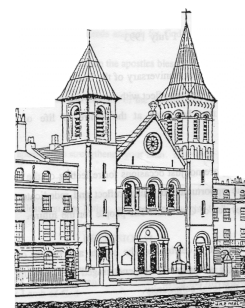


CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

09 JUNE 2013

WE'RE ALL ELIGIBLE

A large crowd approaches the gate of Nain. A grieving widow is burying her only son. Then Jesus comes forward and touches the bier. "Young man," he says, "I say to you rise." Miraculously the dead man sits up and begins to speak.

It's a wonderful scene, but what is the story about? The grieving widow doesn't fall on her knees and beg Jesus to raise her son to life, so the story probably isn't about faith. There is no hint that the mother and son lived their lives differently after the miracle. Actually they probably did live their lives differently, but the story doesn't offer any evidence so it probably isn't about praise or living life gratefully. Maybe the point of this miracle is that sometimes God's grace pours into our lives totally unearned.

The really exciting point of this story comes when the villagers, quickly coming to terms with the initial shock of seeing a dead body sitting up, glorify God saying, "God has looked favourably on his people!" Notice that the villagers do not say, "God has looked favourably on the bereaved mother or the dead son," but "God has looked favourably on his people!" That means all of us. The story gives hope to all of those who suffer in circumstances from which they can see no way out. Jesus shows the bereaved mother from Nain unbidden, unearned compassion We're all eligible!

PARISH NEWS

SUBSCRIBE: To an electronic copy of our newsletter sent weekly to your inbox. Subscription and all questions: newsletter.stjohn@gmail.com

THE PARISH 170TH ANNIVERSARY: Please help to make this a wonderful day for all, if you can give some of your time, or donate food/drinks you can sign up on the list in the Vestibule.

DAY TRIP FOR SENIORS: There will be a day trip to Clacton on Tuesday 16th July 2013 leaving from St John's. The cost is £10. If you would like to attend please call the office on 020 7226 3277 option 2, leaving your name, telephone/mobile number and £10 deposit.

RCIA: "Do you want to become a Catholic, or know someone who wants to? We have a course called the RCIA course for adults over 18 who wish to be baptised or received into the Catholic Church or Confirmed. The next course will start in the autumn of this year, and there will be an Enquirers' Evening for anyone who is interested in learning more on Monday 24th June at 7:30pm in the church. If you would like more information or have any

questions, please contact David Lester, the RCIA Co-ordinator, at davidlester51@btinternet.com or 020 7250 0513.

DIARY

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

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 15th June at Most Precious Blood & St Edmund, Hertford Road, London N9.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Tuesday's 11th and 18th June or 2nd and 9th July at 7:30pm in the Church. Registration forms are in the Vestibule.

BAPTISMS: We welcome our new parishioners who will be baptised today: Michael Edward McLaughlin and Sonny Rooney Arana-Morton.

NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION 02 JUNE: Envelopes £599.46 / Loose £653.35

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.

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.

PLAY AND STAY GROUP: Looking for volunteers to take over the running of the group from September. If anyone is interested please contact Bridget on 07980 959 107 or email magicsquare1963@yahoo.com

SPANISH SESSIONS: For young children aged 2 – 4 years old held at 1a Providence Court, off Upper Street, N1. Every Thursday at 2:20pm–2:50pm. Other sessions: 2:55 – 3:55pm 4 – 6 years; 4 – 4:30pm 5 – 8 years; 4:40 – 5:25pm 9 – 11 years. Contact Camila Leslie on 07748 424 204.

CAFOD PEDAL AGAINST POVERTY: Our parish has been invited to send representatives as part of the annual CAFOD family-friendly sponsored bike ride. This will take place in Lee Valley Country Park in North London/Herts on Sunday 23rd June. For a registration form, please telephone 020 8449 6970 or email Westminster@cafod.org.uk closing date for registration is Wednesday 12th June.

MATRIMONY: The Next Generation. A free in-service event in Westminster Cathedral Hall, to enthuse and

encourage everyone already involved (or aspiring to be) in preparing engaged couples for marriage. Held on Saturday 20th July from 1-4pm with lunch provided. Registration essential. Please contact Catherine MacGillivray cathmacgillivray@rcdow.org.uk or 020 7931 6064.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died, especially Johanna Daniels, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Paddy Buckley, Mick Hossack, Amylia Boylen, June Edwards, Joanne Matthias, Adriano Grazioli, Chanelle Aldea Alba, Stephen Martinez, Bro. J. Lavelle, Marist Brother, Mufide Family, Harry Perkins, Antonio Neto, Mary Halligan, John Day, Jacky Kelly, Jacquelin Abel, Suzanne Greaves, Bridget Harrington, Mr & Mrs John Drum, Joseph Kasonde, Michael Bryant, Ann Gray, Tonya, Pam Chalkley, Gwend Fitzgerald, Kieran Fogarty, Noel McKeown, Ann Barrett, David Ryan, Mick Feeney, John Barley, Annette Donivar, Avit Noranh and Rosalind Jules.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 08 Jun	6pm	Philip Enright RIP (1 st Anniv)	Luke 7:11-17
Sun 09 Jun 10 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	For Parishioners	
	10:30am	Grant Lewington RIP	
	12noon	Peter Mitchell RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	Intentions of Delia Rockett	
Mon 10 Jun Feria	10am	Robert Byrne RIP	Matthew 5:1-12
Tue 11 Jun St Barnabas, Apostle	10am	Francis Matthews RIP	Matthew 5:13-16
Wed 12 Jun Feria	10am	Holy Souls	Matthew 5:17-19
Thu 13 Jun St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor	10am	Intentions of Blair Leflemme	Matthew 5:20-26
Fri 14 Jun Feria	10am	Intentions of Josie Kelly	Matthew 5:27-32
Sat 15 Jun Feria	10am	Holy Souls	Matthew 5 :33-37
	10.30–11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15–5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Terry Casey RIP & Martin Coleman RIP (Anniv)	Luke 7:36-8:3
Sun 16 Jun 11 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Kenneth Gadd RIP (7 th Anniv)	
	10:30am	Grant Lewington RIP	
	12noon	Mary Moran RIP	
	6pm	For Parishioners	