



## CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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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 – 11.30am

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 09 MAY 2010

### READINGS at MASS

**Today :** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29, Psalm 66  
Apocalypse 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29

**Next Sunday: ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 46  
Ephesians 1:17-23, Luke 24:46-53

### FINAL LESSONS

A good teacher doesn't simply fill our heads with facts. The words of a good teacher stay with us for life. When our time with a teacher comes to an end we might feel sad, but if the teacher has taught us well, we should not feel a sense of abandonment. On the contrary, we should go out into the world feeling confident and well prepared for anything life might throw in our path.

Today we find Jesus preparing his disciples for his departure. Like any good teacher, he must be hoping that his lessons have sunk in. "Whoever loves me will keep my word," he reminds them. It is important to understand that love is a two-way deal. God loves us, but we must show love for him by living our lives by Jesus' teaching. Perhaps Jesus knows that his word wouldn't always be easy to follow. We live in a society where science is developing very fast and often our grasp of the ethical implications lag far behind. It is sometimes difficult to find the modern-day answers we need in the pages of the Bible. Perhaps Jesus knew this when he promised, "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in my name will teach you everything."

Jesus leaves us the Holy Spirit in place of his physical absence, and a sense of inner peace that comes with the confidence of being well prepared.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** – I would like to congratulate all the children who will receive Communion for the first time at the 12noon Mass today and next Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May. I would like to thank all the Catechists for helping to prepare them, Parents and Carers of our children for all they have done to bring us to this special day.

**ST JOHN'S GOT TALENT** – congratulations to all the contestants, St John's has got talent! An extended piece will go in the newsletter next week.

**THE MULBERRY** – the magazine of Allen Hall, our Diocesan Seminary, is on the table with the newsletter. It is **FREE**, please take a copy on your way out.

**SECOND COLLECTION** – a second collection will be taken up at all Masses for the Training of Priests.

**APF BOXES** – parishioners who have red boxes ready for counting please return them to the church today.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6pm(Sat) Michelina Sannio RIP  
9am Anna Amasante RIP  
10:30am Michael & Ann Ryan RIP  
12noon FIRST HOLY COMMUNION  
6pm Margaret Glass (known as Peggie) RIP

### MONDAY – Easter Feria

10am Michael Bracken RIP

### TUESDAY – Easter Feria

10am Ethel Wallanegra RIP

### WEDNESDAY – Easter Feria

10am Mary Bright (Birthday) RIP

### THURSDAY – Easter Feria

10am Seamus Dandiss RIP

### FRIDAY – St Matthias, Apostle

10am Frederick Edmund John Pledger RIP  
(Anniv)

### SATURDAY – Easter Feria

10am Andrew Repolds RIP

6pm Albert Mead RIP (Anniv)

### ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9am Mary Parker (Birthday Intentions)

10.30am Mass for Parishioners

12noon FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

6pm Sr. Margaret Crank F.C.J. RIP

**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.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION** – the next session of preparation for parents with babies for baptism will be on **11<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**. Godparents are most welcome to attend. Registration forms are on the table in the Vestibule.

**BAPTISM** – we welcome our new parishioners who will be baptised today:  
Gabrielle Ann Okereafor, Joanna Norbert, Joseph Samuel Ruddy and Finley Alexander Erol Baduna.

**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.

**YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT DAY** – Bishop Alan and other young adults on a Retreat Day to St Jude's shrine, Faversham on 24<sup>th</sup> July. Cost £15 includes coach travel. Meet, Pray and relax with other young adults from the Diocese. To book your place contact David Burke on 020 7798 9357 or email [davidburke@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:davidburke@rcdow.org.uk)

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

**Rest in Peace** – please pray for those who died recently, especially Tony Hearte and Mrs Virginia Navelga and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Healing** – please pray for parishioners and their relatives/friends who are ill especially, George Baron, Michael Ball, 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, Harry Perkins, Con Enright, Bro John Ogivie, Mrs Bridie Davey, J.Lavelle, Marist Brother and Alicia Graham.

## FINANCES

Sun 02 May: Envelopes: £ 513.70  
Loose Cash: £ 649.91  
Homeless: £ 12.40

**MAY PROCESSION** – Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden, Nicoll Road, London NW10 on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 3.30pm. Preacher is Fr Mark Powell OAR.

**PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY WITH CAFOD** – join CAFOD for a sponsored bike ride to help raise funds for CAFOD's poverty-fighting work overseas. The bike ride will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> June in Lee Valley Country Park, Hertfordshire. For more information contact CAFOD on 020 8449 6970 or email [Westminster@cafod.org.uk](mailto:Westminster@cafod.org.uk)

**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. 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)

**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.

**A DAY WITH MARY** – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May at National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham and Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> June at Westminster Cathedral.

**ITALIAN LESSONS** – by experienced Italian Native, qualified lecturer. Call Antonia on 020 7490 0829.