

# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

39 Duncan Terrace London N1 8AL

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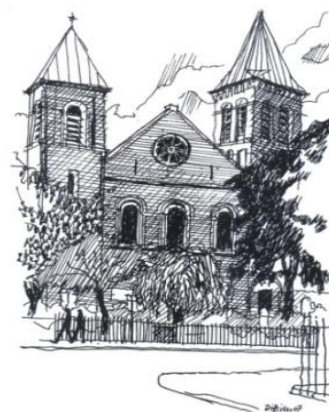
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**Parish Office opening times:** Tue - Fri, 10am - 2pm



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 MAY 2014

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## DISCERNING EARS

It is not good to hear ourselves described as sheep. Sheep are silly animals that follow each other blindly and do not act or think for themselves. This however is not the imagery intended when Jesus invites us to be 'his flock', rather he is asking us to think of him as our 'good shepherd'.

The voice of Jesus the good shepherd is the one that offers us spiritual sustenance, guidance, love and protection. Jesus wants us to recognise his voice as the one who addresses what we are and what we stand for. Key to a healthy spiritual life is an overriding commitment to hearing the word of God and applying it to one's own life, but in a world of competing values can we always recognise the voice of Jesus?

The trick is to know that Jesus' voice is everywhere that encourages us to impact our world as Christians. Jesus' voice is the voice at work that encourages us to do our best, not to gossip, not to help ourselves to that extra ream of paper while the boss isn't looking or fiddle the time sheets. Jesus is the voice that encourages us to respond to family members and the wider community who are in need. Jesus' voice is the voice that tells us how to vote and how to campaign for those who do not have a voice of their own. The voice of the impostor on the other hand is everywhere that encourages us to act out of self-interest and greed. Being part of Jesus' flock is certainly not for the 'sheep'; it's for those with discerning ears.

## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF

**COUNCILLORS:** The AGM will be held in the Church at 4pm on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 will be greatly welcomed.

Nomination forms will be available at the back of the church after Mass this weekend. Forms may also be picked up from the parish office.

Completed Nomination forms to be returned please to Mgr. Séamus no later than Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

**ALTAR SERVERS:** If anybody is interested in becoming an altar server, please could their names be given in to the parish office. Thank You. Fr Martin.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome our new parishioners who are being baptised today: Marianna Zofia Machura, Hunter Emanuel Osinlaru, Katherine Kail-Lin Margaret He and Eliana Lisset Adams.

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

**PLANNED GIVING:** A number of boxes of envelopes still remain uncollected, if you no longer require a box please inform the parish office. Those who would like a box of envelopes, please complete a green form and hand it into the parish office at 39 Duncan Terrace. Thank you.

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.

**THE BROWN SCAPULAR OF OUR BLESSED LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL:** Please take a Scapular from the table in the Vestibule on your way out after Mass. They are free of charge and have all been blessed. Each medal contains a booklet explaining its origins. Thanks to the generous parishioner who has provided these.

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**DIARY**

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

**PRAY TOGETHER ISLINGTON:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8am at The Ethiopian Christian Fellowship Church, 178 Kings Cross Road.

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**NOTICES**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 4 MAY:** Envelopes £478.55 Loose £1,375.40. Thank you for your generosity.

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

**CATHOLIC SINGLES:** Is an organisation which helps single adult Catholics of all ages meet, either one to one or through

social events. Please contact 0161 941 3498 or [www.catholicingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicingles.org.uk)

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**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS**

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for Theresa Burchall who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Alice Sarah Tucker, Marion Josephine Begamen, Kathleen Garman, Mary Brewster, Bruno Hrela, Cavan Lambert, Ronald Foley and John Henry Harvey.

**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 10 May	6pm	Margaret & Terry Casey RIP	John 10:1-10
Sun 11 May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am	Mr Correa RIP	
	10.30am	Catherine Myra O'Brien RIP	
	12noon	All our Parishioners	
	6pm	Mrs Betty Hiam RIP	
Mon 12 May Easter Feria	10am	Casey & Coleman Families RIP	John 10:11-18
Tue 13 May Easter Feria	10am	Intentions of Robel & Family	John 10:22-30
Wed 14 May ST MATTHIAS, Apostle	10am	Richard & John Timlin & Families RIP	John 15:9-17
Thu 15 May Easter Feria	10am	Intentions of Joanne, Lorraine & Cheryl	John 13:16-20
Fri 16 May Easter Feria <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Holy Souls	John 14:1-6
Sat 17 May Easter Feria	10am	Thanksgiving for Paula Cruise	John 14 :7-14
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	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	

