

# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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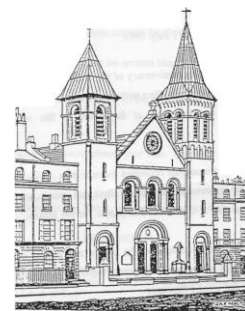
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

16 MARCH 2014

## Walking through Lent with Pope Francis The Transfiguration

Peter, James and John had an encounter with Jesus as they had never seen him before and it filled them with joy and wonder.

The elements of this experience were:

- they were alone with Jesus on a high mountain;
- his face and clothes shone with light;
- he was with Moses and Elijah, embodying the Law and the Prophets;
- they heard the voice of the Father say 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him'.



Pope Francis insists that we can experience the wonder of a personal encounter with Jesus, and it will transform our lives, filling us with a joy we cannot help but share.

'The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unfailingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since "no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord". [3 The Joy of the Gospel *Evangelii Gaudium*]

**Question for reflection:** Can I recall a time when I experienced a personal encounter with Jesus? What were the circumstances? How can I open myself to that experience every day?

### **PARISH NEWS**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be prayed in the Church at 5.00pm today and on each of the Sundays of Lent.

**CONFIRMATION** – The Confirmation Course for this year will be starting on this Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, from 7pm – 8.30pm in the Crypt.

**WAITROSE DONATIONS FOR SUNDAY CLUB:** Sunday Club, our weekly drop in centre for the homeless and needy, is Islington Waitrose's charity of the month. So if you are shopping in Waitrose we would be very grateful if you could drop your little green token into the Sunday Club collection

box by the door. Every token collected translates into a donation for the Sunday Club.

**PLANNED GIVING:** The envelopes for 2014/15 will be available toward the end of March. If you do not require a box this year would you please let the office know, alternatively if you wish to contribute by standing order please advise us. If you are new to the parish and would like a box, please let the office know.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome our new parishioners who will be baptised today: Ayden Michael Vallejo-Rojas, Camille Angela Coburn and Grace Olivia Coburn.

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.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next baptism preparation course will be on **Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Church.** (NB Change to Wednesday evenings!)

**HELP NEEDED:** Could anyone please help to bring an elderly parishioner to church on Sundays (or even once a month) in the Islington area, either by car or bus. Please contact the parish office.

**LAST FRIDAY 14 MARCH CAFOD LENT FAST DAY:** Please return your Fast Day envelope with your donation to CAFOD. Thank You.

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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 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Our Lady of Muswell, Colney Hatch Lane, London N10.

**PRAY TOGETHER ISLINGTON:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 8am at The Union Chapel, Compton Terrace, London N1. ALL WELCOME.

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## NOTICES

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH:** Envelopes £522.44 Loose £706.08 Thank you for your generosity.

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## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for those who have died recently, Nora Margaret Berry and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Kathleen Doyle, Olivia Keogh, Carol Connolly, John Geoghegan, Peter Mannion, Mary Quigley, Ann Lawlor, Patrick O'Flynn, Sheila Collins, Gerard Murphy, James Murphy, Bridie Lynch, Tom Tynan and Nancy Hogan.

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**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, Theresa Burchall, Mufide R Family, Lalage Waldman, Igor Bernhart

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Sat 15 March	6pm	Intentions of Gabriella Cotobally for St Patrick's Day	Matthew 17:1-9
Sun 16 March 2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT	9am	Mr Correa RIP	
	10.30am	All our Parishioners	
	12noon	Mary O'Loughlin RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	Lucillia Remoli RIP	
Mon 17 March ST PATRICK, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	10am	Aldo Salvoni RIP (Anniv)	Matthew 25:31-46
Tue 18 March Lent Feria	10am 5pm	Intentions of Nora Buckley Reception of the Body of Nora Margaret Berry.	Matthew 6:7-15
Wed 19 March ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin, Patron of the Diocese	10am	Funeral Mass for Nora Margaret Berry RIP	Luke 11: 29-32
Thu 20 March Lent Feria	10am	Carole Watson RIP	Matthew 7:7-12
Fri 21 March Lent Feria <i>Friday Abstinence</i>	10am	Thanking everyone's prayers for Rose Fletcher's Intentions	Matthew 5:20-26
Sat 22 March Lent Feria	10am	Terry Hughes RIP	Matthew 5:43-48
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Intentions of Eddie & Olive Jones	Matthew 17:1-9
Sun 23 March 3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT	9am	Elizabeth Frances Hastings RIP	
	10.30am	All our Parishioners	
	12noon	Michael Anthony McIntyre RIP	
	6pm	Richard Matthews RIP	