

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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FOLLOW YOUR HEART



It's a sad truth that those who walk free from court aren't necessarily innocent. Sometimes the man or woman who walks free from court simply has the better solicitor. Lawyers do a good and valuable job, but it has to be said that some lawyers take more pride in finding legal loopholes than the truth.

In today's gospel reading Jesus invites us to consider that it is not just laws in themselves that are important but our attitude towards those laws. Perhaps we haven't committed murder, but have we harboured hatred? We might not have committed adultery, but have we failed to live up to the love we once promised our spouse? We might not have committed theft, but are our hearts set on the wealth our neighbours have earned? Laws might seem to fence our lives with rods of uncompromising iron, but most laws are simply expressions of how we should behave towards each other. The unwritten laws of love bind us in promises that we wouldn't dream of compromising let alone riddling with loopholes. When it comes to those we love, we don't need a statute book, our hearts tell us what to do. The written law should be no different.

Laws are written down in books of statute and commandments are written in the Bible, but the spirit of the law must exist in our hearts. What exists in our hearts is as important if not more important than our actions. As a newly qualified driver mentally rehearses his or her first solo drive, so we must follow where our hearts go first.

PARISH NEWS

CARDINAL VINCENT NICHOLS (as he will be by then!) will be celebrating Mass in Westminster Cathedral on his return from Rome on Friday 28th February at 5.30pm. All are warmly invited to join our new Cardinal in this Mass of Welcome and Thanksgiving.

2014 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION – STARTING IN MARCH: If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to come forward for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year then please take a registration form home and return it to the parish office no later than **Sunday 23rd February**. Watch out for details of the course dates here in the Newsletter.

KEEP THE DATE! : would the many parishioners who 'minister' in various ways in our parish please keep the evening of Saturday 1st March free. By 'minister' I mean all

those who so generously volunteer their time: Eucharistic ministers, readers, servers, musicians, catechists, parish councillors, parish finance committee members, fundraisers, flower-arrangers, church cleaners, money-counters, sandwich-makers etc. There will be a social gathering in the Fr George Haines Room from 7.30pm onwards to say 'thank you' to you all for your generosity.

Fr Séamus

PARISH OFFICE: Will be closed next week.

HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION: The next lesson for children is Sunday, 2nd March, after 10.30am Mass. The topic is: Fruit of the vine. **Please collect your children at 12.30pm.**

HELP NEEDED: Could anyone help to bring an elderly parishioners to Mass on Sundays? Age-UK have contacted us to ask if anyone could accompany someone who needs

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.

assistance in coming to Sunday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

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DIARY

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

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 22nd February at St Francis de Sales, High Road, Tottenham, N17.

PRAY TOGETHER ISLINGTON: Will be held at St Stephen's, Canonbury Road, N1 on Thursday 27th February at 8am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next course is on Tuesdays 4th and 11th March at 7pm in the Church.

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NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTION 9TH FEBRUARY: Envelopes £532.55 / Loose £736.02

HEADTEACHER VACANCY: Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School, Staines. Please call 01784 453 539 to arrange a visit or to request an application pack. Closing date is 9am Monday 24th February. Interviews 4th March 2014.

FRIDAY'S SANDWICH MAKERS: Could you please contact the parish office regarding your contact details. Many thanks.

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REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died recently and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Canon Pat Davies, Louise Hawkes. Patrick John Kennedy, Yolanda Willby, Esther Mulberry, Sheila Collins, Bridget Friel, Carol Hartles and Eileen Kawanagl,

HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Lisa Ip, Helen Hallissey, Sr Beatrice Immediata, John Sampson, Frances Jennings, Jerry Waldron, Bro. J Lavelle (Marist Brother), Tony Jones, Mick Feeny, Theresa Burchall and Mufide R Family.

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THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat 15 Feb	6pm	Antonio Schiavi RIP	Matthew 5:17-37
Sun 16 Feb 6 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Estanilao Correa RIP	
	10.30am	Mass for Parishioners	
	12noon	Christy Doyle RIP (Anniv)	
	6pm	John Mitchell RIP (Anniv)	
Mon 17 Feb Feria	10am	Intentions of Nancy Mulroy	Mark 8:11-13
Tue 18 Feb Feria	10am	Catherine McKenzie RIP	Mark 8:14-21
Wed 19 Feb Feria	10am	Teresa Fung RIP (Anniv)	Mark 8:22-26
Thu 20 Feb Feria	10am	Carmen Fernandez Garcia RIP	Mark 8:27-33
Fri 21 Feb Feria <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Intentions of Audrey Willis	Mark 8:34-91
Sat 22 Feb THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE	10am	Intentions of John Finegan	Matthew 16 :13-19
	10.30-11.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation	
	6pm	Tom Tynan RIP (Anniv)	Matthew 5:38-48
Sun 23 Feb 7 th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9am	Elizabeth Frances Hastings RIP	
	10.30am	Intentions of Josie Harvey	
	12noon	Mass for Parishioners	
	6pm	Cody Barthram RIP	