

# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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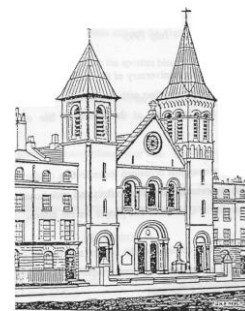
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**Parish Office opening times:** Tue - Fri, 10am - 2pm



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BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12 JANUARY 2014

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR?

Happy New Year! It's something we've heard a lot of over the last couple of weeks, but what are we really expecting of the New Year? Do we face the New Year with optimism and eagerness, or do we face the New Year in a spirit of "same old same old." Not all of us are starting 2014 happily. Many of us face the New Year with ongoing problems. For many, illness, hardship, or difficult relationships aren't things that will simply go away. Some of us will be struggling to find work; others may be stuck in jobs they hate. Increasing numbers are trapped in inadequate housing or afflicted by addiction, depression or loneliness. Do we face the New Year eager and optimistic, or tired and disillusioned?

In today's account of Jesus' baptism, we are told how the heavens opened, and how the Spirit of God descended like a dove. This marked the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus had the power to work miracles, to cure the sick and raise the dead. The Spirit of God enabled Jesus to face any challenge.

In baptism we are filled with the same Spirit that filled Jesus. The very same Spirit! Our baptism might seem no more than a photograph in a dusty photo album, but could our lives be very different if we were to call upon the Holy Spirit on a daily basis. The Holy Spirit isn't going to make our problems go away, nor are we promised an easy life. What we are promised is the strength and direction to make good decisions. Through our baptism, and because of Jesus' baptism, we can resolve to confront our problems head on, and make something meaningful happen in the year ahead.

## PARISH NEWS

**THANKS ONCE AGAIN:** To all who helped in any way over Christmastime to make the Church look so beautiful. Now the Crib, Christmas trees and flowers have been taken down the place looks quite bare! Many commented on how lovely it all looked. Thanks also for the practical gifts for our homeless brothers and sisters – they were very much appreciated.

**WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK 2014:** We have five left on sale from the parish office for £4.50. They contain details of every church, school and organisation in the diocese. Limited stock so buy now!

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome our new parishioners who will be baptised today: Calum Joseph Sweeney and Beatrix Antoinette Wilhelmina Corr.

**HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** The next lesson for children is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January, lesson: God helps me get it

right, after 10.30am Mass. **Please collect your children at 12.45pm.**

**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.

**FUNERALS THIS WEEK:** **Caroline Philomena Humphreys (née Whooley)**, Thursday 1pm. **James Rooney**, Friday 10am. May they both rest in peace. **Amen**

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## DIARY

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

**PRAY TOGETHER ISLINGTON:** Will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at New Wine Church, The Ringcross Centre, Lough Road, N7 from 8.30am with light breakfast to follow.

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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.

**NOTICES**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 5 JANUARY:** Envelopes £569.07/  
Loose £693.48

**LEGACY OFFICER WANTED:** The Apostleship of the Sea is looking to appoint a Legacy Officer to join its team based in central London. The purpose of this role is to manage the charity’s legacy programme to sustain the charity’s work supporting seafarers. For more information contact John Green [johnngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](mailto:johnngreen@apostleshipofthesea.org.uk) applications close: 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Interviews: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

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**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS**

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for those who have died, recently especially Caroline Philomena Humphreys (née Whooley), James Rooney, Monsignor Ralph Brown and Father Pat Nolan and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Marie Natalie Piner, Georgie O’Shaunessy, Nora Casey, Bridget Malynn, Anne Simpson, Joe Mongey, Christine Reay, Bernadette Edwards, George

Euripedes, Charles Berry, Baby Jack Costello, James Hughes, James Butler and Sheila Deasy.

**HEALING:** Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Lisa Ip, Helen Hallissey, Sr Beatrice Immediata, John Sampson, Frances Jennings, Jerry Waldron and Tony Jones.

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THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 11 Jan	6pm	Ronan Duffy RIP	Matthew 3:13-17
Sun 12 Jan BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9am	Norman Yearly RIP (Anniv)	
	10.30am	Mass for Parishioners	
	12noon	John & Rose Galigan RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	Estanilao Correa RIP	
Mon 13 Jan Feria	10am	John Gilbert RIP	Mark 1:14-20
Tue 14 Jan Feria	10am	In Thanksgiving	Mark 1:21-28
Wed 15 Jan Feria	10am	Jim McManus RIP	Mark 1:29-39
Thu 16 Jan Feria	10am 1pm	Intentions of Joe Brickley Funeral Mass for Caroline Philomena Humphreys RIP	Mark 1:40-45
Fri 17 Jan St Anthony, Abbot <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Funeral Mass for James Rooney RIP	Mark 2:1-12
Sat 18 Jan Feria	10am	John Grace RIP	Mark 2 :13-17
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Cody Barthram RIP	John 1:29-34
Sun 19 Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Elizabeth Frances Hastings RIP	
	10.30am	Kevin Meehan RIP (Anniv)	
	12noon	Mary Barry RIP	
	6pm	Mass for Parishioners	