

# Church of St John the Evangelist, Islington

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## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year 1 (Weekdays)

This Week		
<b>Weekday masses</b> Mon-Fri: 10 AM (Mon – Funeral Mass)	<b>Sunday masses</b> Saturday Vigil at 6 PM Sunday at 9:30 & 11 AM <i>Church remains open from 9 AM to 6 PM for private prayer.</i>	<b>Confessions</b> Saturday: 5:30 – 5:50 PM (and anytime, as possible, on request)

“Sir, I had **heard** you were a hard man...so I was **afraid**, and I went off and **hid** your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” Does this ring a bell? After humanity ate the forbidden fruit: ‘Adam, where are you?’ ‘I **heard** the sound of you in the garden, and I was **afraid**, because I was naked; and I **hid** myself.’ In both stories God is the master. Both stories involve a man hears an *interpretation* of who God is – ruthless, a liar, an oppressor, a tyrant – before whom it is better to run and hide. It is the interpretation which comes from Satan himself - God does not love you; you cannot trust him. Do you believe it as well? Jesus reveals the truth about the Father – *God is love*. Reject the lie! ‘For to everyone who has (the true knowledge and experience of God) will be given more, and he will have more than enough (of his love, mercy, and life)! Fr Jakub

## News & Events

### **Keeping Advent (lots coming up!)**

Advent is almost upon us! To help people go to Mass a bit more easily, during this season, we want to **temporarily move the masses on Monday and Tuesday to the evening at 6:30 PM** for Advent. This is temporary but also gives us a chance to see if this time works better for people during the week. Mass will be followed by Adoration for half hour on Monday evenings after Mass and Fr Jakub will be hosting a *Lectio Divina*, a way of engaging with the Scriptures to deepen our faith on Tuesday evenings after Mass.

### **Advent Retreats: Are you flagging in your spiritual life?** Advent is a great time for a spiritual boost!

It is also one of the busiest times in the run up to Christmas and can leave you worn out instead of enriching you! But for those who take the time to wait, which is what Advent is about,

it gives rich spiritual rewards. One way of making this happen is through a retreat - a simple search can show many retreats options available; one by the Carmelites is available as an online retreat. Scan the QR code for more details.



**Magnificat:** Magnificat is a monthly publication which helps people pray using the *Divine Office*, the Scriptures of the day and offers daily reflections. They've had a lot of excess copies this month and sent them to us – please pick one for free, available at the porch!

**Healing Service:** There will be a Eucharistic healing service, for physical and emotional healing, led by the Cenacle Prayer group at our sister parish, **Blessed Sacrament Church** on **9<sup>th</sup> Dec**, Saturday, at 6 PM. All are welcome, and bring others who would benefit from this. They've seen God working powerfully through this type of prayer and it promises to be a great time of grace!

**Fr Rajiv's installation:** Thanks to all those who have put their names down to help with Fr Rajiv's installation; a reminder that Fr Rajiv will be officially 'installed' as Parish Priest of St John's and Bl. Sacrament churches by Bishop Nicholas next Saturday, the **25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 6 PM**. Bishop Nicholas Hudson will preside and preach at the Mass. We need the help of Parishioners to volunteer in preparing the crypt and providing food for the evening and providing bites to eat. You can drop a line to the Parish Office if you would like to help. Thank you. Many thanks to Michael Fletcher for kindly coordinating this.

**Christian Leadership Formation:** Are you currently in **Lower Sixth/Year 12**? Are you considering a public-facing career? Do you want to grow in leadership skills? The Christian Leadership Formation programme uniquely offers a combination of stimulating and high-quality intellectual content, spiritual nourishment, personal development, inter-personal skills, team building and socials in a tightly-knit community experience, with expert academics and professionals. Open to any student who is motivated by their faith and their studies, with bursaries available as needed. For more information and applications please look at [www.christianleadershipformation.com](http://www.christianleadershipformation.com)

**Bookings for Mass:** If you want to offer Mass for the repose of the soul of someone or for any other intention, you can do so by mailing the Parish office. You can also send a 'mass card', available at the office, if you are offering mass for the repose of someone's soul.

**Those who have died:** The funeral mass of **Arthur Ward**, whom many of you might know will be on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10 AM. This will replace the usual morning mass.

**Deanery requiem Mass:** This Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>, the priests of this deanery will come to celebrate a requiem Mass at St John's for the repose of the souls of all the priests who have served in the deanery parishes. The Mass will be as usual at 10 AM and will be celebrated by the Dean, Fr Ivano.

**From the Presbytery:** Our broadband and phone lines are still not functioning; we've been eating through our mobile data to get any work done. Please do bear with us if we've been delayed getting back to you.

**Mass offerings:** If you donate via the contactless machines, they will probably not be working due to our lack of connectivity, but you can donate via the site using the QR code. As always, we are very grateful!



