

# CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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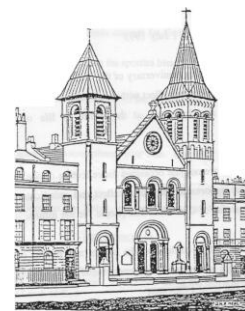
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

22 DECEMBER 2013

## Keep Calm... and enjoy Christmas



At Christmas there is a huge pressure on us to get everything right .... the right presents, a Christmas card list that doesn't miss anyone out, the perfectly cooked Christmas dinner, Christmas decorations that will rival the neighbours', not to mention all those awkward family politics. All this for just for one day! The key to coping with the pressure is to remind ourselves that the festivities really are only just for one day... the enduring message is that the birth of Jesus heralds a new way of living for each and every new generation.

### PARISH NEWS

**GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS:** It would be really lovely to be able to give some useful gifts this Christmas to some of our homeless friends – both here and via the 'Passage' at Westminster Cathedral. Socks and toothbrushes/toothpaste are very useful! On Christmas Eve and Christmas Day could the children please bring some of these items to Mass and they will be placed under the Christmas Trees during the Offertory. Many thanks!

**DIocese OF WESTMINSTER YEAR BOOK:** For 2014 are on sale from the parish office for £4.50 each or ring-bound £5. They contain details of every church, school and organisation in the diocese. Limited stock so buy now!

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** The next course will be on Tuesday's 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7pm in the Church. Registration forms are on the table in the Vestibule.

**WEDDING:** John Edward Glover and Neisha Danielle Douglas on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 2.30pm.

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### DIARY

#### TIMES FOR LEGION OF MARY THIS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR:

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 7pm – Christmas meeting;

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm – New Year meeting.

We return back to our normal meeting time of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7pm. All of course welcome. Christmas Blessings from Our Lady Queen of All Saints.

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.

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**NOTICES**

**SUNDAY COLLECTION 15 DECEMBER:** Envelopes £562.72

/ Loose £683.85 / Carol Singing for Homeless £835.13

**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 Andrew McCarthy, Andrew Martelly, Jean Bryan and Ana Cristine Demetrion (Cunha), Henry Jordan and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time, Doris Margaret Fletcher, Thomas Joseph Healy, Valerio Martinez, Lucille Maud Sismon, Jerimiah O'Shea, Joseph Gerard

Grant, John Day, Moira Maguire, Esther Mulberry, Elizabeth Mattison, Gwendoline Pledger, Rosina Hall and Thomas Buckley.

**HEALING:** Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Lisa Ip, Helen Hallissey, Sr Beatrice Immediata, John Sampson, Frances Jennings, James Rooney and Jerry Waldron.

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**MY DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS FOR JANUARY ARE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE FOR JUST £1.**

<b>THE WEEK AHEAD</b>			
<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIMES</b>	<b>INTENTIONS</b>	<b>READINGS</b>
Sat 21 Dec	6pm	Ellen, Sid & Peter Winford RIP	Matthew 1:18-24
Sun 22 Dec FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9am	Sr Victoire	
	10.30am	Michael, Martin, Jack Talty RIP	
	12noon	Nuala Malone RIP	
	6pm	Mass for Parishioners	
Mon 23 Dec Advent Feria	10am	Intentions of Sr Josepha	Luke 1:57-66
Tue 24 Dec CHRISTMAS SEASON	10am 6pm (First Mass of Christmas) 11.30pm (Candelit Vigil & Midnight Mass)	Mary Malone RIP Patsy, Paddy & Kevin O'Leary RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniv)  Midnight Mass	Luke 1:67-79
Wed 25 Dec THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)	9am 10.30am 12noon	Grant Lewington RIP Jim Ward RIP Juan Valera (Sr), Juan Valera (Jr) Encarna Ordonez RIP	John 1:1-18
Thu 26 Dec St Stephen, The First Martyr	10am	Colwyn St Davids RIP	Matthew 10:17-22
Fri 27 Dec ST JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Rosie Waldron RIP (Anniv)	John 20:2-8
Sat 28 Dec THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs	10am	Intentions of John Jackson	Matthew 2 :13-18
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Isabelle Crestina Jurado Cifuentes RIP	Matthew 2:13-15. 19-23
Sun 29 Dec HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	9am	Thomas Healy RIP	
	10.30am	Intentions of Fr Prakash Tigga	
	12noon	Joseph Money RIP	
	6pm	Mass for Parishioners	