

Church of St John the Evangelist, Islington

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29th Sunday (Year B – 20th October 2024)

| This Week | | |
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| 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) |

World Mission Sunday

This Sunday donations are collected at these worldwide Masses and they go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. Indeed World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Let us be generous as the Lord has been generous with us!

News & Events

Alpha has started! It's not too late, do come along. Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. There is no judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think. It's free and there's complimentary food too! **Where?** Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 157 Copenhagen Street, N1 0SR
When? Wednesdays 7pm to 8.30pm <https://alpha.org.about>

Wednesday 10am Mass for St John the Evangelist Primary School We welcome the children from the school and all parishoners, parents, carers, relatives and friends too.

Requiescat in pace The funeral Mass for Margaret Rita Fennelly will be taking place on **28th October at 1pm.**

October is the Month of the Rosary. Mary is our Mother and as we go through the joys and struggles of life, she walks with us. She is the perfect disciple. She has been through far worse than any of us could possibly go through yet remains faithful. If there is anyone who can help us to know her Son, it is her. Pray the Rosary in honour of Mary. The Rosary helps us look at the life of Christ through Mary and as we ask her intercession, her Son gives to us the grace we need to follow Him faithfully as His disciples. There are Rosaries on sale at the back of the church after Sunday Mass and plenty of online resources to help you get started.

Confirmation course 2024/2025. If you're between the ages of 14 to 16 at the time of enrolment, we would like to warmly welcome you to join our Confirmation Programme 2024/2025. The course will start January 2025 and the confirmation date will be in May or June (tbc with the Bishop!). If you wish to be enrolled, please complete a Confirmation Application Form that you can find at the back of the Church and on our website, and drop it through the letterbox of the Parish Office or email it to us. More info and registration form here <https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/islington/sacramental-prep/confirmation/>

November is the Month of the Holy Souls. There will be regular Requiem Masses. You are invited to take a form from the back of church on which to write the names of your own beloved deceased for whom prayers are requested. Return them through the presbytery letterbox in the envelope also available at the back of church, along with an offering if you are able to. The lists will be assembled in a book, which will be placed near the main altar throughout the month of November from Saturday 2nd November, All Souls' Day.

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.

Do you have a spare USB plug adapter? Theft is one of the things we have to deal with, as we try to keep the church open - our USB plugs for the contactless machines seem particularly popular at the moment! We've already replaced four plug adapters - if you have a spare lying around, do consider dropping them at ours. Thank you!

Secondary Schools. Signing of 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. **Open Days for 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.

World Mission Sunday is today, **20th October** when the whole Church unites in prayer for its missionary activity, and in collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and conflict. 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet!' is this year's theme chosen by Pope Francis. In his message, the Holy Father reminds us that the heart of our mission is to invite everyone to experience the joy of Christ's resurrection, a gift meant to be shared with the whole world. Everyone deserves to know that they are welcome at God's table and to experience God's love, grace and forgiveness. Donations and prayers on this day have a direct impact on Catholic communities overseas where the Church is too young, too small, or too poor to flourish without help from the rest of the Church. Our donations help to sustain faith communities, support vocations, and enable missionaries to carry out their mission in often dangerous and remote places. This day of prayer, solidarity, and giving unites 6 Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love and his power to transform lives and heal the world. Thank you for your ongoing support of Missio through prayer and charity. For more information about World Mission Sunday, please visit missio.org.uk/wms

Likely vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?*, which examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada. Watch for free online (you do not need a TV licence): righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead.

Aid to the Church in Need: Red Wednesday Support from parishioners means that the annual Red Wednesday is now a significant voice for persecuted Christians around the world and for which Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is extremely grateful. For this year's Red Wednesday, on **20th November**, the focus is on Christian children who are displaced and suffering due to targeted violence. In coming weeks, we'll be receiving information on how to get involved so watch this space!