

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9 FEBRUARY 2014

SALT OF THE EARTH

Today Jesus gives his disciples a compliment. If we live by our faith we his disciples will become the salt of the earth and the light of the world. But the compliment comes with a warning! If the salt loses its taste it is worthless, and if we hide the light underneath a bowl it fails to serve its purpose. Sounds silly doesn't it? Why on earth would we go round hiding lights underneath bowls, yet we do it all the time!

We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep our faith to ourselves. You often hear people claim that their faith is strictly a personal thingsomething just between themselves and God. But what use is a belief that doesn't impact on those around us? What good is a faith that does nothing to make the world a better place? We deny the salt and hide the light every time we keep quiet instead of speaking out. It isn't fashionable to be a Christian nowadays. It's all too easy to keep quiet in the face of uncomfortable issues such as abortion, materialism and racism. It's far easier to side with the gossip and turn a blind eye to petty pilfering in the workplace. It's too easy for us to laugh at an unkind joke or let our children watch programmes that promote values contrary to our Christian belief.

Remember today somebody in your life who Jesus might have described as the 'salt of the earth'. Remember how that person inspired, motivated or impressed you. Remember how you admired that person for being true to themselves instead of bending to the fashionable point of view. Somebody once said that Christianity is infectious, when we see a shining example we want to emulate it. Could we too become shining examples of Christianity? Could Jesus give us the same compliment as those original disciples? Light of the world. Salt of the earth.

PARISH NEWS

2014 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – STARTING IN MARCH: If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to come forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year then please take a registration form home and return it to the parish office no later than **Sunday 23rd February**. Watch out for details of the course dates here in the Newsletter.

KEEP THE DATE! : would the many parishioners who 'minister' in various ways in our parish please keep the evening of Saturday 1st March free. There will be a social gathering in the Fr George Haines Room from 7.30pm onwards to say 'thank you' for your generosity. Invitations will be on their way during the week. Fr Séamus

HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The next lesson for children is Sunday, 2nd March, after 10.30am Mass. The topic is: Fruit of the vine. **Please collect your children at 12.30pm.**

BAPTISM: We welcome our new parishioner who will be baptised today Sunday: Evlyn Ida Moore.

SPONSORED WALK 2013: thanks to those who walked and those who sponsored the walkers! The sum raised for the parish funds was £4500!

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: Would be grateful for more second-hand books for our guests, particularly paper-backs, fact or fiction. They can be handed in after Mass.

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.

ON MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY: A great opportunity to join the choir of ST Bart's Hospital, TO SING 2 INSTANT REQUIEMS, FAURE & MOZART with the accompaniment of a FULL ORCHESTRA! Bring your own copies if possible and enjoy. A small donation to support Barts Cancer Unit would be appreciated.

NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION 2ND FEBRUARY: Envelopes £708.12 / Loose £740.14

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School, Staines. Please call 01784 453 539 to arrange a visit or to request an application pack. Closing date is 9am Monday 24th February. Interviews 4th March 2014.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died recently especially Daniel Curtin and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Rosa Tordecilia, Catherine Parker, Geraldine Eagles, Reginald Dalton, Frank O'Kane, Kathleen McDermot, Sheila Collins, Hannah Marillier, Terence Mifsud, Ivor Smith, Michael Henry, Patrick Griffiths and Fr George F. Haines.

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), Tony Jones, Mick Feeny, Theresa Burchall and Mufide R Family.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 08 Feb	6pm	Sid Winford RIP (Anniv)	Matthew 5:13-16
Sun 09 Feb 5 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Intentions of Florence Mary Donovan RIP	
	10.30am	Hugh Ward RIP (Birthday)	
	12noon	Thanking for everyone's prayers for Caroline Humphreys RIP & Family	
	6pm	Mass for Parishioners	
Mon 10 Feb St Scholastica, Virgin	10am	Grant Lewington RIP	Mark 6:53-56
Tue 11 Feb Feria	10am	Intentions of Josie Harvey	Mark 7:1-13
Wed 12 Feb Feria	10am	Intentions of Nora Buckley	Mark 7:14-23
Thu 13 Feb Feria	10am	Intentions of Noel Ruane	Mark 7:24-30
Fri 14 Feb STS CYRIL, Monk, and METHODIUS, Bishop, Patrons of Europe <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Grant Lewington RIP	Luke 10:1-9
Sat 15 Feb Feria	10am	Joan Baynes RIP	Mark 8 :1-10
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Antonio Schiavi RIP	Matthew 5:17-37
Sun 16 Feb 6 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Estanilao Correa RIP	
	10.30am	Mass for Parishioners	
	12noon	Christy Doyle RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	John Mitchell RIP (Anniv)	