole raft of opportunities outside our comfort zone that we decide we are not capable of, or simply aren't 'us'.

Today we are reminded that we don't need to go through life slipping on the same old banana skins or beating our head against the same old brick walls. We can live life differently. We just need to be a bit braver and try that bit harder. The writer J.K. Rowling reminds us all to have the courage of our convictions. She submitted Harry Potter nine times before finally getting it accepted by Bloomsbury. "Success is failure that tried one more time!" All we need to step out of our self-made prisons is vision, belief and courage.

Today we find Peter and his fellow disciples at a low ebb. They have been fishing all night, but have caught nothing. Jesus advises them to do things a little differently. He asks them to cast their nets a little further from shore. It is heartening to see Peter knowing a moment of doubt. Jesus might be an expert when it comes to matters of faith, but what does he know about fishing? What Peter doesn't realise is that he is on the brink of a life-changing experience. Fortunately for him, he trusts in Jesus despite his fleeting doubt, and follows the advice. The result is more fish than his nets can hold. Faith, courage, and a willingness to do things a little differently has brought it's own rewards.

Peter, James and John left their fishing nets behind them and completely changed their lives not because they were superhuman, but because Jesus had taught them to see themselves in a new light. Today's invitation is to see ourselves in a new light, get excited about the possibilities ahead, and ask God for the courage to leave behind those old banana skins!

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.

THE STATUE OF OUR LADY – is now in the far end of Chapel of the Sacred Heart until her Chapel is ready.

MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

6pm(Sat) Sid Winford RIP (Anniv)
9am Kate Parker RIP
10:30am For Parishioners
12noon Doreen RIP
6pm Isabel Christina Jurado RIP (Anniv)

MONDAY – Feria

10am Victoria Boo RIP

TUESDAY – Feria

10am Fr Berkie D'Souza RIP

WEDNESDAY – St Scholastica, Virgin

10am Damaso Molinari RIP (Anniv)

THURSDAY – Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

10am Fr Berkie D'Souza RIP

FRIDAY – Feria

10am Mrs Marine Clarke RIP

SATURDAY – Feria

10am Anne Sullwan RIP

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

6pm John McDonnell RIP (Anniv)

Sixth Sunday of the Year

9am John Connaughton RIP (Anniv)

10.30am For Parishioners

12noon Michael Courtney RIP

6pm Andy Higgins RIP

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Rest in Peace – please pray for those who died Recently, especially Michael Power and John Fahey 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, Mandy Mayes, Joseph Matthew, John Hanway, Winifred MacAuley, Juliette Uibopuu, Helmut Aster, Harry Perkins, Con Enright, Bro John Ogivie Mbrs, Robert Redrupp and Bridin Davey.

FINANCES

Sun 31 Jan: Envelopes: £ 549.50
Loose Cash: £ 799.15
Homeless: £ 4.45
Pax Christi: £ 20.00

Thank you Very Much.

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 10 is on Monday 8th February at 7pm – 8pm in the Fr George Haines Centre.

HOLY COMMUNION – next session is today 7th February and the topic is Bread to Offer.

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

Molly Theresa Sinclair, Kian Harry Marley-Brown, Michael Cosmo McKenzie, Poppy Mae Bolister Richmond and Shanyah Marvin.

BAPTISM PREPARATION – the second session takes place on Tuesday 9th February at 7.30pm in the church.

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.

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 07753 828 049.

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.

MIND THE GAP – a series of young films for young adults (17-35ish) at Our Lady of the Assumption & St Gregory Catholic Church, 13 Warwick Street, London W1B. Held on Monday evenings 7.00-9.30pm (6.30pm refreshments). Faith Like Potatoes is on 22nd February 2010.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CHRISTENING WEAR – dresses, veils, tiaras and accessories. Please contact Clare on 01442 258 607 or www.csitkowski.blogspot.com

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

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.

JOB VACANCIES – please see the parish notice board for job vacancies within the Diocese.