

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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THE RIGHTEOUS AND THE SELF RIGHTEOUS

It's human nature to compare ourselves with others from time to time. We pat ourselves on the back for doing better than others at work or for how well our children are doing at school. We thank God that we are not like the layabouts that live in the flat below or the drunks who sit on the corner. Perhaps it makes us feel better about ourselves that we 'tut' at how others lead their lives, and congratulate ourselves for getting so much right. Jesus would sum us up in two words... 'self-righteous'.

There's a world of difference between being righteous and self-righteous. Righteous means getting things right. Self-righteous means the inability to see our own failings whilst seeing very clearly the failings in others. Self-righteous means thinking that God is going to love us more for getting things right, or loving others less because they have made mistakes.

It is said that humility is one of the hardest things to achieve because once we start praising ourselves for achieving it, we are of course no longer humble. One of the best ways to be humble is to see humility as an on-going lesson. As we forge our individual relationships with God we are asked to do it not by comparing our progress with those around us, but by keeping an eye on our own failings. We will always have failings, so in our constant struggle to correct them, humility won't be very far behind.

"All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

PARISH NEWS

NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS: Sheets are available for you to write the names of those who have died. These sheets will be placed in the Book of Remembrance and Mass will be celebrated for those named in the book twice a week in November. Friday (1st November) is the Feast of All Saints, a holyday of obligation. Mass **10am, 12:30pm, 7:30pm**. Saturday (2nd November) is the Commemoration of All Souls Mass times **10am and 6pm**.

DEANERY MASS FOR DECEASED PRIESTS: On Tuesday 5th November at 3pm, the priests of the Islington Deanery will be celebrating Mass here in the Church in remembrance of the deceased priests who served in the area. All are welcome to attend.

RCIA: We started a new RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) course for those who wish to become Catholics, on Monday 7th October 2013. There is still time to join, the course is every Monday from now to June 2014: classes start at 7.30pm and last about 90 minutes. If you are interested or already are a Catholic, but have never been Confirmed, you will be very welcome to join us. Please contact the RCIA

Co-Ordinator David Lester on 020 7250 0513 or davidlester51@btinternet.com.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: Held at St John the Evangelist School on Sunday 15th December from 11.30am. Please join us for mulled wine, a photograph with a reindeer, a visit to see Santa, tombolas, raffle, arts and crafts, home-made cakes. Please come along, all welcome!

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 duvets or pillows). 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**.

SPONSORED WALK: We will be having our Annual Sponsored Walk from St John's to St George's Cathedral,

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.

Southwark, on Sunday 10th November at 1.30pm. Please collect a Sponsor Form after Mass.

MUSICIANS WANTED: We would like to have more musicians at the **10:30 Mass** for the family choir, especially guitar, keyboard players and more singers! Attending every week will not be required, but of course very welcome. Please speak to Ilaria or Doreen before/after Mass.

DIARY

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: The next course for parents wishing to baptise their baby, will be held on **Tuesday's 5th and 12th November at 7pm** in the Church.

NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION 20 OCTOBER: Envelopes £661.94

/ Loose £671.14 / World Mission £334.90

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died, especially, John 'Tommy' Irvine, Calvo Family 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, Joseph Kasonde, Michael Bryant, Ann Gray, Tonya, Pam Chalkley, Gwen Fitzgerald, Kieran Fogarty, Noel McKeown, Ann Barrett, David Ryan, Mick Feeney, John Barley, Annette Donivar, Avit Noranh, Rosalind Jules, Irene Findlay, Christopher Browne, Beau Hueppauff, Jerry Waldron and Gerry King.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 26 Oct	6pm	Tommy Campbell RIP (Anniv)	Luke 18:9-14
Sun 27 Oct 30 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	J McCann & Mrs McCann RIP	
	10.30am	Mass for Parishioners	
	12noon	Kathleen Joyce RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	Joe & Mary Corcoran RIP (Months Mind)	
Mon 28 Oct Sts Chad and Cedd, Bishops	10am	Steve White RIP	Luke 6:12-19
Tue 29 Oct Blessed Martyrs of Douai College	10am	Jack Buckley RIP (Anniv)	Luke 13:18-21
Wed 30 Oct Feria	10am	Anthony Alexander RIP (Anniv)	Luke 13:22-30
Thu 31 Oct Feria	10am	Michael & Julia Forde RIP (Anniv)	Luke 13:31-35
Fri 01 Nov All Saints <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Grant Lewington RIP HOLY SOULS For our Parishioners	Matthew 5:1-12
Sat 02 Nov All Souls	10am	Mary de Michiel RIP	Luke 7 :11-17
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	For Deceased Parishioners	Luke 19:1-10
Sun 03 Nov 31 st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Con Enright RIP (Anniv)	
	10.30am	November Dead	
	12noon	Michael & Julia Forde RIP	
	6pm	Gerard Wilkie RIP	