

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

30 MARCH 2014

Walking through Lent with Pope Francis The Man Born Blind



This Gospel shows real growth in faith. At first the man born blind had no idea who had cured him. His faith gets clearer as he is questioned. Jesus is at first just a man, then a prophet, and finally he is his Lord, the one he worships. He is able to stand up against the enemies of Jesus certain that he has been healed and saved from darkness.

He is willing to stand up for his new faith.

Here is a passage from Pope Francis that challenges us to think about how seriously we are taking the call to share our faith with others.

Pope Francis reflects:

Today, as the Church seeks to experience a profound missionary renewal, there is a kind of preaching which falls to each of us as a daily responsibility. It has to do with bringing the Gospel to the people we meet, whether they be our neighbours or complete strangers. This is the informal preaching which takes place in the middle of a conversation, something along the lines of what a missionary does when visiting a home. Being a disciple means being constantly ready to bring the love of Jesus to others and this can happen unexpectedly and in any place: on the street, in a city square, during work, on a journey. [127 The Joy of the Gospel]

In this preaching, which is always respectful and gentle, the first step is personal dialogue, when the other person speaks and shares his or her joys, hopes and concerns for loved ones, or so many other heartfelt needs. Only afterwards is it possible to bring up God's word. [128 The Joy of the Gospel]

To ponder: There is more to sharing the Good News than preaching.

Question: How are we sharing the Gospel already through our parish and in our daily lives?

PARISH NEWS

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

PLANNED GIVING: New envelopes are now ready for collection. Please note that they are in alphabetical order, so ensure you **look for your name** and **not your box number**. After 30th March, **PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY OLD ENVELOPES AS THE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED**. If you would like a box of envelopes, please complete a green form and hand it into the parish office at 39 Duncan Terrace. Thank you.

BAPTISM: We welcome our new parishioners who will be baptised today: Henry Maximilian and Dorian Ethan La Loggia.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next baptism preparation course will be on **Tuesdays 1st and 8th April at 7pm in the Church**.

DORCAS BEFRIENDING PROJECT: Are looking for a parishioner who could occasionally accompany a very elderly parishioner to the 12 o'clock Mass. The parishioner lives in Hullbridge Mews, next to Rosemary Gardens. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

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.

SUMMER ACCOMMODATION IN LONDON: Allen Hall Seminary in Chelsea offer comfortable rooms in central London in July and August. Beautiful gardens and chapel. Rooms from £50 per night (including breakfast). Website www.allenhall.org.uk email allenhall@rcdow.org.uk telephone 020 7349 5600 (option 0).

DIARY

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

NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 16 MARCH: Envelopes £808.15 Loose £781.44 CAFOD £527.78.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 23 MARCH: Envelopes £503.14 Loose £650.06 Little Sisters of the Poor £1,969.06. Thank you for your generosity.

ROOM TO RENT: Quiet, mature lady seeks room to rent in the Islington area. Please contact Dora on 07942 444 249.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died recently, Nora Margaret Berry, Mick Feeney, Ellen Christine O'Reilly, Pamela Chalkley, Esla Arnold and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Elizabeth Adena McEvoy, Aldo Luigi Domenico Salvoni, Patrick Coleman Duggan, Michael Anthony McIntyre, Theresa Brown, Thomas Francis Sheridan, Mary O'Loughlin, Pauline Harty, Francesca Walsh, Leica Johnson, Margaret Ryan, Barry James, John Sheehan, Baby Harry Lawton and Elizabeth McCarthy.

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, Theresa Burchall, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart and Joe McConville.

FUNERAL THIS WEEK: Pamela Chalkley, Monday 7th April at 10am Mass. May she rest in peace. **Amen**

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Sat 29 March	6pm	Mary McEntagart RIP	John 9:1-41
Sun 30 March 4 th SUNDAY OF LENT	9am	All our Parishioners	
	10.30am	Grant Lewington RIP	
	12noon	With Thanks for our Mother Pat Yearley RIP	
	6pm	Kathleen & William Dahill RIP	
Mon 31 March Lent Feria	10am	Canon Leopold Pyke RIP (Anniv)	John 4:43-54
Tue 01 April Lent Feria	10am	Marcia Louisa & John Sexton RIP & Sexton Family	John 5:1-3. 5-16
Wed 02 April Lent Feria	10am	Colwyn St Davids RIP	John 5:17-30
Thu 03 April Lent Feria	10am	Ellen Christine O'Reilly RIP	John 5:31-47
Fri 04 April Lent Feria <i>Friday Abstinence</i>	10am	Michael Demetris RIP	John 7:1-2. 10. 25-30
Sat 05 April Lent Feria	10am	Special Intention	John 7 :40-52
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Margaret Buckley RIP (Anniv)	
Sun 06 April 5 th SUNDAY OF LENT	9am	Mr Correa RIP	John 11:1-45
	10.30am	Aiden Cunniffe RIP	
	12noon	Margaret Charlton RIP	
	6pm	All our Parishioners	