

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

08 SEPTEMBER 2013

Racial Justice Sunday

8 September 2013

Dreams of the Beloved Community:

50th Anniversary of 'I have a Dream' speech by Martin Luther King.

The 28th August 2013 marked the 50th anniversary of Dr Martin Luther King Junior's monumental 'I have a Dream' speech. The speech spoke about all God's people living in freedom and peace in a world governed by truth and justice. It called for liberty, equality and justice for all people, regardless of their racial heritage. Dr King's dream centred on a 'Beloved Community', a society built on justice, equality and freedom for all God's people which was rooted in scripture, particularly in Revelation 7:9-10. The speech remains an inspirational call for us to work for a fairer and more equitable world now. Few of us would consider ourselves to be racist, but racism will continue to exist unless we challenge it. The courage and commitment to justice, peace and non-violence in the Dream speech proved to be a critical and momentous tipping point for American civil rights. The speech has gone on to resound throughout the world and this is a relevant message for us still.

PARISH NEWS

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S: Three years ago the parish of St John's was asked to make a donation to the building of dormitories for the St Maria Goretti Vocational Training Centre for Girls, in Uganda. We sent \$1500 USD. The parish contributed its Lenten collection for 2011 and 2013 to this centre. The collection of 2011 plus the \$1500 helped in the building of the dorms. Originally the dorms were to host 70 girls, but as of 2013 there are 210 girls. I was very happy to be a part of a pilgrimage from 22nd July 2013 that went to see the Vocational Training Centre. We were greeted by Sr Matthias and the girls and her staff and were made extremely welcome. We saw the dorms, the vocational work that the girls were doing, we spent time talking with the girls and the staff. We had a lovely concert done by the girls. There were many things that moved me to tears that day, but one of them was a song that the girls did. They sang about being afraid, abandoned, alone, hurt, and homeless and now that they were living at the centre their lives changed for the better, they have friends, support, shelter and they are safe. I thought of all of you and the

contributions that you made to make that happen and be a reality for the girls. Thank You.

The Lenten Alms collection for 2013 was used to build a new kitchen so that meals can now be cooked in a safe place and not in one of the classrooms or outside. You made that possible. Thank You. Pictures of the new kitchen are posted on the Noticeboard. There is another project that the group, pilgrims from Malaysia, The US and the UK, would like to commit to and I hope that in the future the Parish of St John's would play a financial part in making it a reality. Many thanks, God's Blessings. Fr Howard.

HOME MISSION DAY: Sunday 15th September. A second collection will be taken up at all Masses.

BAPTISMS: We welcome our new parishioners who will be baptised: Florence Lily Notaro, Esme Mimoza Cela, William Scott Goodwill, Charlotte Mae Goodwill and Thomas Edward John Dollery-Morrison.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Registration forms for 2013/2014 are available in the Vestibule. Please return the form no later than 30th September.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE: The next course is on Tuesday's 10th and 17th September at 7pm in the Church. Baptism registration forms are available in the Vestibule.

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.

RCIA: We shall be starting a new RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) course for those who wish to become Catholics on **Monday 7th October** for reception into the Church at Easter 2014. The course is every Monday from 7th October to June 2014: classes start at **7.30pm** and last about 90 minutes. If you are interested in being baptised in to the Catholic Church or received into the Catholic Church, or already are a Catholic, but have never been confirmed, you will be very welcome to join us on 7th October. For more information please contact RCIA Co-Ordinator David Lester at davidlester51@btinternet.com or 020 7250 0513 who is happy to talk to anyone interested and answer questions about the course.

DIARY

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

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 14th September at St Mary Magdalen, Athenaeum Road, London N20.

NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION 25 AUGUST: Envelopes £342.02 / Loose £396.52.

SUNDAY COLLECTION 01 SEPTEMBER: Envelopes £581.10 / Loose £654.82.

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.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died, especially Angela Sheila O'Regan 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, Rosalind Jules, Irene Findlay and Christopher Browne.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 07 Sep	6pm	Peter Madigan RIP	Luke 14:25-33
Sun 08 Sep 23 rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Claire Plant RIP	
	10.30am	Sr Rita Walsh F.C.J. RIP	
	12noon	Baby Cameron Thomas Cox RIP	
	6pm	Mass for Parishioners	
Mon 09 Sep Feria	10am	Favours Granted by the Intercession of Beato Francisco Garate RIP	Luke 6:6-11
Tue 10 Sep Feria	10am	Sylvester Quinlan RIP	Luke 6:12-19
Wed 11 Sep Feria	10am	Intentions of Nora Roch	Luke 6:20-26
Thu 12 Sep Feria	10am	Peter Wiseman RIP	Luke 6:27-38
Fri 13 Sep St John Chrysostom, Bishop & Doctor <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Con Enright RIP	Luke 6:39-42
Sat 14 Sep THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	10am	Ann Wilson RIP	John 3:13-17
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Margaret Casey RIP (Anniv)	Luke 15:1-32
Sun 15 Sep 24 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Thomas Healy RIP (Anniv)	
	10.30am	Mass for Parishioners	
	12noon	Intentions of Carr Family	
	6pm	Fr Harris RIP	