

Church of St John the Evangelist, Islington

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Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B – 12th May 2024)

This Week		
Weekday Masses (this week)	Sunday Masses	Confessions
Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri Mass 10am	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Saturday 5:30 - 5:50pm
Thurs Mass cancelled	Sunday 9:30, 11am	(and anytime, as possible, on request)
<i>All masses followed by Adoration</i>		

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'They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth.' In all truth however, we can be very much of this world. We spend most of our lives worrying about work, money, illness, relationships and commitments. It's almost impossible to rise above worldly concerns indeed. However, what is this truth for which we have been set apart that Jesus speaks of? The truth is that we are all parishioners - passers by, pilgrims on the way to our true home which is heaven and heaven is to be completely one with the Father. But we do not have to wait till we die to experience this heavenly union. We are one with God when we receive Christ's body. Through the Eucharist we become one with the one who created us out of love. Only having truly experienced this union can we be then *'sent into the world'* because we do not belong to it anymore, but to God whose love and providence renders our mundane concerns void. Indeed, today we can live to the full knowing that his Love is without end!

Confirmation Mass will be celebrated on **24th May at 7pm** and Bishop Hudson will be the celebrant. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide these young people and all those that received their First Holy Communion this month to do good and great things for God.

Gift Aid If you made have a Gift Aid declaration to the parish but no longer pay tax on your income, please let us know emailing oscarignatius@rcdow.org.uk in order for us to update our records and not include you in the claim we are due to submit for the 2023/24 tax year. If you would like to be removed from Gift Aid, please let us know.

The Sunday Club is open very Sunday from 3pm Sunday Club and welcomes visitors to the crypt for tea, coffee, sandwiches, fruit, and cakes. They would appreciate coffee and sugar so if you would like to donate, they would be very grateful. Please drop these off in the box labelled Sunday Club in the church porch. Thank you.

Organ Concert Did you know that St John's is home to a world class organ?! Yes, the organ that you hear is stellar quality and that's why it attracts top performers from around the world. The first concert this year is on **Saturday 25th May at 7.30pm** and the organist is Professor Damin from USA. If you've never been to an organ concert before or you're a classical music aficionado, you're all very welcome. No need to book, there's a retiring collection. More details can be found here

<https://islingtonchurchconcerts.org/john>

Requiescat in Pace We have a number of funerals coming up in two weeks. May their souls and those of the faithful departed, RIP. **Brian Sculley** at 12pm, 20th May; **William Gillespie Glass** at 11am, 21st May and **Marie Madeleine Jones** at 10am, 22nd May; **Gilbert Jean Jules Vieri** at 10am, 28th May; **Robert Christopher Manning** at 10am 29th May; **Marie Therese Hayden** at 11am 3rd June.

Please pray for the sick especially for Sylvia D'Souza, a long-time, faithful parishioner of St John's.

Fr Rajiv will be away at a retreat from **13th May to 18th May** but the office will still be open and Fr Jakub will be available.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers Thanks to all who volunteer for this important service. There will be a half day training/retreat day. Those that received an email from Neary, please complete the online survey to vote for your preferred day. For those that can't access email, there's a form pinned to the noticeboard, complete this and drop it off at the presbytery next door. Those who would like to become a Reader, please sign up for the training day. Those who would like to be Eucharistic ministers need to be interviewed by the priest first, so please do make your interest known to one of the priests.

Ask your MP to stop abortion up to birth being introduced MPs Diana Johnson and Stella Creasy have tabled amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill that would make extreme changes to our abortion laws. Both amendments would make it more likely that babies are aborted at home for any reason, up to birth. Take action: To oppose the abortion up to birth amendments, email your MP via this link www.righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth.

Artificial Intelligence, World Communications Day 2024 "The development of systems of artificial intelligence is radically affecting the world of information and communication, and through it, certain foundations of life in society. These changes affect everyone, not merely professionals in those fields. The rapid spread of astonishing innovations, whose workings and potential are beyond the ability of most of us to understand and appreciate, has proven both exciting and disorienting. This leads inevitably to deeper questions about the nature of human beings, our distinctiveness and the future of the species homo sapiens in the age of artificial intelligence. How can we remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose?" (From Pope Francis' World Communications Day Message) Read Pope Francis' message in its entirety at [www.https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/) It's a thought provoking read.

Christian Aid Week 12th-18th May Every year in May, Christian Aid invites us to pray, campaign, fundraise and donate. We are invited to work towards a world where families can escape the trap of poverty and fulfil their ambitions. Seven days to fund lasting change. **Big Brekkie Fundraiser** Consider hosting a 'big brekkie' in your place of work and asking for donations in exchange for pancakes and porridge. Donate online at www.christianaid.org.uk

Care for Our Common Home, Water Saving Week 13th-17th May. We can all do our bit to help save water. Not only will you be helping the environment but you'll also be saving some of your hard earned cash. More info here <https://www.waterwise.org.uk/save-water/>

Learn more about The Bible with others in a vibrant environment. It'll bring together renowned and genuinely charismatic Biblical experts and teachers for a one-day event designed to help Catholics to encounter God in His Word. It's at St Patrick's, Soho Square on **Saturday 22nd June**. More info <https://www.stpatricksoho.org/summits>