THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST & BLESSED SACRAMENT

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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St John the Evangelist Church
39 Duncan Terrace, N1 8AL

The Blessed Sacrament Church
157 Copenhagen Street, N1 0SR

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS	
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST	
Sat 19th Sep 6pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Vigil Mass Jason Mark Gaubert, Wayne Justin Gaubert RIP
Sun 20th 10am 12 noon 6.30pm	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time May Moles RIP Monica Comerford ANNIV All Our Parishioners
Mon 21st 10am	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Patrick Driscoll RIP and Kathleen Niblett RIP
Tue 22nd 10am	Feria
Wed 23rd 10am	St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest Almaz INT
Thu 24th 10am	Our Lady of Walsingham Josie Meehan INT
Fri 25th 10am	Feria Hailemicael INT
Sat 26th 6pm	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Vigil Mass Seifemicael PERPETUAL HELP
Sun 27th 10am 12 noon 6.30pm	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time George McCann ANNIV
Sanctuary lamp at St John's is burning for blessings to all suffering from physical or mental illnesses.	
BLESSED SACRAMENT	
Sun 20th Sep 9 am 11 am	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time All Our Parishioners
Mon 21st 12.30 pm	St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Sanctuary lamp at Blessed Sacrament is burning for blessings to all the seniors of our parish.	

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There is a peculiar envy that children of faithful Catholic parents, who have grown up in good families sometimes experience. Envy of never having lived a 'wild' life. They sometimes look with envy at new converts at having 'enjoyed' life or even envy the 'freedom' of those outside the faith; they seem 'free' to do what they want. It reveals that they have not been able to grasp the love of the Father, the security his goodness provided them. They have only comparison which makes them unhappy. The parable Jesus presents today has a similar agenda behind it. The workers from the start of the day are angry, because they compare themselves to those who came after. The ones who came last, are truly grateful for what they have received: all they wanted was a place to work, and the Master gave them that dignity. In addition, they are paid what they did not expect: they discover the Master's exceeding goodness to their surprise. But the first workers are disappointed. They have not been cheated, but they are angry because their value comes from comparison. And they go away sad. Modernity is predicated on the lie that we belong to no one. Being orphaned, spiritually, we try to find our meaning and value from all kinds of things - our work, our skills, our looks, and anything else we can exchange for admiration, for love, for belonging . And the Word today squarely confront this lie. Your life belongs to God who gives it its value. It has meaning in as much as it is given back to God in gratitude. Even for the first workers, they forget that this opportunity to work itself comes from the goodness of the master. Ideally, in working with him through the day, they can let go of this mindset of comparison, and see themselves and everything they have as a gift. In the vineyard, they are given a place, which will not be taken away from them. They are brought into a family. But at the end, they refuse. Their value comes only from their work, won through competition. In their refusal to see things with the eye of the owner, however, they go away, clutching only their denarius, back to their orphaned existence. This Word comes to you and me with the same challenge. Where does the value of your life come from? When we begin to see and receive everything as gift from the goodness of God, we also realise that we have been given as a gift of love from the heart of the Father. We can give back our lives to God simply trusting in God's goodness. And be God's gift to a world in desperate need of it. **Fr Rajiv**

ADORATION AND HEALING SERVICE On **Thursday October 15th** at St John's, we'll be holding a healing service. This could be positively life changing! What a fantastic investment for just 90 minutes. Come along, from 6.30-8pm, with refreshments in the crypt afterwards.

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WHAT'S ON
Sun 20th Sep, after 10am Mass, intro talk for all new First Holy Communion families, St John's
Sat 26th Sep, 7.30pm, Organ concert at St John's
Tue 29th Sep, 7.30pm, RCIA starts, St John's
Sat 3rd Oct, St Francis celebration with Franciscan Friars of the Renewal at St John's
Thu 15th Oct, 6.30pm to 8pm, Adoration Event, St John's

REGULAR
Adoration Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 10.30am to 11am at St John's
Confessions At Blessed Sacrament, after the Monday 12.30pm Mass. At St John's, Saturday 5.30pm to 5.50pm
Rosary after Monday 12.30pm Mass at The Blessed Sacrament
Rosary, intercessory after Wednesday 10am Mass at St John's
Divine Mercy Chaplet First Friday of the Month, 3pm at St John's
Filipino Mass 3rd Sunday at 3pm at The Blessed Sacrament

