

Church of St John the Evangelist, Islington

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15th Sunday (Year B – 14th July 2024)

This Week		
Weekday Masses	Sunday Masses	Confessions
Mon-Fri 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)
Tue 2pm School Leaver's Mass (and regular 10am Mass)		

In today's gospel there is an undeniable sense of urgency and determination. The disciples are sent to *preach repentance; they cast out many devils, anointed many sick people with oil and cured them*. They travel with *no bread, no haversack, no coppers*, and not even a *spare tunic!* This mission is our life. It is easy to forfeit this call precisely because of the desire for comfort. It is easy to focus on the *bread-* security and *haversack-* plans for the future, *coppers-* money, *spare tunic-* a symbol of my comforts. In other words in order to preach the Good News we need to be rich with one thing only-repentance (greek: metanoia)- a change of vision. What is this new vision? It is not living for myself anymore, but for God. I do not go where I want but follow him who has already gone before me. I do not seek earthly security but rather find that I am already secure by the loving relationship with the one who calls and sends me out today and every day. This new vision allows me to be free from worrying about people's opinions, my social status, my financial worries, my often distorted desires, because I have been freed and received true life where before there was dissatisfaction and death. Christ calls us today to repent, be healed, to have life and sends us out to the world to proclaim the same. Fr Jakub

News & Events

Fr Joseph Tsoumate We welcome Fr Joseph Tsoumate from the Solomon Islands. Fr Joseph was due to stay with Fr Seamus for the summer but due to works at Fr Seamus's presbytery, Fr Seamus asked if we could accommodate him. This has been very providential for us, as we are badly in need of summer cover. Praised be God! He will be celebrating Masses on some weeks, do make him feel welcome.

Evening Mass on Sunday in September Just a reminder that we will be trialling new mass times from mid-September. We will be adding **an evening Mass at 6:30 PM**. The regular Saturday Vigil Mass will still be celebrated at 6pm. Our morning masses will be at 10am and 12 noon. Hopefully this will not be too disruptive for people and will also be a favourable time for families with children.

Are you able to give some time for Children's liturgy? We would love to have a children's liturgy for the 10am mass but require the help of parents and others who can help animate this and help children connect to the gospel in a way suitable for them. If this is of interest, please let us know. We cannot do this without your help!

Fr Rajiv will now be on holiday till 6th August but as a consolation prize, Fr Jakub is back!

Parish office will be closed in August and there will be no newsletter. We will still attend to mails as we can, and if there is no one to pick up the phone, please leave a voicemail and we'll get back to you, as soon as we can!

Precious Blood of Christ July is the month dedicated in the Church to the Precious Blood of Christ. Each week, there will be one or two weekday Masses honouring the Precious Blood.

Sea Sunday Today is Sea Sunday where we are asked to pray and offer support to our seafarers and fishers. These brave men and women are the unseen backbone of our global economy, working tirelessly to bring us goods and resources that we need. They spend months away from their families, facing isolation, loneliness, challenging conditions, and sometimes extreme danger. This is especially true of those currently working in the Black and Red Seas due to the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East. Seafarers in these conflict zones are often scared, witnessing destruction first-hand. Security concerns frequently prevent them from going ashore, adding loneliness and anxiety to an already stressful situation.

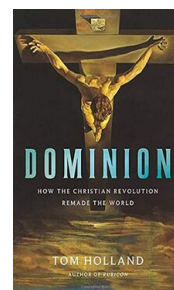
Prayers for our teachers, teaching assistants and all the support staff that make our schools great. As the school term comes to an end, let's give thanks for all that they do. They work tirelessly, far beyond school hours at a vocation that can sometimes be very challenging. Let's pray for them and their families.

Recycling School Uniforms There are a number of charities/charity shops which stock used school uniforms, and this is the best time of year to donate all that generic school uniform that will no longer fit in September but is still of good quality. For uniform with logos the best way to recycle is to ask the school if they will take uniform back and pass it on. Most schools do this now because there is a requirement to make uniform more affordable to everyone. Try <https://uniformsforkids.org.uk/> to start!

Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Fr Ivano (Sts Peter & Paul) Fr Ivano will be accompanying a group from his Church (Amwell Street) for the **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** on the **21st September**. There are only **a few more seats** available. If you're interested, please contact the office. The cost for the coach is **£35**. There are two pickup points : 6:30am pick up outside St Gabriel (Archway), and 6:45am at St Peter & St Paul.

Spirit and Society – London Jesuit Centre A course to introduce people to a range of concepts from political philosophy, the social sciences, and critical theory that help explain how we are shaped by our place in society, and explores their meaning for our spiritual lives and experience. Run over **5 Mondays starting 23rd September, 6:30 – 8 PM**. More details at www.londonjesuitcenter.org or call 020 7529 4844

Summer Read Looking for a flight read on holiday or when you're lounging on a beach? Maybe try Tom Holland's *Dominion* – a brilliant work of popular history, on how Christianity has shaped the West; maybe Tom Wright's *Finding God in the Psalms*, a wonderful introduction to this treasure in our bibles. Or Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow's *The Shed that fed 2 million Children*, the incredibly inspiring story of Mary's Meals, a charity which has made a huge difference in the world. Soak up the sun and grow in faith!



Eucharistic Festival at Westminster Cathedral On Saturday 14th September, the Feast of the Holy Cross, Cardinal Nichols invites everyone to a Eucharistic Festival in the Cathedral, starting at 2pm and finishing around 4pm. The afternoon will include Adoration, Rosary, Confessions and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, ending with a Pontifical Benediction. There will be an opportunity for everyone to venerate a relic of Bl Carlo Acutis, whose Canonisation has recently been announced.