

# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 SEPTEMBER 2013

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## WHY SHOULD GOD CARE FOR ME?

It's easy to hear the story of the 'Prodigal Son' from afar. It's easy to disassociate ourselves from the feelings of the younger son and make the same judgments that the older brother reached. The story takes on a totally fresh significance when you imagine yourself in the prodigal son's shoes.

When we are young everything is clear cut. The difference between right and wrong is obvious and the path through life is uncomplicated. Then life begins to test our principles. Poverty encourages us to make poor choices. Fear of failure encourages us to cheat or lie. Depression causes us to eat and drink too much. Desperation leads us to gamble or steal. Pride prevents us from seeking help. Every poor choice takes us further and further away from God. Like the young man in the story we begin to feel as though we are not worthwhile. The young man does not consider that his father will welcome him back as his son. We must have felt the same way at some time or another. We must all have started to pray and then thought, "Why on earth should God listen, why on earth should he care?"

Imagine the joy of learning that God has never given up on us? Imagine the young man's rush of relief and joy at finding that his father had never given up waiting for him to come home. For God, forgiveness is just a part of a love that never gives up.

## PARISH NEWS

### FR MYCHAL'S PRAYER

**Lord, take me where You want me to go;**

**Let me meet who You want me to meet;**

**Tell me what You want me to say, and**

**Keep me out of Your way.**

Fr Mychal Judge OFM was the Chaplain to the FDNY. He died at the World Trade Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2001. This prayer was found in his room at the Franciscan Friary in Manhattan where he lived.

**HOME MISSION DAY:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September. A second collection will be taken up at all Masses.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Registration forms for 2013/2014 are available in the Vestibule. Please return the form no later than 30<sup>th</sup> September.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE:** The second part of the course is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the Church. Baptism registration forms are available in the Vestibule.

**RCIA:** We shall be starting a new RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) course for those who wish to become Catholics on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October** for reception into the

In an event of a fire or a fire drill taking place, please remain calm, and follow the safest exit routes that will be co-ordinated by the Church Fire Wardens, who will lead you to the designated assembly point.

Church at Easter 2014. The course is every Monday from 7<sup>th</sup> October to June 2014: classes start at **7.30pm** and last about 90 minutes. If you are interested in being baptised in to the Catholic Church or received into the Catholic Church, or already are a Catholic, but have never been confirmed, you will be very welcome to join us on 7<sup>th</sup> October. For more information please contact RCIA Co-Ordinator David Lester at [davidlester51@btinternet.com](mailto:davidlester51@btinternet.com) or 020 7250 0513 who is happy to talk to anyone interested and answer questions about the course.

**STAY AND PLAY:** The under 5's group is open every Tuesday (term-time) from 10am – 12noon.

**COMMUNION TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS/CATECHISTS:** Will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm, please note the training takes place at **Blessed Sacrament Church**, not St John's. Please contact Alison on 07779 090 174 if you would like to attend, but have not yet registered.

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## DIARY

**ORGAN RECITAL:** The last in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Organ Recitals is given by Peter Stevens (assistant director of

Music at Westminster Cathedral) on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm. Music by Bruhns, Bach and Durufle. Free admission with a collection.

**LEGION OF MARY:** We meet every Wednesday at 7pm. Please, come to 39 Duncan Terrace.

**DISCERNMENT WEEKEND:** We would like to invite single Catholic women in their 30s, 40s, or 50s to come for a discernment weekend from 4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> October 2013 to explore vocation to Religious Life. We are looking for women with enthusiasm, energy and love for God and for whom prayer is a priority. Please contact the Sisters on 0208941 2313 or [info@christian-retreat.org](mailto:info@christian-retreat.org)

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## NOTICES

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 08 SEPTEMBER:** To be put in next week.

**MARRIAGE:** The Diocese asks that couples who are hoping to marry should give **six months** notice to their Parish Priest. Please do not make any arrangements for your wedding date and reception before meeting with your Parish Priest.

**MOBILITY SCOOTER FOR SALE:** If anyone is interested in an electric mobility scooter, 2 years old. Please contact the parish office for more details.

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## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for those who have died, especially Angela Sheila O'Regan, Nicholas Witchalls and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**HEALING:** Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Paddy Buckley, Mick Hossack, Amylia Boylen, June Edwards, Joanne Matthias, Adriano Grazioli, Chanelle Aldea Alba, Stephen Martinez, Bro. J. Lavelle, Marist Brother, Mufide Family, Harry Perkins, Antonio Neto, Mary Halligan, John Day, Jacky Kelly, Jacquelin Abel, Suzanne Greaves, Bridget Harrington, Mr & Mrs John Drum, Joseph Kasonde, Michael Bryant, Ann Gray, Tonya, Pam Chalkley, Gwend Fitzgerald, Kieran Fogarty, Noel McKeown, Ann Barrett, David Ryan, Mick Feeney, John Barley, Annette Donivar, Avit Noranh, Rosalind Jules, Irene Findlay, Christopher Browne and Beau Hueppauff.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 14 Sep	6pm	Margaret Casey RIP (Anniv)	Luke 15:1-32
Sun 15 Sep 24 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Thomas Healy RIP (Anniv)	
	10.30am	Mass for Parishioners	
	12noon	Intentions of Carr Family	
	6pm	Fr Harris RIP	
Mon 16 Sep Sts Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs	10am	Sr Wilfred Daly CP RIP (Anniv)	Luke 7:1-10
Tue 17 Sep Feria	10am	Tessie Kennedy RIP	Luke 7:11-17
Wed 18 Sep Feria	10am	Wedding Anniversary for Mr & Mrs H.D. Plunkett	Luke 7:31-35
Thu 19 Sep Feria	10am	Joseph Butler RIP	Luke 7:36-50
Fri 20 Sep Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Nick Witchalls RIP	Luke 8:1-3
Sat 21 Sep ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist	10am	Tempy Croff RIP (Birthday)	Matthew 9 :9-13
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Ellen Winford RIP (Anniv)	Luke 16:1-13
Sun 22 Sep 25 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Margaret McFadden RIP (Anniv)	
	10.30am	George McCann RIP	
	12noon	Sandro Enepi RIP (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv)	
	6pm	Mass for Parishioners	