

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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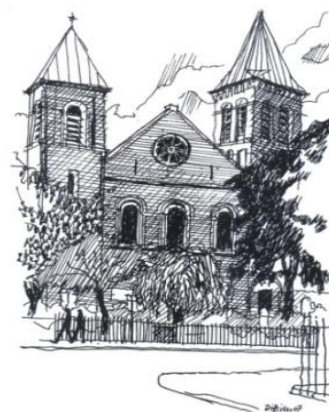
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Doing Things Jesus' Way



There comes a time for everyone when life is thrown into turmoil. There will come a time for each of us when what we thought was certain is less certain. We may find that a family crisis shakes our principles, or a time when we desperately need a new direction in life but don't know where to look. At times like these we may look to Jesus for answers. But how easy will those answers be to find?

Jesus' only advice to his early disciples was, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Just like the early disciples, we might wish that Jesus would have given some more specific advice, but for Jesus to have tied up all the loose ends for his first disciples would not have helped future generations. We have to find our way to the Father through Jesus without maps or answer books. How could Jesus have left specific answers two thousand years ago on subjects like embryology for instance, cloning, or IVF? Jesus simply trusts us to work things out in the light of his teaching, just as he trusted his first disciples.

"No one comes to the Father except through Jesus." This has often been used as a weapon against those of other faiths, but we need to step back and remember that God is nobody's property. There are many rooms in God's house ... room enough for everybody who acts in good faith room enough for everyone who lives their life the way Jesus has taught.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS:

The AGM will be held in the Church at 4pm on Sunday 1st June and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

The Parish Annual Report, 2013 is available on the parish notice board and on the website or may be collected from the Parish Office during opening hours.

Procedure for Elections to the Parish Council four councillors are standing down, three of whom may offer themselves for re-election. New applications for the Council would be greatly welcomed.

Nomination forms are available at the back of the church.

Completed Nomination forms to be returned please as soon as possible to Fr. Séamus.

ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING: Next Saturday 24th May at 11.30am – 1pm. There will be a session for all those who have put their names forward for altar servers training. We will meet in the church. If anyone can't make this time, please see Fr Martin.

BAPTISM: We welcome our new parishioner who will be baptised today: Joseph Oliver Jerrard-Dunne.

ORGAN RECITAL: here at St John's, by Carl Jackson (from Chapel Royal, Hampton Court) on **Saturday 31st May at 7.30pm**. Admission is FREE/Retiring Collection towards the parish music fund. Music by Bach, du mage and Alain. *Please come along, all welcome!*

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 24th May at Our Lady & St Joseph, Balls Pond Road, London N1.

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NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 11 MAY: Envelopes £564.10
Loose £621.49. Thank you for your generosity.

PENPAL WANTED: For 15 year old French boy. Possible exchange. Please contact Arthur or Susie on 020 7226 5467.

SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN: We would like to invite single Catholic women in their 30s, 40s or 50s to come for a weekend of discernment from 13th to 15th June to explore their Vocation to Religious Life. We are looking for women with enthusiasm, energy and love for God, and for whom prayer is a priority, to continue and develop the ministry of Retreats and Spirituality in our small Congregation. Please contact the Sisters on 020 8941 2313 or email info@christian-retreat.org

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REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who died recently, Hazel Gorman and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Kathleen Garman, Kathleen Edna Marsden, Mary Brewster, Margaret (Peggy) Mary Glass, John Dundon and Kingsley Izehiuwa Joshua.

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 Feeney, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Joe McConville, Christiana Visentin & Family and Bernadette Bywaters.

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THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Sat 17 May	6pm	Dessie Cullen RIP	John 14:1-12
Sun 18 May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am	Elizabeth Frances Hastings RIP	
	10.30am	Intentions of Micky & Delia Rockett	
	12noon	All our Parishioners	
	6pm	John Kennedy RIP	
Mon 19 May Easter Feria	10am	Michael Bermingham RIP	John 14:21-26
Tue 20 May Easter Feria	10am	Intentions of Robel & Family	John 14:27-31
Wed 21 May Easter Feria	10am	Eddie Butler, John O'Neil, Bill Ruth & Families RIP	John 15:1-8
Thu 22 May Easter Feria	10am	James & Bridget Neville & Family RIP	John 15:9-11
Fri 23 May Easter Feria <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Intentions of Family Quinn-Flowers, Helena, Molly, Blue & Jet	John 15:12-17
Sat 24 May Easter Feria	10am	Jim Ward RIP (Anniv)	John 15 :18-21
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Peter Winford RIP (Anniv)	John 14:15-21
Sun 25 May SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am	Elizabeth Frances Hastings RIP	
	10.30am	Catherine Myra O'Brien RIP	
	12noon	All our Parishioners	
	6pm	Rosina Maestri RIP (Anniv)	