

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

01 DECEMBER 2013

The Sands of Time



Does Christmas seem to come round faster every year? Do you ever feel that the sand of time is running fast though your fingers and that life is passing you by?

The hardest thing about living our lives is finding time to live our lives! Our days are ruled by the clock. Few of us can wake up and choose what to do. Our time is dictated by routine and before we know it life has passed us by before we've had time to live it. The biggest theme of Advent is 'change' but in the busy run up to Christmas, changing the way we live our lives is probably the last thing on our minds. We are much more likely to be comparing prices of the latest iphone!

We've heard a lot in the news lately of natural disasters around the world. Men women and children across the globe have lost their lives unexpectedly and prematurely. Death comes like a thief in the night, and so we must keep focused and live in perpetual readiness. Jesus doesn't tell us this to frighten us but to encourage us to take responsibility for the here and now.

PARISH NEWS

SPONSORED WALK: It would be good if we could please have your sponsorship forms and any money raised returned to the parish office as soon as practicable! Thanks.

OPEN CHRISTMAS: If you would like to help volunteer please take a form from the table in the Vestibule and return it to the parish office by next Sunday.

DIOCESE OF WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK: For 2014 are on sale from the parish office for £4.50 each or ring-bound £5. They contain details of every church, school and organisation in the diocese. Limited stock so buy now!

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION: There will be a collection point in the church Vestibule after each Mass on **Sunday 1st December** or you can take it directly to the school by **9am on 4th December**.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Held in the Fr George Haines Centre on Sunday 15th December from 11am – 2.00pm. Please join us for mulled wine, a photograph with at reindeer, a visit to see

Santa, tombolas, raffle, arts and crafts, home-made cakes. Please come along, all welcome!

RCIA: At the 12noon Mass this Sunday, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance and Welcome: this is a liturgical rite for those who wish to be baptised or received into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil next year. We congratulate and welcome them all: please pray for them, their sponsors and their families as they continue their journey towards next Easter.

CAROLS ON THE UNDERGROUND: This will be our 13th year to have been given a slot at Angel Underground to sing **CAROLS IN THE FORECOURT IN SUPPORT OF THE OPEN CHRISTMAS IN ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST CRYPT ON CHRISTMAS DAY**. We will meet at the back of the Church at 3.30pm on Friday 6th December for some refreshments: soft drinks and crisps before walking to the Angel Underground to sing from 4pm – 5pm. Clergy singing voices also welcome, please come, sing or shake a bucket. **SEE YOU THERE!**

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.

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DIARY

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

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 7th December at Our Lady of Lourdes, Berrymead Gardens, London W3.

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NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION 24 NOVEMBER: Envelopes £532.47 / Loose £721.52 / CAFOD for Phillipines £1,475.54

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.

MY DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS FOR ADVENT ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FOR JUST £1.

SUNDAY CLUB: Would welcome more second-hand books in good condition.No romances. Please bring them along to Mass and ask for them to be put in the Lobby.

CAFOD WORLD GIFT CATALOGUES: These alternative Christmas gifts make unique presents for family/friends while making a real difference for many in the developing world. Catalogues are available on the table in the Vestibule.

DIARY FOR 2014 – IS NOW OPEN: If you wish to book a particular date for an anniversary/birthday Mass you are advised to book early.

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REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died, especially Anthony William Young, Patrick Butler and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Margaret Tillcock, Archie Stechman-Journeaux, John Edwards, Giselle Waldman, Christopher Henry Lee, Mary Wilkie, Mary McTigue, Edward Brown, Rose Galligan, Fr Christopher Hamilton Gray and Betty Patten.

HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Lisa Ip, Helen Hallissey and Sr Beatrice Immediata.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 30 Nov	6pm	Anne Elizabeth Stemp-Lond RIP	Matthew 24:37-44
Sun 01 Dec FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9am	Mass for Parishioners	
	10.30am	Nicky Witchalls RIP	
	12noon	Giuseppe Dora Antonazzi RIP, Francesca Gallo Gilabert RIP	
	6pm	Maria Sanders RIP	
Mon 02 Dec Advent Feria	10am	Intentions of Paula Cruise	Matthew 8:5-11
Tue 03 Dec St Francis Xavier, Priest	10am	Intentions of Michael Phillips	Luke 10:1-24
Wed 04 Dec Advent Feria	10am	Colwyn St Davids RIP	Matthew 15:29-37
Thu 05 Dec Advent Feria	10am	Intentions of Paula Cruise	Matthew 7:21.24-27
Fri 06 Dec Advent Feria <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Intentions of Mick & Anna	Matthew 9:27-31
Sat 07 Dec St Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor	10am	Ron Sexton RIP (Anniv)	Matthew 9 :35-10 :6-8
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Jim McManus RIP	Matthew 3:1-12
Sun 08 Dec SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9am	Intentions of Paddy & Mai Buckley	
	10.30am	Intentions of Catriona Linehan & Family	
	12noon	Mass for Parishioners	
	6pm	Jaja Popvic RIP	