

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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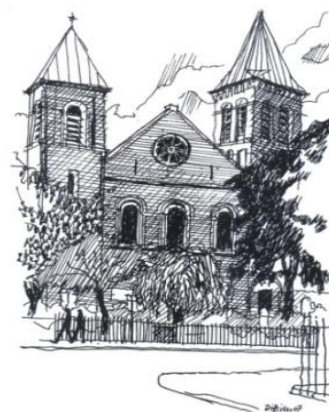
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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THE ROAD TO UNDERSTANDING

Some of us live our lives in one big muddle, struggling from one crisis to the next. Some of us feel that we don't have much control over what happens to us, as though life is something that just happens all around us whether we like it or not and regardless of what we do. Sometimes memories can be painful, and life's experiences can feel random, unplanned and often senseless. But for those who are wise, nothing in life is senseless. Those who are wise can put everything that happens in their lives both good and bad, into some kind of context, a context that adds up to something meaningful.

In today's gospel, two disciples travel along the road to Emmaus talking about recent events in Jerusalem. The disciples are feeling helpless and defeated in the wake of Jesus' crucifixion. They see Jesus' death as a crushing defeat. Then they meet a stranger on their journey and not recognising the stranger as Jesus, begin to tell him their story. Notice how in the story, Jesus opens the disciples' eyes very gradually. The two travellers don't recognise Jesus straight away, but their hearts warm to him as he helps them to see recent events in the light of scripture. As he interprets what has happened, he gives them hope in the future and a clear vision of new opportunities. Bit by bit the disciples see what at first seems to be string of random events as part of God's plan. Then when the couple invite Jesus to stay, and he breaks bread with them, they come to realise who he really is. It is clear why Luke describes the breaking of bread and how the disciples eventually work out that their guest is Jesus. Luke is telling us that we too can recognise Jesus when we meet weekly to share the Eucharist at Mass. For those of us who feel this hasn't happened, the encouragement is that it might be a gradual revelation.

It is Jesus' hope that when we share his Calvary experience each week at Mass, we learn to put our own lives into context. Everything in our lives teaches us something or leads us to something. Everything we do must be shaped by our knowledge of Jesus. What we become as a result of what we do and learn brings us daily nearer to God.

PARISH NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children who are making their First Holy Communion in the parish this weekend. May this celebration mark the beginning of a deepening relationship for you and your families with Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF

COUNCILLORS: The AGM will be held in the Church at 4pm on Sunday 1st June and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

The Parish Annual Report, 2013 is available on the parish notice board and on the website or may be collected from the Parish Office during opening hours.

Procedure for Elections to the Parish Council four councillors are standing down, three of whom may offer themselves for re-election. New applications for the Council will be greatly welcomed.

Nomination forms will be available at the back of the church after Mass on Saturday/Sunday May 3rd -4th and 10th -11th. Forms may also be picked up from the parish office.

Completed Nomination forms to be returned please to Mgr. Séamus no later than Sunday 18th May

ALTAR SERVERS: If anybody is interested in becoming an altar server, please could their names be given in to the parish office. Thank You. Fr Martin.

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.

PLANNED GIVING: A number of boxes of envelopes remain uncollected, if you no longer require a box please inform the parish office. From now on **please only use the new green envelopes, do not use the old white envelopes as the numbers have changed.** Those who would like a box of envelopes, please complete a green form and hand it into the parish office at 39 Duncan Terrace. Thank you.

PENPAL WANTED: For 15 year old French boy. Possible exchange. Please contact Arthur or Susie on 020 7226 5467.

DIARY

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next course takes place on Tuesdays 6th and 13th May at 7pm in the church.

PRAY TOGETHER ISLINGTON: Thursday 15th May at 8am at The Ethiopian Christian Fellowship Church, 178 Kings Cross Road.

NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR 27 APRIL: Envelopes £450.10
Loose £633.75. Thank you for your generosity.

MAY PROCESSION AT THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN: Come and join the Pilgrims as we pray for the gift of Vocations on Sunday 11th May at 3.30pm at 1 Nicoll Road, London NW10 9AX.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for Theresa Burchall and Margaret Haines who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Joan Eileen Ford, Frank Johnson, Rose Saunders, John Henry Harvey, Ronald Sherrell and Mary Power.

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, Mick Feeney, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Joe McConville, Christiana Visentin & Family and Bernadette Bywaters.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Sat 03 May	6pm	Francis Matthews RIP	Luke 24:13-35
Sun 04 May THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am	Intentions of Rhodri St Davids	
	10.30am	All our Parishioners	
	12noon	Terry Hughes Jr RIP (Anniv)	
	2pm	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS	
	6pm	Aldo Salvoni RIP (Birthday)	
Mon 05 May Easter Feria	10am	Margaret & Terry Casey RIP	John 6:22-29
Tue 06 May Easter Feria	10am	Intentions of Robel & Family	John 6:30-35
Wed 07 May Easter Feria	10am	Rose Simmonds RIP	John 6:3-40
Thu 08 May Easter Feria	10am	Ena Surlis RIP	John 6:44-51
Fri 09 May Easter Feria <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Funeral Mass for Theresa Burchall RIP	John 6:52-59
Sat 10 May Easter Feria	10am	Tommy Gilmartin RIP	John 6 :60-69
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Margaret & Terry Casey RIP	John 10:1-10
Sun 11 May FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9am	Mr Correa RIP	
	10.30am	Catherine Myra O'Brien RIP	
	12noon	All our Parishioners	
	6pm	Mrs Betty Hiam RIP	