

Church of St John the Evangelist, Islington

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Trinity Sunday (Year B – 26th May 2024)

This Week		
Weekday Masses (this week)	Sunday Masses	Confessions
Mon, Thu, Fri 10am Mass followed by Adoration	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 9:30, 11am	Saturday 5:30 - 5:50pm (and anytime, as possible, on request)
Tue, Wed Funeral Mass, details below		

This week we hear from Stephanie, one of those confirmed over Easter –

I was at a stage in my life in which my life was going to change forever, I was determined to lead the way and set a good example for my daughter. I felt God's calling when I was pregnant, the calling is something which is difficult to put into words but a very powerful feeling. Since that calling I have changed as a person, opening my heart to God has brought me so much fulfillment and peace, the strength of my faith has only grown and I feel blessed to be enriched with the love of God. Joining the RCIA journey has educated me to have the underpinning knowledge of the Catholic faith, I have been lucky enough to learn from pillars within the Catholic faith, and blessed to feel part of a community. The welcome into the catholic church is like no other, everyday I am inspired by the kindness, love and warmth, I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone one of you and I look forward to my daughter feeling the same as she grows within the faith.

News & Events

Coffee morning after the 9:30am and 11am Mass. Do stay, have a chat and be part of the community. If you're able to help at the coffee stand one Sunday a month, please give us a bell!

Offertory collectors, all current offertory collectors and anyone who would like to take part in this important ministry, please see Grace, our parish administrator, after the 9.30am and 11am Mass. Thank you.

Our confirmation candidates received even more graces from the Holy Spirit on Friday night when they were confirmed by Bishop Nicholas Hudson. Please pray for them, that they may live a life guided by the Holy Spirit.

Bank Holiday Monday The church will close early at 2pm but Mass is at the usual time of 10am followed by Adoration. Why not spend a bit of holiday time with God?

Requiescat in Pace Forthcoming funerals for May and June: **Gilbert Jean Jules Vieri** at 10am, 28th May; **Robert Christopher Manning** at 10am 29th May; **Marie Therese Hayden** at 11am 3rd June.

Gift Aid It would greatly help our finances if you could gift aid your donations! Please do take a moment, especially on the contactless terminal to fill out your details (once will do!); thanks, if you've done this already. Equally, please email oscarignatius@rcdow.org.uk if you need to be removed from the Gift Aid scheme (if perhaps you no longer pay tax) and we can exclude you from our 2023/24 tax-year claims.

The Sunday Club would like to thank all those that generously contributed tea, coffee and sugar over the last 2 weeks. Because of your quick responses, they now have enough.

Readers and communion ministers. On Sunday 7th July there will be a training session for **Eucharistic Ministers (2-4 PM)** and **Readers (4-6 PM)**. If you're interested in these important ministries, please get in touch! We're particularly short of communion ministers and readers for the Saturday Vigil 6pm Mass. New communion ministers need to be interviewed by the parish priest so come and chat with Fr Rajiv or Fr Jakob.

CAFOD would like to say thank you to this parish for donating £211.70 for the Sudan appeal recently. **CAFOD pilgrimage for young adults**, between 18 to 40 years, takes place from **Friday 12th to Sunday 14th July**. The 13.5 mile walk is to help pilgrims reconnect with their faith through worship and prayer as they journey together in preparation for the Year of Jubilee. 2 nights are spent at the Frontier Centre, NN9 5UH. For more info <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/young-adults-residential-pilgrimage>

Are you an ordinary Catholic that would like to learn how to explain the truths of the Catholic Church in a way that reaches out to others? **The Catholic Evidence Guild** offer training on the history and theology of the Catholic Church plus skills on how to project to a live audience at Speaker's Corner. To find out more, contact Vincent on 07736 638 708 or email abrek@btinternet.com

The 14th Divine Mercy Pilgrimage, will take place at the Catholic National Shrine & Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham, Walsingham, NR22 6AL on Saturday 1st June from 11am till 5pm with a coach departing from Westminster Cathedral at 7am. Bring lunch. Seats cost £27. Please contact Emmanuel 07721 362 000 or Caroline 07960 466 377

Human Dignity and the Meaning of Suffering The J. H Newman Cultural Centre will host an event entitled "What is mortal man that You care for him? A dialogue about human dignity and the meaning of suffering" in St Wilfrid's Hall at the Oratory on **Monday 3rd June** at 7pm. This will be a dialogue between two Catholic friends who deeply care about the value of life, and the meaning of suffering: Paolo Carozza, Professor of Law at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, and Fr Vincent Nagle of the Priestly Fraternity of the Missionaries of St Charles Borromeo, who is a chaplain to the Maddalena Grassi Foundation, who assists people at the moment of death. All welcome.

Learn more about the Bible at The Bible Summit, St Patrick's Church, Soho Square on Saturday **22nd June**, 10.30am-5.30pm. Reading the Bible is not always easy. In the busyness of life, our encounter with the Word of God is often just the readings at Mass. Sometimes, we can find it dry and unexciting. The Bible Summit will help Catholics learn and explore the vibrant language of the 'God who Speaks' by bringing together renowned Biblical experts to. To book your tickets or to find out more information, visit: <https://www.stpatricksoho.org/summits>

Lifting the Faith Schools Cap Your response is needed. Since 2010 the 50 percent cap or 'rule' has prevented new Catholic free schools from opening, as the cap would have forced schools to turn away some Catholic pupils. The Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan has opened a consultation on lifting the cap for new free schools in England. This closes on **20th June**. Do **take 2 mins** to lend your support to the consultation, post your details at www.cbcew.org.uk/faith-schools-consultation-response/

Secondary school scramble will be upon us soon. Finchley Catholic High School are holding an open day on Tuesday **10th September** from 5pm to 7.30pm.

'Come and See' Vocations Day Men interested in exploring vocations to the priesthood or the permanent diaconate are invited to come along to a 'Come & See' Vocations Morning on Saturday 1st June, 10am-2pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Harpenden AL5 2DB. A light lunch will be provided. To register attendance, contact: Canon Roger Taylor, Vocations Promoter, at rogertaylor@rcdow.org.uk or Deacon Adrian Cullen, Director of the Permanent Diaconate, at adriancullen@rcdow.org.uk or call 07961 594725.

