

Church of St John the Evangelist, Islington

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Tenth Sunday (Year B – 9th June 2024)

This Week		
Weekday Masses (this week)	Sunday Masses	Confessions
Mon – Wed 10am Mass followed by Adoration until 11am	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 9:30, 11am	Saturday 5:30 - 5:50pm (and anytime, as possible, on request)
Thur Mass and Adoration cancelled		
Fri Mass at 10 AM	<i>More details of Mass cancellations and church closing times</i>	

‘Who told you you were naked?’- the fear and realisation of Adam’s nakedness come as a direct and immediate result of eating the fruit of knowledge. Why? Because eating the fruit means believing that God does not love me, that he tries to take away my freedom, submit me to his will which means my misery and unhappiness. Maybe we would never say this outloud as we know it is not true but deep down we are afraid. Afraid to trust God who maybe has a different plan for my life than what I want or think will make me happy. God who wants me to walk an extra mile, to forgive, to love.

To do all this is very scary. So how can we do it? How can we truly trust God? Through Jesus Christ who is our bridge back to the Father. Christ reveals to us that to do the will of God is lifegiving! It is not death. It is life and life to the full. Without God we are naked, vulnerable to the lies of the devil, selfcentred and afraid but with Christ in our hearts we are sons and daughters of God. Filled with Divine dignity and full of zeal to love as we have been loved!

News & Events

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 Jakub.

Parish Conference - Fr Rajiv and Fr Jakub away from Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th June at a conference on renewing parish life. It’s very exciting (watch this space). The parish office will be closed between Weds and Friday, apologies for the inconvenience. The Church will be closed slightly earlier on Wednesday and **Thursday the church is closed all day**. The Church will be open as normal on Friday with Mass.

Retreat for Catechists. The Diocese is offering a Retreat for Parish Catechists on **Saturday 6th July**, at Sacred Heart School in Hammersmith. Those who help as readers and Eucharistic ministers would be welcome to go on this if you are interested. There is a suggested donation of £10 per person which can be refunded by the parish. Please email catadmin@rcdow.org.uk to register and include the name of our parish.

Vandalism Our cash machines were vandalised last Sunday (sometime late afternoon). We’ve slowly increased times when the Church was open on Sundays (from about 2 PM to 7 PM now) as we found that some people liked to come in to pray in the afternoon. It’s difficult to know what to do when these things happen. If anyone has seen anything or know what might have disgruntled someone, we’ll be happy to listen!

St Peter's Italian Church in Clerkenwell have organised a procession in Honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel on **Sunday 21st July 2024 at 3.30pm**, starting from **4 Back Hill, EC1R 5EN**. All are welcome. There'll be a walking group of children who have recently made their First Holy Communion dressed in their communion outfits. Should any First Communicants from our parish who wish to join, please meet earlier, at 3pm in the church. After, there'll be lots of Italian food, drinks and an Italian Street Fete (The Sagra).

Renewing the Church: Discover the Royal Priesthood St Mary's University, Twickenham, is hosting an international conference from **20 to 22 June**. **'Royal Priesthood' is the priesthood of all the baptised** and this is a great academic forum to deepen our understanding on the precious gifts given in baptism. Speakers include highly sought after theologians and bishops like Bishop Erik Varden and theologians John Bergsma, Lawrence Feingold and Matthew Levering. More details at to <https://royalpriesthoodconference.com>

Ordinations of Deacons, Priests and Bishops We are delighted to let everyone know that during the month of June, Westminster Cathedral **will celebrate five Ordination Masses**. On **Saturday 15 June at 10.30am** there will be the Ordination of Deacons; on **Tuesday 18 June at 12 noon** there will be an Episcopal Ordination of the new Auxiliary Bishop, Mgr Jim Curry, for our diocese; on **Saturday 22 June at 11am**; on **Saturday 29 June at 10.30am** there will be the Ordination of three new Priests, and on **Saturday 6 July at 10.30am** there will be the Ordination of Permanent Deacons (no 12.30pm Mass that day). Let us continue praying for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life, remembering especially those preparing to be ordained soon for and in our diocese. All our parishoners are very welcome to attend and no tickets are required.

St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), CAFOD and the General Election As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. SVP and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter or svp.org.uk/encounter for more information.

Westminster Justice and Peace Commission, have notified us of various events in June which may be of interest: **15 June, 10.00-11.30am: West London Justice and Peace Network – Online Meeting**. Fr Dominic Robinson SJ will be the guest speaker. Contact maggiebeirne@googlemail.com for more details.

16 June: Day for Life. The theme this year is "The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life". <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

17-23 June: Refugee Week. The theme for Refugee Week 2024 is "Our Home". From the places we gather to share meals, to our collective home, planet earth: everyone is invited to celebrate what Our Home means to them. <https://refugeeweek.org.uk>.

17 June, 12.30-1.30pm: Monthly Prayer Vigil outside the Home Office – Organised by Westminster Justice & Peace, London Catholic Worker and the London Churches Refugee Fund to pray for migrants seeking safe passage to the UK. Marsham Street, SW1P4DF. Contact Barbara Kentish barbarakentish@talktalk.net

22 June, 11am: Restore Nature Now - rally in central London to call for the protection of the environment, reversal of nature loss and action on climate change. Backed by a wide-range of nature, wildlife and climate groups and campaigners, including Chris Packham, the demonstration aims to be the biggest-ever gathering of nature and climate supporters in the UK. Christian environment groups will gather first for an ecumenical service at Farm Street Church, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH at 11am. Includes outdoor messy church activities for children. We will then join the march in Park Lane at 12noon. [More details – Restore Nature Now Rally](#)