REQUIESCAT IN PACE Brendan McCormack's funeral will be celebrated at St John's on **Wednesday 7th October** at 12 noon.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? If this is a yes then a warm welcome to our parish of The Blessed Sacrament and St John's. We'll be beginning the RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) on **Tuesday 29th September** at 7.30pm, St John's. Please apply by either emailing us or using the form in the church porch or on the websit. More information here: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/islington/rcia/ We look forward to hearing from you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION For all families that would like their children to receive First Holy Communion then you're very welcome. There is an intro talk for newcomers and their families **this Sunday 20th September** after the 10am Mass at St John's. Please note that this is an ongoing program. First Holy Communion takes place when your child and you are ready. That's because, you, the parents are the teachers! We ask that the whole family participate and travel on this journey of faith together, to get to know God together. It's a beautiful gift and indeed, this is the Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) pathway. Please see our website for more details https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/islington/first-holy-communion/

BRILLIANT BRITISH ORGANIST We have the great fortune to listen to Jozef Gaszka perform at St John's on **Saturday 26th September** at 7.30pm. A double-graduate and prize-winner from the Royal Academy of Music. An Associate of the Royal College of Organists, his prestigious track record includes serving as the Organ Scholar at Guildford Cathedral. He blends a vibrant concert career with a passion for teaching the next generation of musicians whilst holding residency at a couple of institutions. Come listen to him perform on our world famous organ. Free with a retiring collection.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY, 2 October 2026 Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Envelopes at the back of the church or call 0303 303 3030 for donations. Thank you.

CALLING SINGLE CATHOLICS looking for someone decent to marry. Increase your chances with a new Catholic matchmaking service built by a young Catholic. gracemeetapp.com is for single adults seriously seeking marriage. There is no swiping. Each week, a small number of carefully chosen matches are suggested based on faith, values and life stage. Every profile is identity verified, and the service is free while in its early stages.

COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE ST FRANCIS at St John's on **Saturday October 3rd .** This date will be exactly 800 years since St Francis died. The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal will be leading the celebrations. St Francis is the second patron of this parish and if you miss this event on this day, you'll need to wait another 100 years for another centenary celebration so all good reasons to come along. Timings to be announced.

THE GIFT THAT'S TRULY UNIQUE Consider a timeless gift for your loved one or for yourself. A **Mass intention** is when you ask a priest to celebrate a Mass for your special purpose. It's a way of "offering" the prayers of the Mass for someone or something that's important to you. People often request a Mass intention:
• for a loved one who has died
• for someone who is sick or going through a hard time
• to give thanks for a blessing
• or for a special occasion like a birthday or a wedding anniversary.
If you would like to request a Mass for an intention, please email or call us islington@rcdow.org.uk 020 7226 3277
The person that's requested the Mass intention usually offers £10 for the Mass. This can be donated via the contactless card readers and selecting 'Mass intention' in the church porch or dropped off through the presbytery letterbox, next door to the church.
A **Sanctuary Lamp** burns for 7 days before being replaced and this can be offered for similar intentions to a Mass intention. The recommended donation is £10. Please call or email us so that we can note the details of the recipient for the lamp. Mass intentions and Sanctuary Lamp donations are listed on the newsletter and on the noticeboard. If you would like yours annoymised, we will state 'Private intention'.

YEAR 7 SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENINGS The Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School's open evening is on Tuesday 22nd September https://www.cvms.co.uk/. **Maria Fidelis**'s open evening is on Wednesday 23rd September https://www.mariafidelis.camden.sch.uk/ For priests' references, please email the office.

LET US WALK A national walking pilgrimage taking place from 5-9 Oct, the week before the Adoremus Eucharistic Celebration on 10 Oct. The pilgrimage will start at the Church of St Francis of Assisi in Maidstone and finish at St George's Cathedral in Southwark on Friday 9 Oct. The walk will mark the year of St Francis of Assisi and will embody his values of joy, simplicity, humility, peace and love of creation. Full details https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/let-us-walk-that-we-may-adore-2026

CARITAS DEAF SERVICE 50TH ANNIVERSARY will celebrate on Saturday 26 September with a Mass at 2pm in Westminster Cathedral. All invited to join the Mass in Word and Sign.

LONDON CATHOLIC ORCHESTRA This is a new project-based ensemble bringing together musicians who share a love of the Western classical tradition and the beauty of orchestral music. There are no auditions or membership fees, but players should be able to prepare orchestral repertoire independently and perform to a high standard. Please complete the registration form (https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/NFYfKA45uv),if you are interested.

REQUIEM FOR THE UNBORN A special Solemn Sung concelebrated Requiem Mass for the Unborn on Saturday, 26 September at 12.30, at Farm Street Church. Countless women and parents have deeply suffered these losses and have been expected to resume their lives without closure or the formal honouring of the life that has been lost. This memorable Requiem wishes to address this with sensitivity and beauty, creating a safe place where their unborn may be acknowledged with love and mourned with compassion. Mass setting: Gabriel Fauré: Requiem with the Farm Street Choir. All are welcome.

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct, bookings close 18th Sep. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel 0788 7296983.