

CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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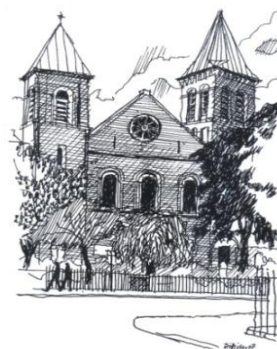
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

1st MARCH 2015

BEYOND FEAR

If you are always eager and motivated and pro-active then this isn't for you. If you on the other hand suffer from bouts of lethargy, are often paralysed by feelings of fear, anxiety or self-doubt, then today's gospel carries a powerful message.

Most of us probably fall into the second category. We start a project in a flush of excitement and commitment, but when the hard work sets in and success eludes us, we become discouraged. We take on a big financial commitment thoroughly convinced that we can deal with it, but begin to have sleepless nights, dreading the bills and fearing the bank manager. We enter into new relationships and quickly get disappointed when elements of that relationship demand more of us than we thought. We embark on a challenging career but become fearful and filled with self-doubt. Take Heart! We are no different from the early disciples. Jesus had been telling his disciples what being the 'Messiah' really meant, and it didn't entail hurling the Romans out on their ear, it entailed dying on a cross. Is it any wonder the disciples were feeling discouraged! Jesus knew that his disciples needed to see beyond the fear. He knew that he needed to rekindle a vision of the rewards of their work, and he knew that vision needed to stay with them always to motivate them in times when their ministry weighed heavy. In short, Jesus needed to remind them how important their job was, and so he gave them the spiritual experience we now call the 'transfiguration'. A vision of himself in a dazzling light flanked by Moses and Elijah and God's voice from the clouds.... "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him."

Like the early disciples, we have to look beyond our fears if we are to work through them. God gave each of us a talent, and with that a talent comes a vision of what we can do and what we can achieve. This is the vision we can call upon when we become bored or de-motivated. This is the vision that will carry us beyond our fear.

PARISH NEWS

LENT: During Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross each Sunday at 5.00pm – a traditional way to remember Christ's passion and saving death for us.

Our Lenten Alms this year will be going to Caritas Westminster to help with various outreach projects here in the Diocese.

BAPTISM PREPARATION-CHANGE OF DAY: The next course will be held on Wednesdays 4th and 11th March at 7pm in the Church (please note the change of day from the usual Tuesday).

CONFIRMATION: Second Session is on **Monday 2nd March at 7.00pm** in the Crypt.

PLANNED GIVING: The new planned giving envelopes for 2015/16 will be available for collection in mid-March, if you do not require a box or wish to switch to a monthly/standing order, please let the office know. If you are new to the parish and wish to contribute through the planned giving scheme, please also let us know. Gift Aid forms (the Church can reclaim 25p for every £1 contributed, at no extra cost to you) are also available.

CAFOD: Is working with poor communities around the world on our behalf, helping them to tackle poverty and injustice. Fast Days are our opportunity to support this vital work. Please return your Fast Day envelope with your donation to CAFOD. Thank you.

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DIARY

DEVOTIONS TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS:

Will be held on the first Friday of each month at morning Mass time.

A DAY WITH MARY: Saturday 7th March at Our Lady of Compassion, Green Street, E13.

PRAY TOGETHER ISLINGTON: Will be held on Saturday 19th March at 8am at St James, Prebend Street, London N1.

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NOTICES

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS FOR 22nd FEBRUARY:

Envelopes £401.30 Loose £667.58. Thank you for your generosity.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE: There is a healing weekend for people who find themselves single again following divorce, separation or the death of a partner from 20th – 22nd March at the Emmaus Centre West Wickham, Kent. Contact Freda on 01322 401 243.

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYERS

REST IN PEACE: Please pray for those who have died recently: Baby Luke Sean Casey **and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Winifred Mary Callinan, Kathleen Doyle, Mary

Margaret McDaid, Helen Gillick, Mary Theresa Bright, Celia Mary Casey, Nuala Mary Malone, Francis Coleman, Michael Joseph Doyle, Raymond Kinsella, James Murphy, Gerard Murphy, Patrick Joseph Fahy, Inez Maria Tambini and Lillie Lawrence.

HEALING: Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Bro. Stephen Glodek, Tim McDonnell, Lisa Ip, Helen Hallissey, Sr Beatrice Immediata, John Sampson, Loraine Muir, Frances Jennings, Jerry Waldron, Bro. J Lavelle (Marist Brother), Tony Jones, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Christiana Visentin & Family, Monika Szulc, Gerado, May Sexton, John & Mary Dunn, Michael Treacy, Tom Cunniffe and Joe McGovern.



THE WEEK AHEAD

| DATE | TIMES | INTENTIONS | GOSPEL |
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| Saturday 28th February | 6pm | Tom Tynan RIP (Anniv) | Mark 9:2-10 |
| Sunday 1st March SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | 9am | Intentions of Phillips Family | |
| | 10.30am | Ann Talty RIP | |
| | 12 noon | Jim O'Mahoney RIP | |
| | 6pm | All our Parishioners | |
| Monday 2nd March Lent feria | 10am | Intentions of Robel & Family | Luke 6:36-38 |
| Tuesday 3rd March Lent feria | 10am | Intentions of Robel & Family | Matthew 23:1-12 |
| Wednesday 4th March Lent feria | 10am | Intentions of Robel & Family | Matthew 20:17-28 |
| | 1pm | Funeral Mass for Baby Luke Sean Casey RIP | |
| Thursday 5th March Lent feria | 10am | Intentions of Nancy Mulroy | Luke 16:19-31 |
| Friday 6th March Lent feria <i>Friday abstinence</i> | 10am | Tom Browne RIP | Matthew 21:33-43. 45-46 |
| Saturday 7th March Lent feria | 10am | Winifred Mary Callinan RIP (1st Anniv) | Luke 15:1-3. 11-32 |
| | 10.30-11.30am | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction | |
| | 10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm | Sacrament of Reconciliation | |
| | 6pm | Paddy Flaherty RIP | |
| Sunday 8th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT | 9am | Mrs Joan Phibin RIP | John 2:13-25 |
| | 10.30am | All our Parishioners | |
| | 12 noon | Mary O'Loughlin RIP (Anniv) | |
| | 6pm | Henry Hicks RIP | |