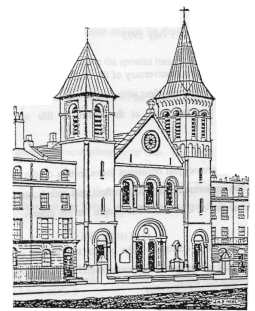


# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 JUNE 2013

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## "THOSE THINGS THAT HURT, INSTRUCT."

Benjamin Franklin once said, "Those things that hurt, instruct." He meant that by confronting our problems and solving them, we learn and become stronger mentally and spiritually. Unfortunately, most of us try to avoid problems. Problems cause us pain and difficulty. We hope that once we have cleared up one problem, we won't have any more to contend with .... then lo and behold we find yet another problem looming on life's horizon. If only we could learn to accept that problems and suffering are an inevitable part of life. If only we could learn to accept suffering as an opportunity to grow stronger and wiser.

"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me," says Jesus in today's gospel. It doesn't sound too cheerful an invitation. Being a Christian doesn't sound much fun. Wrong! Have you ever noticed that it is those who try to hide from their 'crosses' that are the most unhappy? Psychiatrists' clinics are full of patients who have layered neurosis upon neurosis trying to pretend their problems do not exist. How many people do you know that mask their problems with alcohol, drugs, over-eating or retail therapy, ultimately making their problems ten times worse. In stark contrast, we take off our hat to those who carry their cross happily and readily, sacrificing their own needs for the needs of a sick parent or child.

Life is undeniably difficult, but the minute we make a decision to confront our problems, and take up our crosses with good cheer, it instantly becomes less difficult.

## PARISH NEWS

**COMINGS AND GOINGS:** Fr Howard will be leaving on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**. His last Mass will be celebrated at 12noon with a reception to follow in the Fr George Haines Parish Centre. Monsignor Seamus O'Boyle will begin on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2013**.

**PETER PENCE:** There will be a second collection taken up next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June. As requested by the Diocese of Westminster.

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**THE PARISH 170<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS:** If you know of any former parishioners and friends of St John's parish, who would like to attend the Anniversary Mass and the celebrations on the **30<sup>th</sup> June at 11am**, please do invite them. It would be great to see them.

**DELIVERING FOOD FOR THE 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:** All deliveries of food should be done on 30<sup>th</sup> June after 9:30am to the Vestibule.

**DAY TRIP FOR SENIORS TO CLACTON:** On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July leaving from St John's. Seats going fast, please book

now to avoid disappointment. (We need to fill the coach to pay for it). The cost is £10. If you would like to attend please call the office on 020 7226 3277 option 2, leaving your name, telephone/mobile number and £10 deposit.

**RCIA:** Do you want to become a Catholic, or know someone who wants to? We have a course called the RCIA course for adults over 18 who wish to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church or Confirmed. The next course will start in the autumn of this year, and there will be an Enquirers' Evening for anyone who is interested in learning more on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm in the church. If you would like more information or have any questions, please contact David Lester, the RCIA Co-ordinator, at [davidlester51@btinternet.com](mailto:davidlester51@btinternet.com) or 020 7250 0513.

**ALL PARISHIONERS:** Wishing to mark their appreciation of the ministry of Fr Howard and Fr Chris (who are both leaving us shortly) are invited to hand in an envelope to the parish office or send a cheque payable to **St John the Evangelist Church** not later than **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, so that cheques may be prepared. It is important to mark the envelope marked **Leaving Present**, otherwise the money goes into general parish funds. Please mark how much of the donation is for each priest; in the absence of this advice

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 donation will be split two-thirds to Fr Howard and one-third to Fr Chris. The Parish Council.

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## DIARY

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

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## NOTICES

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 16 JUNE: Envelopes £509.67 / Loose £750.94**

**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.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** There will be a training day for new servers and a meeting for all servers, on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. I would like to encourage anyone who would like to start serving at Mass, plus all servers to attend.

**LECTORS/READERS: DAY OF RECOLLECTION AND TRAINING – SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 3:30 PM** - Would you like to become a Lector/Reader at St John's? There will be a day of training for new members. Can I invite all Readers to be present on this day as well. There are some important

notices that will be given and all Readers, old and new, need to hear them.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: DAY OF RECOLLECTION AND TRAINING: SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 4:30 PM** – Would you like to be a Eucharistic Minister at St John's? There will be a day of training for new members. Can I invite all Eucharistic Ministers to be present on this day as well.

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## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for those who have died, especially Johanna Daniels, Fr Michael Pinot de Moira and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**HEALING:** Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Paddy Buckley, Mick Hossack, Amylia Boylen, June Edwards, Joanne Matthias, Adriano Grazioli, Chanelle Aldea Alba, Stephen Martinez, Bro. J. Lavelle, Marist Brother, Mufide Family, Harry Perkins, Antonio Neto, Mary Halligan, John Day, Jacky Kelly, Jacquelin Abel, Suzanne Greaves, Bridget Harrington, Mr & Mrs John Drum, Joseph Kasonde, Michael Bryant, Ann Gray, Tonya, Pam Chalkley, Gwend Fitzgerald, Kieran Fogarty, Noel McKeown, Ann Barrett, David Ryan, Mick Feeney, John Barley, Annette Donivar, Avit Noranh, Rosalind Jules, and Irene Findlay.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 22 Jun	6pm	Dessie Cullen RIP	Luke 9:18-24
Sun 23 Jun 12 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	John Scully RIP	
	10:30am	Patrick Collins RIP & Intentions of Teresa Whooley	
	12noon	Tony Oviitts RIP, Shirley Grace McDonald RIP	
	6pm	Mass for Parishioners	
Mon 24 Jun THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	10am	Margaret & Terry Casey RIP	Luke 1:5-17
Tue 25 Jun Feria	10am	Colwyn St Davids RIP	Matthew 7:6,12-14
Wed 26 Jun Feria	10am	Norman Yearly RIP	Matthew 7:15-20
Thu 27 Jun St John Southworth, Priest & Martyr	10am	Shelia Ford RIP	Matthew 7:21-29
Fri 28 Jun St Irenaeus, Bishop & Martyr	10am	Souls in Purgatory	Matthew 8:1-4
Sat 29 Jun Feria	10am	Julia & Michael Forde RIP	Matthew 8 :5-17
	10.30–11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15–5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Kevin O'Leary RIP (Anniv)	John 21:15-19
Sun 30 Jun STS PETER AND PAUL, Apostles	9am	Janina Gawron RIP (Anniv)	
	11am	Grant Lewington RIP	
	6pm	Mass For Parishioners	