

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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CALLED TO WITNESS



People often declare that their faith is a private and a very personal thing. Of course our faith is very personal, but does that mean it should be private? In keeping our faith private we are missing a very important opportunity. How often has our own faith taken a little leap forward because of something we have heard or something we have read? Similarly there maybe something you have heard or learnt that would help someone else. You might not consider yourself a theologian, but there might be something seemingly small that you could contribute that would make a big difference to someone else.

Without the internet, books, Catholic papers, TV documentaries, homilies and the testimonies of friends and family, how would we develop our faith? Without the work of missionaries, teachers and parents, how would our faith have been handed from generation to generation? Without the gospel writers, how would Jesus' work and God's word be remembered? Without John the Baptist and the first disciples, how else would Jesus' identity have been known?

Bearing witness is essential. Without witnesses we would know nothing of Jesus. Staying quiet and making religion a private matter is simply not an option. There are still those who would benefit from Christ's teaching either directly or indirectly. If Christianity is something very important to us, why be reticent about sharing it? If bearing witness to Christ can change lives, shouldn't we make our voices ever more persistently heard by friends, neighbours, family, politicians, community leaders TV producers, and anyone else with the willingness and the know-how to bring about change?

Like John, we are called in our baptismal promises to be witnesses to the work of Christ. We are called to be witnesses in every circumstance of our lives.

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS and very best wishes to our Archbishop, Vincent Nichols, on his being named a Cardinal by Pope Francis. The Pope announced the names of 19 new Cardinals at his weekly Angelus appearance in Rome last Sunday. Archbishop Vincent will receive his 'red hat' from Pope Francis in Rome on February 22nd – Feast of the Chair of St Peter. The Archbishop has asked us all please to pray for him as he takes up his new responsibilities as a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The next lesson for children is today, 19th January, after 10.30am Mass. The

topic is: God helps me get it right. **Please collect your children at 12.45pm.**

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next dates will be Tuesdays 4th and 11th February at 7pm in the Church. Baptism Registration forms are available in the Vestibule.

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.**

SUNDAY CLUB: Needs another volunteer, willing and able to commit to **one Sunday in seven** from 2.30 – 5pm to prepare and serve sandwiches etc. to homeless and hard-up people. Coming dates are: **9th February, 30th March, 18th May and 6th July**, etc. Please contact Molly on 020 7226 3887 or mawislington@gmail.com

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.

DIARY

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

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 1st February at St Scholastica, Kenninghall Road, London E5.

NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION 12 JANUARY: Envelopes £624.71 / Loose £

ITALIAN TUITION: By experienced Italian native and qualified lecturer Antonia. Call her on 020 7490 0829.

ROOM TO RENT: Does anyone have a room to rent for a young mother and her daughter for a temporary period? The would very much like to hear from anyone who can help them, so that the daughter’s school placement can be maintained while they find permanent accommodation in the area. Please contact Eucharua Uchechi on 07466 605 072 or the parish secretary.

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, Father Pat Nolan and Father Mark Coningsby and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Georgie O’Shaughnessy, Marie Piner, John Earley, Eileen Fitzmaurice, Carol Chong, Edward Dunn, Anne Simpson, Joe Mongey, Bernadette Edwards, Margaret O’Brien, Hugh Ward and Michael Dollard.

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, Bro. J Lavelle (Marist Brother) and Tony Jones.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 18 Jan	6pm	Cody Barthram RIP	John 1:29-34
Sun 19 Jan 2 nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Elizabeth Frances Hastings RIP	
	10.30am	Kevin Meehan RIP (Anniv)	
	12noon	Mary Barry RIP	
	6pm	Mass for Parishioners	
Mon 20 Jan Feria	10am	Caroline Humphreys RIP	Mark 2:18-22
Tue 21 Jan St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	10am	Cait O’Shea RIP	Mark 2:23-28
Wed 22 Jan St Vincent, Deacon & Martyr	10am	Aidan Forde RIP	Mark 3:1-6
Thu 23 Jan Feria	10am	Intentions of Tony Jones	Mark 3:7-12
Fri 24 Jan St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	With Thanks for Blessings – Ruth Yearley	Mark 3:13-19
Sat 25 Jan THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL THE APOSTLE	10am	Robert ‘Bobby’ Redrupp RIP (Anniv)	Mark 16 :15-18
	3pm	Thanksgiving Mass for Maria Antonio (Birthday)	
	10.30–11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15–5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Intentions of Frances Peter Ruane	Matthew 4:12-23
Sun 26 Jan 3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Colwyn St Davids RIP	
	10.30am	John Connaughton RIP (Anniv)	
	12noon	Peter Sherridan RIP	
	6pm	Mass for Parishioners	



