

# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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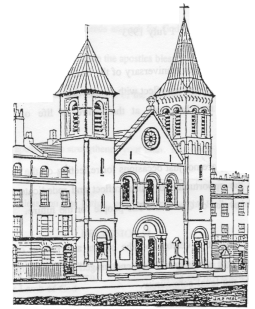
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**Parish Office opening times:** Tue - Fri, 10am - 2pm



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17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 JULY 2013

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## ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN

How do we feel about prayer? Some people would answer that they have great faith in prayer and pray all the time. Others would say that they feel prayer is a naive kind of activity, that it doesn't really work and so they don't do it, or pray only very briefly. Some of us will consider prayer as a last option. If there are other options we will most likely pick those first. Our downfall is probably that our approach to prayer is all wrong. We approach God with a kind of shopping list of all the things we feel we need. We approach God with prayers that are foolish, imagining that he might help our football team in the dying moments of a match, or somehow rig our lottery numbers! Worse, we try to bargain with God, promising that we will go to church more often if only he will sort out our problems.

"Ask and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock and the door will be opened for you..." It would be wonderful to believe these words, but before we believe them we really need to understand them. It's clear that we need to know what to pray for and how to pray.

Today Jesus gives us a prayer "The Lord's Prayer". But he isn't just giving us a prayer to recite. What he is giving us is a model on which to base our own prayers. In the Lord's Prayer we are invited to pray to God as our Father, acknowledging his holiness and praying with the shared commitment to have his will done on earth. We are invited to pray for our 'daily bread' the things we genuinely need. We must pray for forgiveness and promise to forgive others. Importantly we must pray with persistence, often and throughout the day, not in the way a child would pester a parent, but because only by being persistent will we build a relationship with God. Lastly we should approach God with the faith we approach a loving parent. Even parents with very average parenting skills know how to give children what they need. "How much more," says Jesus, "will the father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask...."

## PARISH NEWS

### MESSAGE FROM MONSIGNOR SÉAMUS O'BOYLE – OUR

**NEW PARISH PRIEST:** Dear Parishioners of St John's – I arrived during the week and this will be my first weekend in the Parish. I will say a brief 'Hello' at each of the Masses and hopefully have the chance of meeting lots of you afterwards. In due course I will be joined by two other priests – Fr Martin Plunkett (newly-ordained for our Diocese in June) and Fr Larry Milby (a retired priest from Buffalo, New York, USA). Together this new 'Team' will have care of St John's and the neighbouring parish of The Blessed Sacrament, Copenhagen Street. Fr Howard has now left and at the end of August Fr Chris will also be moving. I thank them for their welcome, advice and good wishes as I take up my appointment. By the way, I am more than happy to be called Father Séamus – no need for the Monsignor bit! God Bless, Fr Séamus.

**FR HOWARD'S EMAIL:** [howardmjames@yahoo.com](mailto:howardmjames@yahoo.com)

**ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE:** Documenting the past and present of our parish has been published. We are grateful to all who contributed to it and encourage everyone to get a copy, available from the repository and parish office for £3.

**NEW WEBSITE:** Of the parish is [www.st-johns-islington.org](http://www.st-johns-islington.org). Many thanks to the webmaster, Thomas Machura, for developing it. The website will be expanded in July and August. You can download the parish e-newsletter or subscribe to it directly on the website.

**WEEK-DAY SANDWICHES:** During the month of August we will not be needing sandwiches for the week-day.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome our new parishioner who will be baptised today: Anisia Fiondella.

**ACCOMMODATION WANTED:** A young French man from the Young Adult Group at the parish is looking for affordable accommodation from 6 months to a year, starting immediately. He would be happy to share the house with an elderly person and help him/her with the domestic tasks, or to stay with a family and support them teaching French to

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.

their children or helping with the children. If you could help him please email [stjohnyag@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnyag@gmail.com) or speak to Fr Chris.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> August, St Cedd, High Road, Goodmayes, Ilford.

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## NOTICES

**REMINDER – SUNDAY MASS TIMES DURING AUGUST WILL BE: (Saturday Vigil 6pm), Sunday 9:30am, 11:30am & 6pm**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 21 JULY: Envelopes £624.40 / Loose £565.26 / Sea Sunday £22.00**

**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 Edward Fennelly, Maureen Byrne, Bill Kelly and Aiden Gill 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, Irene Findlay and Christopher Browne.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 27 Jul	6pm	<b>Margaret &amp; Terry Casey RIP</b>	Luke 10:38-42
Sun 28 Jul 17 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	<b>Mass for Parishioners</b>	
	10.30am	<b>Teresa King RIP</b>	
	12noon	<b>Louise Abraham RIP</b>	
	6pm	<b>Sheila &amp; Patrick Sullivan RIP</b>	
Mon 29 Jul St Martha	10am	<b>Houlihan Family RIP</b>	John 11:19-27
Tue 30 Jul Feria	10am	<b>Teresa King RIP</b>	Matthew 13:36-43
Wed 31 Jul St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	10am	<b>Francis Buckley RIP (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)</b>	Matthew 13:44-46
Thu 01 Aug St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop & Doctor	10am	<b>Mary Malone RIP (Anniv)</b>	Matthew 13:47-53
Fri 02 Aug Feria	10am	<b>Julian Witos RIP (Anniv)</b>	Matthew 13:54-58
Sat 03 Aug Feria	10am	<b>Michael &amp; Ann Ryan (50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniv)</b>	Matthew 14 :1-12
	10.30–11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15–5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	<b>Adeline Rogers, Eithna Clarke &amp; Bridget Lynch RIP</b>	Luke 12:13-21
Sun 04 Aug 18 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am	<b>Pietro Ronchetti RIP (Anniv)</b>	
	11.30am	<b>Mass for Parishioners</b>	
	6pm	<b>Luigi Maestri RIP (Anniv)</b>	