

# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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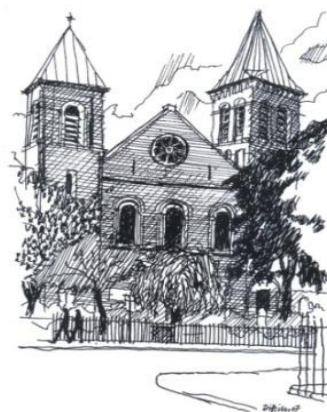
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**Parish Office opening times:** Tue - Fri, 10am - 2pm



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PALM SUNDAY

13 APRIL 2014

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## Did Jesus Overthrow the Empire?

We don't need to have been around at the time to imagine how it must have felt to be a part of the jubilant crowd that greeted Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem. On Palm Sunday, we remember the crowd that supported Jesus so enthusiastically at the beginning of the week and how it mysteriously melted away by the end, to be replaced by a mob shouting for his crucifixion. What went wrong?

The people who supported Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem that day had high expectations. They had been looking for a Messiah capable of overthrowing the Roman Empire and they believed Jesus to be that Messiah. They had seen Jesus work miracles and believed that he could overthrow the Roman Empire with political might. By the end of the week Jesus had not only disappointed their aspirations but exposed them as hollow and futile.

So if Jesus hadn't come to Jerusalem to overthrow the Roman Empire, then why? In truth, Jesus had come not just to overthrow the Roman Empire but to overthrow the notion of 'Empire' itself. To overthrow a human empire only to replace it with another human empire would have been futile. Instead, Jesus faces the greatest threat the Roman Empire can pose, death by crucifixion, and turns it on his head by rising again. The Empire cannot beat him. Death cannot beat him. Human empires rise and fall but the way of life that Jesus taught us, with its promise of life everlasting triumphs.

Today we come into church waving our palms and singing 'Hosanna', but we have different expectations. As Christians we do not ask God for power or wealth, we simply promise to follow a better path in life. We vow to follow Jesus' uncompromising path of humility and love.

## PARISH NEWS

**TIMES OF HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES:** can be found on a separate purple sheet – please take a copy home.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will be prayed in the Church at 5.00pm today.

**RCIA:** Our elect and candidates would like to thank the whole community of St John's for praying for them and supporting them during the RCIA course and especially during the Lenten period. Please continue to pray for them during this final week before the Easter Vigil, when they will be baptised or received and confirmed. Please pray also for their families, godparents and sponsors.

**PLANNED GIVING:** If you have not yet collected your box of new envelopes please do so they are at the back of the church. From now on **PLEASE ONLY USE THE NEW GREEN ENVELOPES, DO NOT USE THE OLD WHITE ENVELOPES AS THE NUMBERS HAVE CHANGED.** If you requested a box in the last week, this is now available for your collection. 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.

**COFFEE AND SUGAR APPEAL:** If anyone could donate some coffee and sugar for use at the Sunday Club it would be much appreciated. Thank you.

**CONVERSATIONS WITH MARY:** A thought provoking new play by Caroline Bowder will be performed Sunday evening at 7.30pm at St Silas Church, Barnsbury Road, Tickets £6.00.

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.

## DIARY

**LEGION OF MARY:** We meet every Wednesday at 7pm.

Please come to 39 Duncan Terrace.

**A DAY WITH MARY:** Saturday 26 April at Holy Apostles, Winchester Street, London SW1.

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## NOTICES

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 6<sup>TH</sup> APRIL:** Envelopes £502.50  
Loose £879.72 Thank you for your generosity.

**TRIP TO FATIMA BY AIR (London Heathrow):** On 9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 to 15<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Price: £360 6 nights/7days includes half-board. Interested? Call Juliet or Text 07729 391 661.

**CAFOD PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY – SUNDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY:**  
Sponsored bike ride will take place in Lee Valley Country Park in north London/Hertfordshire. Please contact CAFOD for a registration form on 020 8449 6970 or web page [cafodpedalagainstopoverty.eventbrite.co.uk](http://cafodpedalagainstopoverty.eventbrite.co.uk)

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## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for Pamela June Chalkely and Mario Pinto who died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Kitty O'Connor, Michael James Edwards, Thomas (Frank) Keely, Cornelius O'Connor, Lucy Ellen Bradshaw, Michael Conwell, Daniel Holden and John Alfred Tripp.

**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, Theresa Burchall, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Joe McConville and Christiana Visentin & Family.

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THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Sat 12 April	6pm	Ellen, Sid & Peter Winford RIP	Matthew 26:14-27:66
Sun 13 April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	9am	Intentions of Roland Philipps	
	10.30am	Mrs Tina Farrell RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv)	
	12noon	All our Parishioners	
	6pm	Teresa d' Abreu RIP (Anniv)	
14 April MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	10am	Mary Kate Taylor RIP	John 12:1-11
15 April TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	10am	Intentions of Robel & Family	John 13:21-33.36-38
	7:30pm	Service of Reconciliation	
16 April WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	10am	Séamus Waldron RIP (Anniv)	Matthew 26:14-25
17 April MAUNDY THURSDAY	10am	Morning Prayer	John 13:1-15
	7:30pm	Mass of Lord's Supper	
	10:30pm	Night Prayer	
18 April GOOD FRIDAY	10am	Morning Prayer	John 18:1 – 19:42
	10:30am	Children's Stations of the Cross	
	3pm	Solemn Remembrance of the Lord's Passion	
	7pm	Stations of the Cross	
19 April HOLY SATURDAY	10am	Morning Prayer	
	10.30-11.30am	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	8:30pm	EASTER VIGIL	
20 April EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	9am	All our Parishioners	
	10.30am	Grant Lewington RIP	
	12noon	Catherine Myra O'Brien RIP	
	**No Evening Mass **		