

# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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CHRIST THE KING

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## 'CHRISTIANITY RULES!'



The reign of 'Christ the King' from the cross is obviously not about jewels or palaces or great treasure. So why do we refer to Jesus as King, and why do we refer to Paradise as God's kingdom? In the context of Christ we have to disassociate riches from our notions of 'king' and 'kingdom' and think in terms of leadership. Being a king is more about authority than wealth and this is why Jesus is King. We're not of course talking about Jesus having the authority to rule or dominate but the authority to demand peace, tolerance, justice and sharing. Key to Jesus' authority comes in today's gospel reading where we are taught that Christian authority begins with the ability to love and to forgive.

'Love' and 'forgiveness' are words that trip off our tongues easily but might take a life time to achieve. The criminal who was crucified next to Jesus realised his mistakes just in time to find salvation, but we can't bank on leaving things this late. Jesus wants us to start realising his kingdom right here on earth and that means thinking very hard about how we love and how we forgive. There's a popular saying "You can't help who you fall in love with." Absolutely wrong! To love or not to love is a decision. It's easy to love those who are attractive or who like us ... but not easy to love those who we hardly know or actively dislike or mistrust us.

Love and forgiveness take practice starting in the here and now, starting with little acts of love and forgiveness on a daily basis. The Feast of Christ the King. It's not so much about the future than our commitment to build a culture where Christian authority rules.

### **PARISH NEWS**

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:** There will be a preliminary training session for any children in Year 4 and above who would like to be Altar Servers here at St John's on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm in the Church.**

**SPONSORED WALK:** Well done to the valiant group of 45 who completed the recent 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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Next session is on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 10:30am.** Lesson: *This is the Word of the Lord.* Please collect your children at 12:30pm.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH:** Is holding their Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November from 2pm-6pm in the Church Hall, 157 Copenhagen Street, N1 0SR. All welcome!

**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.

**BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION:** Are the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and St John the Evangelist primary school will receive £500 per tonne or £0.50/kg. Please go through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in a bin bag. This can include adults/children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains, bedding (not

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.

duvets or pillows). There will be a collection point in the church Vestibule after each Mass on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December** or you can take it directly to the school by **9am on 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Held in the Fr George Haines Centre on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

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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 30<sup>th</sup> November at St Vincent de Paul, Witham Road, Osterley.

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## NOTICES

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

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 17 NOVEMBER:** Envelopes £578.90 / Loose £866.86

**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.

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## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for those who have died, especially Kitty O'Malley, James Michael Doyle, Anthony William Young, Patrick Butler and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Mary Wills, Hugh Joseph Ward, Gary Poss, Louis Pacitto, Alice Sherrell and Matthew Hogan.

**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 23 No	6pm	Mary Julia Loftus RIP	Luke 23:35-43
Sun 24 Nov OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9am	Ronchetti Family RIP	
	10.30am	Pat Cross RIP	
	12noon	Mary McTigue RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	November Dead	
Mon 25 Nov Feria	10am	Thomas Madden RIP	Luke 21:1-4
Tue 26 Nov Feria	10am	Funeral Mass for Patrick Butler RIP	Luke 21:5-11
Wed 27 Nov Feria	10am	Intentions of Augusta St. Davids	Luke 21:12-19
Thu 28 Nov Feria	10am	November Dead	Luke 21:20-28
Fri 29 Nov Feria <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Maureen Hallissey RIP (Anniv)	Luke 21:29-33
Sat 30 Nov ST ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland	10am	Intentions of Mai & Paddy	Matthew 4 :18-22
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	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	