

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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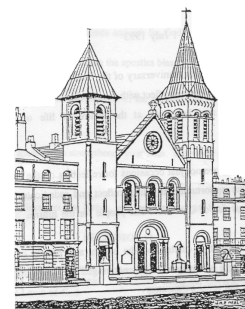
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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21 JULY 2013

MARTHA OR MARY?

Jesus has come to visit. Martha is in the kitchen preparing the meal. Mary is sitting listening to Jesus and not doing anything to help her sister. Martha suddenly loses her rag! This isn't fair, Mary should be helping her. Then Jesus surprises us. He tells Martha not to worry about things that don't really matter. "Mary," he tells her "has chosen the better part."

It's a parable that gets us all hot and bothered, but that's what makes it such a clever story. Jesus takes a very common domestic occurrence and turns it into a lesson. It's a lesson we will all identify with, argue over, discuss, and then hopefully take something from. That Jesus takes Mary's side is surprising, since most of us, especially women, will take Martha's side. This of course is where we all fall down in our appreciation of the lesson. We spend a lot of time deciding whose side we should be on, when it really isn't about taking sides. Perhaps we could argue that both women had got things a bit wrong. Perhaps both should have sat and listened and both served up the meal, but the story is not about the logistics of organising a dinner party.

The gospel today teaches us that listening and understanding is the prerequisite for discipleship. The real danger in our busy lives is that we simply run round like headless chickens doing the same jobs day in and day out, without ever developing spiritually. We are being asked to slow down a little, to stop and think and listen.

PARISH NEWS

DEAR PARISHIONERS: Many thanks for your kindness to me while I served at St John the Evangelist Church. It was a wonderful experience and one that I will never forget. My time here in the Parish and working alongside our Primary School will always have a special place in my heart. I would like to thank you all for your support and prayers. It has been an honour to be your priest. Many thanks for the many invitations to your homes, thanks for your generous gift, which will be put to good use. Please pray for me as I take a Sabbatical and then begin my new appointment. God Bless. Fr Howard.

ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE: Documenting the past and present of our parish has been published. We are grateful to all who contributed to it and encourage everyone to get a copy, available from the repository and parish office for £3.

NEW WEBSITE: Of the parish is www.st-johns-islington.org. Many thanks to the webmaster, Thomas Machura, for

developing it. The website will be expanded in July and August. You can download the parish e-newsletter or subscribe to it directly on the website.

WEEK DAY SANDWICHES: During the month of August we will not be needing sandwiches for the week-day.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED: A young French man from the Young Adult Group at the parish is looking for affordable accommodation from 6 months to a year, starting immediately. He would be happy to share the house with an elderly person and help him/her with the domestic tasks, or to stay with a family and support them teaching French to their children or helping with the children. If you could help him please email stjohnnyag@gmail.com or speak to Fr Howard or Fr Chris.

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DIARY

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

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.

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 3rd August, St Cedd, High Road, Goodmayes, Ilford.

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NOTICES

REMINDER – SUNDAY MASS TIMES DURING AUGUST WILL

BE: (Saturday Vigil 6pm), Sunday 9:30am, 11:30am & 6pm

SUNDAY COLLECTION 14 JULY: Envelopes £668.30 / Loose £724.12

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.

THE PASSAGE: Which helps homeless people and is located close to Westminster Cathedral, is recruiting for a full-time finance assistant.

See http://www.passage.org.uk/jobs_vacancies.aspx

WEDDING: Tatiana Hernandez and Arne De Ceapog will get married at St John's on 27 July at 2pm. Congratulations to the newlyweds and their families!

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REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died, especially Edward Fennelly, Maureen Byrne, Sadie Gray, Freida Haines, Bill Kelly 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 20 Jul	6pm	Bill Ruth, Paddy Carty, John O'Neil RIP & Families	Luke 10:38-42
Sun 21 Jul 16 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Mass for Parishioners	
	10.30am	Eileen Star RIP	
	12noon	Mary Mungovan RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	May Cox RIP	
Mon 22 Jul St Mary Magdalene	10am	Kathleen Cassidy RIP	John 20:2, 11-18
Tue 23 Jul ST BRIDGET, Religious, Patron of Europe	10am	Shelia Ford RIP	John 15:1-8
Wed 24 Jul Feria	10am	Private Intention	Matthew 13:1-9
Thu 25 Jul ST JAMES, Apostles	10am	Edward Fennelly RIP	Matthew 20:20-28
Fri 26 Jul Sts Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10am	Colwyn St Davids RIP	Matthew 13:18-23
Sat 27 Jul Feria	10am	Intentions of Josie Harvey	Matthew 13 :24-30
	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	Luke 10:38-42
Sun 28 Jul 17 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Mass for Parishioners	
	10.30am	Teresa King RIP	
	12noon	Louise Abraham RIP	
	6pm	Shelia & Patrick Sullivan RIP	