

# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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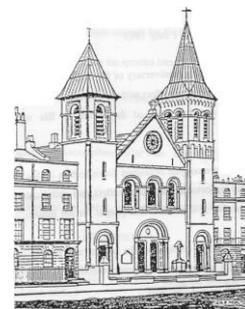
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33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 NOVEMBER 2013

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Like the people in today's story who were so proud of their temple, we are often pleased with what we build up here on earth. Jesus takes the opportunity to point out that everything man-made is transient and that at the end of time it will all be swept away. The message of course is that we should place more emphasis on the development of our souls than on material things. In our days of climate change and natural disaster it's easy for us to identify with the people of the Bible in their need to identify apocalyptic signs. Jesus however tells us not to concern ourselves with claims "that the end is nigh." Instead we must focus on what there is left to do.

How would we behave if we were told that the world was ending later today? If we are doing the right things all of the time, it shouldn't matter if the world was to end today or in a billion years. Doing our best and living every day as we ought to live isn't an easy task, but we are not struggling alone. "I will give words and wisdom," promises Jesus, "that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict."

If we are ready for God's final judgement, then we shouldn't be afraid of anything that is ahead of us. Global disaster, wars and earthquakes are only signs of the times, not the end of the world and should hold no terror if we trust completely in God.

## PARISH NEWS

**SCHOOL FORMS:** Fr Séamus and Fr Martin will be available in the Presbytery on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November from 4.00-6.00pm to sign application forms for the Nursery & Reception at St John the Evangelist School for September 2014.

**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.

**PRISONERS SUNDAY: 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:** A national day of Prayer, Action, and Giving, in aid of Pact, the Catholic charity which offers people affected by imprisonment a fresh start. Find out about volunteering at [www.justvolunteer.org.uk](http://www.justvolunteer.org.uk) or contact Monica Deane at Pact on 020 7735 9535.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** The second session is today **Sunday 17th November at 10:30am**. Please collect your children at 12:30pm. The third session is on **Sunday 24th November at 10:30am**.

**CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER:** A second collection will be taken up.

**ST JOHN'S YOUTH CENTRE:** The youth club is open to all local youngsters in the 11 to 15 age-group and is absolutely free. It is open every Tuesday and Thursday evening in the Fr George Haines Centre – the Thursday sessions for girl members only. The club is run by professional youth workers, men and women, and is supervised by volunteer parishioners. More members for the Management Committee are needed; the committee's principal tasks are to raise funds for the club and to oversee expenditure, so any volunteer with accountancy skills would be particularly welcome. Any volunteer ready to serve for at least a year is asked to give his or her name and contact details to 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.

**SUNDAY CLUB:** Would welcome more second-hand books in good condition. No romances. Please bring them along to Mass and ask for them to be put in the Lobby.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> December** or you can take it directly to the school by **9am on 4<sup>th</sup> December**.

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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 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Michael, Osborn Road, Uxbridge.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR:** Held at St John the Evangelist School on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

**PRAY TOGETHER ISLINGTON:** Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 8am St Mary's Upper Street, N1.

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## NOTICES

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 10 NOVEMBER:** Envelopes £569.91 / Loose £710.76 / Sick & Retired Priests £1,289.07

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## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for those who have died, especially Kitty O'Malley, James Michael Doyle, Anthony William Young, Patrick Butler and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**HEALING:** Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Lisa Ip and Helen Hallissey.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 16 Nov	6pm	Joseph Duffy RIP (Anniv)	Luke 21:5-19
Sun 17 Nov 33 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Cenei Family RIP	
	10.30am	Mary Wills RIP (Anniv)	
	12noon	Thomas O'Loughlin RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	November Dead	
Mon 18 Nov Feria	10am	Peter Frankland RIP	Luke 18:35-43
Tue 19 Nov Feria	10am	November Dead	Luke 19:1-10
Wed 20 Nov Feria	10am	Mary Wilkie RIP	Luke 19:11-28
Thu 21 Nov The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am	Margaret Langan RIP (Anniv)	Luke 19:41-44
Fri 22 Nov St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr <i>Friday abstinence</i>	12noon	Funeral Mass for Anthony William Young RIP	Luke 19:45-48
	No Mass at 10		
Sat 23 Nov Feria	10am	Colwyn St Davids RIP, Harry Hrebeniak RIP, Paul Hrebeniak RIP	Luke 20 :27-40
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Mary Julia Loftus RIP	Luke 23:35-43
Sun 24 Nov OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	9am	Ronchetti Family RIP	
	10.30am	Pat Cross RIP	
	12noon	Mary McTigue RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	November Dead	