

Church of St John the Evangelist, Islington

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Solemnity of Christ the King (26th Nov 2023)

This Week

Weekday masses

Mon-Fri: 10 AM

Sat: *First Saturday Mass*, 10 AM

Sunday masses

Saturday Vigil at 6 PM

Sunday at 9:30 & 11 AM

Confessions

Saturday: 5:30 – 5:50 PM

(and anytime, as possible, on request)

Other Events

Dec 3rd (Sunday): Mass for Young Adults followed by social at Bl.Sacrament Church (see below)



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Christ the King brings us to the end of our liturgical year and what a fitting way to conclude it. At his feet, we lay all our efforts, our burdens, our achievements and indeed, our failures. We lay it down knowing that Christ already reigns on his throne, the victory has already been won by our God. In our victories, we can rejoice knowing it has been made possible by his grace; but in our failures we can still be at peace. We are not despondent as we realise the glorious reign of Christ begins with his Cross, a failure and a humiliation far greater than we can ever understand. The reign of Christ means that even our failures, our lowest moments can be turned around for the greater glory of God. The Father's love in which Jesus always placed his trust, which made everything possible, was proved in the Resurrection; this love is ours too, if today we will choose to receive it.

News & Events

Advent begins next week: 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. 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.

Young people in the diocese are invited to join Westminster Youth Ministry on **Saturday 2nd Dec from 2pm to 5pm**. This afternoon of prayer and adoration will include talks by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Emmanuelle McFarlane-Barrow. Confessions will be available throughout. The event will take place at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, 46 Queensway, W2 3RY.

Advent Retreats: *Are you flagging in your spiritual life?* Advent is a great time to renew our spiritual lives, but without planning, it can leave us worn out in the run up to Christmas! There are plenty of retreat options available, to suit all kinds of circumstances (scan the QR code for one run by the Carmelites) but others can be found through a simple search.



The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding an Advent Reflection 2023 at Sacred Heart RC Church, London NW6 4PS on Saturday 10 December 2023 from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will be focused on the Divine Mercy Message and include Mass and Adoration. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

Young Adults Group: There will be mass and a social event for Catholic young adults (from across London) followed by lunch after, at our sister church, Blessed Sacrament, Copenhagen Street on **Dec 3rd, 1 PM**. Mass will be celebrated by the Franciscan Friars of Renewal (CFR's). This is a catered event and registration is required – please see poster on the board for further details.

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 **9th 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!

Cost of living crisis: Caritas Westminster has an updated list of organisations that can offer help in the present situation. Please scan the QR code for more details.



From the Presbytery: Our broadband has been restored (*deo gratias!*) but our phone lines are still down. If you have been calling us, I apologise, we are unable to take your calls at the moment. We can still be reached on our parish email!

Novena in preparation for Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

As previously mentioned, it is our hope to consecrate the parishes of St John's and Bl.Sacrament to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the feast day of 8th December (we will do the consecration on the Sunday after the feast). This is a way of entrusting all our parishioners, our parish area, our needs and cares to Our Lady. Thanks to all those who promised to pray a decade of the rosary for the needs of the parish (hopefully you've not given up!) Please see the novena on the sheet attached; let us join together in prayer and ask God for his grace through the intercession of his Mother.

Day One (29th November)

Let us pray today for all the families in our parish. May the Holy Family inspire love, mercy, faithfulness and joy, especially in families where it is lacking. May the larger family of our parish become a true community of love, infused with the fire of the Spirit.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...
St Joseph. *Pray for us.* St John the Evangelist, *pray for us.*
Our Lady, conceived without sin. *Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Day Two (30th November)

Let us pray for our schools, for the staff and for our children. Let us pray they might inspire true faith, hope and love in children and the teachers and staff might be given the grace to exemplify what they are called to teach.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...
St John Bosco, patron saint of youth: *Pray for us.* St John the Evangelist, *pray for us.*
Our Lady, conceived without sin. *Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*



Day Three (1st December)

Let us pray for our young people and those searching for their vocation and mission in life. May the light of Christ enlighten their hearts and may our community be a place of faith, fellowship and love.
Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...
St Aloysius Gonzaga, patron saint of young people: *Pray for us.* St John the Evangelist, *pray for us.*
Our Lady, conceived without sin. *Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Day Four (2nd December)

Let us pray for those who are elderly and those who are vulnerable; let us also pray for those who are suffering from various sickness, mental or physical. May the Passion of Christ give them strength

and peace in their suffering and difficulties. May we be a caring community where they will find support and joy.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

St Jeanne Jugan, patron saint of the elderly: *Pray for us.* St John the Evangelist, *pray for us.*

Our Lady, conceived without sin. *Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Day Five (3rd December)

Let us pray for those who have died and those who grieve them. May the risen Lord provide them his consolation. May our community be a place where those in pain can experience the love of the risen Christ. May the souls of the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, *rest in peace.*

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

St Elizabeth Ann Seton, patron saint of those who grieve: *Pray for us.* St John, *pray for us.*

Our Lady, conceived without sin. *Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Day Six (4th December)

Let us pray for our priests and religious; may the Lord strengthen them in their calling, give them his wisdom to lead his people and his heart to hold the needs of all.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

St John Vianney, patron saint of priests: *Pray for us.* St John the Evangelist, *pray for us.*

Our Lady, conceived without sin. *Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Day Seven (5th December)

Let us pray for those who are poor, homeless, those suffering from various addictions in our neighbourhood. May the Lord inspire us to be messengers of his mercy to all those in need.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

St Benedict Joseph Labare, patron saint of the homeless: *Pray for us.* St John, *pray for us.*

Our Lady, conceived without sin. *Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Day Eight (6th December)

Let us pray for the evangelisation of Islington and King's Cross. Let us pray for those who do not know the love of Christ or his Church, those in our own homes and families, all who pass through our neighbourhood, whom Christ is waiting to touch with his Mercy. May the Lord make us channels of his mercy and grace to all.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

St John Paul II, patron saint of the New Evangelisation: *Pray for us.* St John, *pray for us.*

Our Lady, conceived without sin. *Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

Day Nine (7th December)

Let us pray for all who work for the betterment of our community. Let us pray for the work of all the Christian churches around us and their pastors. May our witness of unity fulfil the gospel command that others will know that we are Christ's disciples.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

St Francis of Assisi, second patron of our parish: *Pray for us.* St John the Evangelist, *pray for us.*

Our Lady, conceived without sin. *Pray for us who have recourse to thee.*

