

Church of St John the Evangelist, Islington

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26th Sunday (Year B – 29th September 2024)

This Week		
Weekday Masses	Sunday Masses	Confessions
Mon-Fri 10am Mass followed by Adoration until 11am	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 10am, 12 noon, 6.30pm	Saturday 5:30 - 5:50pm (and anytime, as possible, on request)

Are you in hell today?

Sinning is not just about breaking laws; it's about separating ourselves from the One who gave us the laws—God, who created us out of love and for love. Hell, in fact, is not so much a place of physical fire or darkness, but a state of complete solitude, loneliness, and despair, where we are utterly cut off from God. Without God, there is no love, no life, no hope, no joy, and no peace.

This experience of hell is not just something for the afterlife—it can be your reality today. Is there an area of your life where you feel dead, grumbling, hopeless, or filled with self-hatred or hatred towards others? Usually most of these thoughts stem from sin and separation from God. The good news is that Christ has destroyed sin and he can destroy your sins as well. Cut ties with your sin. Receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Embrace life and live it to the full!

News & Events

A reminder of the new Mass times We hope this gives some of you more opportunity to celebrate Mass with an extra Mass. In summary:

St John's Church – 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 10am (Family), 12pm (Sung), 6.30pm

Blessed Sacrament Church at N1 0SR – 9am, 11am

Mass intentions and the new Mass times If you've already booked a Mass intention with the old Mass times, please note that for a 9.30am Mass, your intention will be prayed for at the 10am Mass and if you booked an intention for the 11am Mass, this will be prayed for at the 12pm Mass. If this doesn't suit you then please let us know. Those that have requested an intention for a 6pm Saturday Vigil Mass will still have their intention at the same Mass i.e. 6pm Saturday Mass.

School Mass is on Wednesday 2nd October. We extend a warm welcome to years 5 and 6 of our primary school and to all parents, friends and parishioners to join and pray with the children in what will be a heart warming experience.

Can you donate a USB plug adapter? Unfortunately, keeping the church open each day has its consequences and one of these is that items go missing from our porch. Our USB plug adapters for the contactless giving card readers seem particularly popular. If you have any spare USB plug adapters lying around your home then please consider donating them to us. Thank you.

First Holy Communion Registration forms for parents are available in the church porch and on the website. Please return forms by Friday October 11th. There are parent's meetings on Thursday evenings at 7pm on October 17th, November 7th, December 5th and April 24th. To ensure families and children all benefit from the First Holy Communion program, these are compulsory and are for parents only so children need not attend.. In January, the course starts for children. Please see the website for more details

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/islington/sacramental-prep/communion/>

Thinking of becoming Catholic? The **RCIA course** is for adults that are interested in becoming Catholics. Through a process of teaching, journeying with others and prayer, you'll be prepared for the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation; it is also for Catholics who have been baptised but not Confirmed. **We start on Tuesday, 1st October.** Email us and arrange to chat with one of the priests and complete a form which you can find on the website: <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/islington/sacramental-prep/rcia/> or in the church porch.

Signing of Secondary School Forms. Please contact the parish office by email with the Masses you normally attend and the frequency per month. We will then email out the relevant forms on a case by case basis.

Wonder why you're really Christian or whether Christianity is relevant in today's world or just not sure what to believe? Then **the Alpha Course** starting at Blessed Sacrament Church will be a great experience. **Alpha starts on Wednesday 16th October** and runs weekly until December 4th (but not 30th October). There's great food, followed by a video and discussion in small, friendly groups. Everyone is welcome – all faiths and none. **Bring your friends!** It's a great way to meet new people in a friendly space at 157 Copenhagen Street, N1 0SR. For more info on what Alpha's about, <https://alpha.org.about>

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 you're good working with children, and this is of interest, please let us know. Volunteers working with children are required by law to be DBS checked and sometimes this process can take a bit of time, so please let us know your interest, and we can do the required admin process.

Altar cloth cleaning Would you like to clean the altar cloth? All that's required is washing in a washing machine, then dry and iron. That's it! Thank you for any forthcoming offers.

Can you offer any products to Copenhagen Street Foodbank? Any non-perishable in-date food and toiletries are always welcome. However, If you wish to focus your collection on one or a few items, the following will be especially helpful: Cooking oil, Tooth Paste, Shampoo, Shower Gel and Baby Wipes. Thanks and blessings.

The Upper Room Project is a series of eight video sessions (created by Youth 2000) to go deeper in faith and learn more about what it means to be a missionary disciple, through prayer, friendship and teaching. Are you looking for good Catholic friendships? Are you wanting to take another step forward in your relationship with God? Wherever you're at, the Upper Room Project is for you! The course will run online for 8 weeks (8.15-9:30pm) beginning on Thursday 3rd October 2024 and is open to anyone between the ages of 16-35. Whether you are taking the beginning steps in your faith or have a strong relationship with Christ, we can all learn something! The course is free of charge. Follow the link below to register!

https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/sbcpdfbk?mc_cid=220caa21be&mc_eid=8d5321c18d

Gentle accompaniment for those who have lost a spouse through separation, divorce or bereavement. A residential weekend to help the journey of grief and perhaps move towards the light of a new beginning. A Beginning Experience weekend at the Sion Community, Brentwood on 4th to 6th October.

<https://beginningexperiencebandi.org/south-of-england>

Secondary School Open Days All Saints Catholic High School near Ladbroke Grove are holding open mornings every Wednesday and Friday until the end of half term. More info here www.allsaintschs.co.uk and there are flyers in the church porch.

St Aloysius' College invite you to their open evening on Tuesday 1st October or open mornings or their open Saturday on 5th October. For details <https://www.sta.islington.sch.uk/>

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

Choral Eucharistic Healing Service at St Dominic's Priory in Haverstock Hill, NW5 4LB. This is a way for people to find healing in their lives and as an encouragement to seek out the Sacrament of Reconciliation, therapy and counselling where appropriate. It takes place on Saturday **18th October** at 7pm. Please see our noticeboard and there's a limited number of flyers in the church vestibule.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Retreat at St Georges RC Church, 970 Harrow Road, Sudbury, Wembley, Middlesex, HA0 2QE on Saturday 26 October from 1 pm to 4:30 pm. The Retreat will include teachings on the Holy Rosary, Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. Call millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information

Fun choral workshops of beautiful music from Poland. All are welcome. Being able to read music is great but not necessary. It would be of particular interest to anyone involved in parish choirs. This takes place at St Dominic's Priory in Haverstock Hill, NW5 4LB on Saturday **26th October**. Please see our noticeboard.