

# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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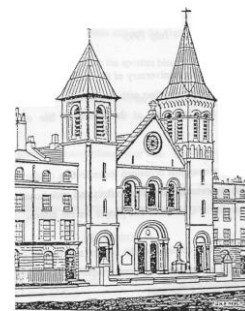
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3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 JANUARY 2014

## A JOB FOR LIFE

What are you going to do with the rest of your life? This was the question that was levelled at the first disciples. Were they going to spend the rest of their lives catching fish, or were they going to follow Jesus and become 'fishers of men'? The early disciples were unerring in their discipleship. They left their nets and followed Jesus 'at once' ... 'immediately'. There was no doubt in their minds about how they wanted to live out their lives. Discipleship was a job for life.

Jesus' work is never done and there will always be vacancies for new disciples. Discipleship is something akin to an army. Without active supporters, a cause can grow faint. We are not asked to keep Christ's teaching to ourselves, we are asked to be 'fishers of men' always opening up God's opportunities to others. So why are we so reticent about the job? Perhaps there's something about evangelisation that we find uncomfortable. We associate evangelisation with the man in the city centre wearing billboards, or the woman who wedges her foot in the door and gives us a doorstep homily, notching up conversions like a party political candidate.

Today we are asked to sweep our preconceptions aside and become 'fishers of men'. Being a fisher of men does not have to be about notching up conversions. Being a 'fisher of men' needs to be about making a real difference in other people's lives not just by demonstrating our own discipleship, but by inviting others to explore greater purpose. This might mean recognising a talent in someone else and inviting them to put it to good use, or entrusting somebody with a responsibility. It might mean enlisting someone's help in a joint project, or simply lending them a book or a film that we have benefited from. Discipleship is a job for life.

## PARISH NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** once more and very best wishes to our Archbishop, Vincent Nichols, on his being named a Cardinal by Pope Francis. Cardinal Designate Vincent will receive his 'red hat' from Pope Francis in Rome on February 22<sup>nd</sup> – Feast of the Chair of St Peter. The Archbishop has asked us all please to pray for him as he takes up his new responsibilities as a member of the Sacred College of Cardinals.

**2014 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – STARTING IN MARCH:** If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to come forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year then please take a registration form home and return it to the parish office no later than **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**. Watch out for details of the course dates here in the Newsletter.

**HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION:** The next lesson for children is today, 26<sup>th</sup> January, after 10.30am Mass. The topic is: Celebrating our Rescue. **Please collect your children at 12.45pm.**

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next dates will be Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Church. Baptism Registration forms are available in the Vestibule.

**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.**

**SUNDAY CLUB:** Needs another volunteer, willing and able to commit to **one Sunday in seven** from 2.30 – 5pm to prepare and serve sandwiches etc. to homeless and hard-up people. Coming dates are: **9<sup>th</sup> February, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> May and 6<sup>th</sup> July**, etc. Please contact Molly on 020 7226 3887 or [mawislington@gmail.com](mailto:mawislington@gmail.com)

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.

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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 1<sup>st</sup> February at St Scholastica, Kenninghall Road, London E5.

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**NOTICES**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 19 JANUARY:** Envelopes £493.48 / Loose £736.31

**ITALIAN TUITION:** By experienced Italian native and qualified lecturer Antonia. Call her on 020 7490 0829.

**ROOM TO RENT:** Does anyone have a room to rent for a young mother and her daughter for a temporary period? They would very much like to hear from anyone who can help them, so that the daughter's school placement can be maintained while they find permanent accommodation in the area. Please contact Eucharika Uchechi on 07466 605 072 or the parish secretary.

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**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS**

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for those who have died recently especially Caroline Philomena Humphreys (née Whooley), James Rooney, Monsignor Ralph Brown, Father Pat Nolan and Father Mark Coningsby and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Ellen Christina Folan, Thomas Peter Colgan, John Declan Fahey, Michael Kevin Power, James Duffy, Vincent Deritis, Josephine Downes, Patrick O'Donovan, Vicky Morse, Stanislaw Theodore Rokosz, John Henry McNamara and Gladys Anne De Souza.

**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 and Mick Feeney.

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THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 25 Jan	6pm	Intentions of Frances Peter Ruane	Matthew 4:12-23
Sun 26 Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Colwyn St Davids RIP	
	10.30am	John Connaughton RIP (Anniv)	
	12noon	Peter Sheridan RIP	
	6pm	Mass for Parishioners	
Mon 27 Jan Feria	10am	Maureen Hallissey RIP	Mark 3:22-30
Tue 28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor	10am	Jeremiah O'Shea RIP	Mark 3:31-35
Wed 29 Jan Feria	10am	Canon Joseph Tynan RIP (Anniv.)	Mark 4:1-20
Thu 30 Jan Feria	10am	Colwyn St Davids RIP (Birthday)	Mark 4:21-25
Fri 31 Jan St John Bosco, Priest <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	George Fletcher RIP	Mark 4:26-34
Sat 01 Feb Feria	10am	George Fletcher RIP	Mark 4 :35-41
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Francis McEntagart RIP	Luke 2:22-40
Sun 02 Feb THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9am	Mr Correa RIP	
	10.30am	Mass for Parishioners	
	12noon	Peter Sheridan RIP	
	6pm	Bernard Charles Oates RIP	