

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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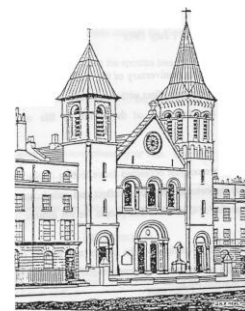
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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22 SEPTEMBER 2013

GOD'S APPRENTICE

Today's is a strange and difficult parable. A dishonest business man is caught squandering and is faced with dismissal. The business man sees a bleak future ahead of him and without a minute to waste sets about making some shrewd though dodgy deals to secure his future. We sit back waiting for his come-uppance but it doesn't happen! In fact the business man is applauded for his shrewdness.

This rogue business man shares much in common with our twenty-first-century business men and women. The rogue business man is talented, skilled ambitious and plausible or he wouldn't have been taken on as a manager in the first place. The manager has the ability to look into the future, decide what he wants from life and make the necessary plans. More importantly he works as though his life depends upon it without a moment to waste. This man could've achieved great things but for one thing. Money! Money has the power to corrupt each and every one of us and the man in today's story was well and truly corrupt. Nevertheless Jesus tells us that the 'children of the light' can learn from the 'children of the world'. What if we could get up at six every morning, knock back a quick cup of coffee and set about God's work. What if we were to work tirelessly solving the world's problems barely stopping for lunch and getting home late every night. What if we were to use our skills and talents to persuade others to invest in our cause? What if we were to work with one eye on our ultimate destination keen to secure our place in heaven? The world would certainly be a very different place. To achieve it we would each need to make God our master and not money.

The real difficulty in this story is not in understanding Jesus' unexpected choice of subject, but in adhering to his mandate. "No slave can serve two masters..... You cannot serve God and wealth."

PARISH NEWS

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER: Next weekend the newsletter will give dates and times when parents of children in Year 6 who are applying for a Catholic Secondary School for September 2014 can come and have their application forms signed by myself or Fr Martin. We will only be signing forms at the times published – so please take note! Thanks. Fr Séamus.

ORGAN RECITAL: The last in the 50th Anniversary Organ Recitals is given by Peter Stevens (Westminster Cathedral) next Saturday 28th September at 7:30pm. Music by Bruhns, Bach and Duruflé. Free admission with a collection.

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

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

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.

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.

STAY AND PLAY: The under 5's group is open every Monday (term-time) from 10am – 12noon.

NOTE FOR READERS: Please check the rota on the noticeboard before Mass, for when you are reading.

DIARY FOR 2014 – IS NOW OPEN: If you wish to book a particular date for an anniversary/birthday Mass you are advised to book early.

DIARY

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Tuesday 1st and 8th October at 7pm in the Church. Baptism Registration forms available on the table in the Vestibule.

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

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 5th October at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St George, London Road, Enfield.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: We would like to invite single Catholic women in their 30s, 40s, or 50s to come for a discernment weekend from 4th -6th October 2013 to explore vocation to Religious Life. We are looking for women with enthusiasm, energy and love for God and for whom prayer is a priority. Please contact the Sisters on 0208941 2313 or info@christian-retreat.org

NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION 08 SEPTEMBER: Envelopes £784.15 / Loose £543.21 / Racial Justice £541.61

SUNDAY COLLECTION 15 SEPTEMBER: Envelopes £597.61 / Loose £638.85

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.

MOBILITY SCOOTER FOR SALE: If anyone is interested in an electric mobility scooter, 2 years old. Please contact the parish office for more details.

REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died, especially Angela Sheila O'Regan, Nicholas Witchalls, Deacon Timothy Francis Marsh 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, Christopher Browne, Beau Hueppauff and Jerry Waldron.

THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 21 Sep	6pm	Ellen Winford RIP (Anniv)	Luke 16:1-13
Sun 22 Sep 25 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Margaret McFadden RIP (Anniv)	
	10.30am	George McCann RIP	
	12noon	Sandro Enepi RIP (2 nd Anniv)	
	6pm	Mass for Parishioners	
Mon 23 Sep St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest	10am	Nick Witchalls RIP	Luke 8:16-18
Tue 24 Sep Our Lady of Walsingham	10am	William & Julie Dunne RIP	Luke 8:19-21
Wed 25 Sep Feria	10am	Intentions of Ramon Glieneke	Luke 9:1-6
Thu 26 Sep Feria	10am	Colwyn St Davids RIP	Luke 9:7-9
Fri 27 Sep St Vincent de Paul, Priest <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Intentions of Michael & Lori Phillips	Luke 9:18-22
Sat 28 Sep Feria	10am	Nick Witchalls RIP	Luke 9 :43-45
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Intentions of Rosalia Cullen	Luke 16:19-31
Sun 29 Sep 26 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	McGrath Family RIP	
	10.30am	Mass for Parishioners	
	12noon	Nellie Fletcher RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	Sean Gorry RIP	