

Church of St John the Evangelist, Islington

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3rd Sunday of Lent (Year B – 3rd Mar 2024)

This Week		
Weekday masses (this week)	Sunday masses	Confessions
Mon-Tues: 6 PM	Saturday Vigil at 6 PM	Saturday: 5:30 – 5:50 PM
Wed-Fri: 10 AM	Sunday at 9:30 & 11 AM	(and anytime, as possible, on request)
Stations: Every Thurs, 10 AM (Fri 7 PM at Bl. Sacrament Church)	Bible Study Mons 6:30 PM (<i>Weds Bl. Sacrament</i>)	
	Adoration: Tuesdays 6:30 PM	

Parish Mission 9-14th March.

An incredible week of grace awaits!

Would you have liked to do a Lenten retreat but been too busy to manage? Are you in need of physical or emotional healing? Would it help to talk to someone about your spiritual life and current struggles? Have you been a bit weak in your faith and could do with a spiritual boost? Or maybe you just need to experience something of God's love for yourself...? Well, for this and so much more, you need look no further than your own local parishes the coming weeks!

This week we are excited to welcome Fr Bernard of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. The Friars are one of the new religious orders – not new perhaps in being Franciscans – but certainly part of the new wave of movements from the time of Vatican II. They are a very dynamic, happy group of friars, who try and live out the charism of Francis very seriously. They live fully on Providence, each of them owning only two habits for themselves (no mobile phones), sleep on wooden floors, and try to live without any privileges which the poor will not be able to have for themselves. Living as a community, without even some of the comforts money provides might make for a very miserable existence, but their joy and missionary zeal is testimony to the love of Christ promised in the gospel.

We are excited to announce that they will be coming to our parishes (six of them!) on a Parish Mission. Fr Bernard will, today invite you all and hopefully enthuse you on what is in store for us. Parish missions were common even a couple of decades ago but have fallen out of fashion since. **But these are great times of grace! And you don't have to go to a monastery to find this!** We had no plans on hosting a mission this year. So much has happened, the thought seemed impossible. But we did tell God he has permission to do what he would like in this parish – and he provides us what we need. I believe God has something wonderful in store for us. The friars were due to go on mission to another parish but at the last minute that was cancelled. They generously offered to come here instead. This originally was organised with Blessed Sacrament church but the Friars were happy to involve both the churches. There is a rich morning programme each day at St John's and we have a very exciting line up of evening encounters at Blessed Sacrament. Also back is the **healing service** which was so powerful last time we had it. **Do not miss this opportunity of grace. Give an extra hour of your week to God this Lent. Come and receive! Bring your friends. It might change everything!**

Morning programme @ St John's (Mon-Thurs) Eucharistic Adoration finishing with Morning Prayer 8:45am - 9:45am; Mass at 10 AM Short meditation on virtues after Mass	Evening Programme @ Bl. Sacrament (7 PM onwards) <i>Each evening starts with Adoration with music</i>
	Monday: Talk on God's Love
	Tues: Talk on God's Mercy with availability of Reconciliation
	Weds: Healing Service with opportunity for individual prayer
	Thurs: Final Mass of Our Lady, 7 PM

The friars will be available to meet with personally, if you so wish – you could speak to us or mail the office with a time that might work for you. If you would like them to visit you, that can also be arranged.)

Phones: Our Phone lines are finally working! Thanks for your patience till now!

Coffee after Mass: Next week is *Laetare* (Rejoicing) – and Mothering Sunday. We thought it would be a good idea to start our coffee after Mass. We will have this after the 9:30 AM Mass, which will also allow people coming in for the 11 AM Mass to join in. Perhaps we could have something after the 11 AM Mass as well? **We need volunteers!** Are you able to help? If others **could bake some cakes/treats and bring them, it would make it a wonderful event!** Pls mail us: islington@rcdow.org.uk

Collectors: We have a very few people who are able to collect the offertory at Masses; are you able to give a hand? It would be very appreciated! Please speak to us!

Friday is a Day of Prayer for Victims of the War in the Holy Land, especially requested by Cardinal Vincent. If you can, come to Mass at 10 am. The Stations of the Cross on Thurs will also be made with this intention.

Mass Times: A reminder of proposed Mass Times, as discussed last week. Due to start after Pentecost, towards end of May.

St John's

Blessed Sacrament

6 PM: Saturday Evening Vigil

10 AM: Family Mass with Children's liturgy

12 Noon: Solemn Mass

6:30 PM: Evening Mass

9 AM : First Mass

11 AM: Second Mass

Lent: Quite a few people have participated in our Bible Study on the Passion. This has been a rich resource of Lenten meditation. You can still join in – it will be about 6:30, immediately after Monday Mass. We will also have a **half hour of Adoration** immediately after Tuesday Mass.

EasyFundRaising: This is a website where charities can register their cause and raises money just from your shopping, at no additional cost to you! Your everyday Sainsburys and Waitrose shopping, not to mention your bigger John Lewis buys can raise a significant amount of money for the Church. The page can be accessed via the QR code. It is very simple to use – if you need help, please ask at the office. **If you're able to gift aid your donations, it would make a big difference. Do speak to us if you need help!**



