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

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Twenty Seventh 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 3rd Oct 6pm	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Vigil Mass Teresa Nora Moroney, Patricia Eileen Moroney, Margaret Francis Moroney, Catherine Angela Moroney ANNIV
Sun 4th 10am 12 noon 6.30pm	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Rosa Huang RIP Catherine Walsh GET WELL BLESSINGS For the protection of Europe, and for the intentions of Laurence and Samuel
Mon 5th 10am	Feria or St Faustina Kowalska MASS CANCELLED
Tue 6th 10am	Feria or St Bruno
Wed 7th 10am 12 noon	Our Lady of the Rosary Tommy Keegan RIP Funeral Mass for Brendan McCormack
Thu 8th 10am	Feria Stuart Moroney, Matthew Moroney, Steven Lee Worrel, Tony and Carl Gorman RIP
Fri 9th 10am 12.30pm	St John Henry Newman Fr Henry Longbottom INT Funeral Mass for Lucienne Tihati
Sat 10th 6pm	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Vigil Mass Patsy Walsh BLESSINGS
Sun 11th 10am 12 noon 6.30pm	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Janet Mock INT Amos Curtis RIP All Our Parishioners

Sanctuary lamp at St John's is burning for the Sunday Club volunteers and visitors.

BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sun 4th Oct 9 am 11 am	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time All Our Parishioners Eileen Ford RIP
Mon 5th 12.30 pm	Feria or St Faustina Kowalska

Sanctuary lamp at Blessed Sacrament is burning for all our parishioners and families suffering from illnesses.

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Fr Rajiv writes…'Have no anxiety at all' sounds like a naïve but impractical exhortation to what can be described as one of the most anxious generations of all time. Is that even real, achievable by anyone? Paul wrote this to the Philippians who were going through great difficulty. And Paul himself was imprisoned in a dungeon, awaiting execution, not dropping this from an ivory tower. And he was no stranger to suffering (1 Cor 11:23-29): shipwrecked twice, afloat on a stormy sea for a day and a half, facing the threat of brigands, people trying to kill him, stoned once and the list continues. And through it all, Paul has no anxiety – the only anxiety he mentions is for the new Christians he has pastored, who are in all sorts of spiritual dangers. And he gives us his secret in today's reading, something he thinks is *repeatable* in our lives: (1) Imitate those who follow Christ (4:9); who are our role models, those we admire? We will pick up their lifestyles. (2) fill your mind with what is commendable, good and beautiful (4:8). What are you consuming (on social media)? They will influence your thoughts. Have you paused to think, 'how do I feel, having spent this time with this content?' is it fuelling your anxiety or leaving you peaceful? But more importantly: "…in *everything* by prayer and supplication *with thanksgiving* let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (4:6-7). Bring everything of your life to the Father. He knows your needs. To do so means having a confidence that your Father cares for you and loves you. That he is with you, which is his promise. And it is to do so with thanks, because your Father is good. One person who repeated this in her own life was Therese, whose feast we just celebrated. Therese's image of the spiritual life was *"…that of a little child who, full of trust, falls asleep in its father's arms."* She spoke of this as what Jesus had shown her, the way that leads to the furnace of divine love.

Having grown up an anxious and nervous child, her anxiety continued in the convent about finding her way to sanctity. But it was the discovery of the power of God's grace which has become the path to holiness for so many who have come after her. Maybe it can be yours too! This is her 'little way' …'a *very short and very straight little way that is wholly new. We live in an age of inventions; nowadays the rich need not trouble to climb the stairs, they have lifts instead. Well, I mean to try and find a lift by which I may be raised unto God, for I am too tiny to climb the steep stairway of perfection. [...] Thine Arms, then, O Jesus, are the lift which must raise me up even unto Heaven. To get there I need not grow. On the contrary, I must remain little, I must become still less.*'

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WHAT'S ON
Tue 6th Oct, 7.30pm, RCIA course continues, St John's
Thu 15th Oct, 6.30pm to 8pm, Adoration Event, St John's
Thu 22nd Oct, 7pm, Caroline Chisholm talk, St John's
Sat 31st Oct, 9.30am, GIFT First Holy Communion, St John's
Sat 31st Oct, 7.30pm, London Choral Sinfonia, 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

ADORATION AND HEALING SERVICE On **Thursday October 15th** at St John's, we are delighted to be holding a led Adoration and healing service, with opportunity for individual prayer for healing. The Adoration will be led by a group of sisters from Brazil who are particularly gifted in prayer and music ministry and it is a great gift to have them here. Do you need healing? Come along! Or simply come and spend time before the Lord! From 6.30-8pm, with refreshments in the crypt afterwards.

CANCELLED MASS Monday 10am Mass on **5th October** at St John's is cancelled. We apologise for the inconvenience but the Blessed Sacrament Monday Mass at 12.30pm will still go ahead so do join the parishioners at this church.

APOSTLE TO AUSTRALIA, Caroline Chisholm rescued thousands of vulnerable women, assisted thousands of new Australian immigrants and was the first woman to speak in front of the House of Lords. She was a devout Catholic convert and with her enormous faith, she became a real mover and shaker. But this incredible woman was a local at Islington (see the Blue Plaque at 32 Charlton Place, her home) and worshipped at St John the Evangelist, her parish. Come **22nd Oct, Thurs 7-8pm,** when the witty and charismatic Catholic historian, Joanna Bogle, will fill us in on this wonderful woman, entertaining and educating us on our own rich history!

BECOMING A CATHOLIC The course continues on Tuesdays for all those that are attending this year. See you on **Tuesday 6th October** at 7.30pm at St John's crypt. If you're still deciding, please read: https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/islington/rcia/

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION The next in person session is **Saturday 31st October** at 9.30am, St John's. For all families that would like their children to receive First Holy Communion then welcome. This is different to most First Holy Communion programs. The sacrament is received when your child and you are ready rather than follow a fixed programme. 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/

REQUIESCAT IN PACE Brendan McCormack's funeral will be celebrated at St John's on **Wednesday 7th October** at 12 noon. Lucienne Tihati at 12.30pm on **Friday 9th October** at St John's.

SECONDARY SCHOOL VISIT La Sainte Union Catholic School, near Kentish Town, is holding open sessions on Tues 13th Oct and Thur 15th Oct. https://www.lasainteunion.org.uk/

LOST PROPERTY trays will be at the back of St John's and at the back of the Blessed Sacrament this weekend. Please take what's yours.

JOIN THE LONDON CHORAL SINFONIA to launch its 2026/27 season on **Saturday, October 31 at 7.30pm** at St John's. Conductor Michael Waldron and organist James Orford (St Paul's Cathedral) will perform powerful organ and orchestra masterpieces, including Poulenc's fiery Organ Concerto, Bach's *Fantasia & Fugue in G minor*, and Malcolm Arnold's critically acclaimed, 5-star Concerto for Organ & Orchestra. Arrive at 7:00 PM for a free pre-concert history talk by Colin Surtees, and stay after the performance for a complimentary drinks reception in the foyer. Tickets at http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1999673369879

MIRACULOUS DISAPPEARANCES We've had an extraordinary number of missals going missing at St John's. We've bought replacement missals with red covers. These are exactly the same as the blue ones (apart from the cover colour!). If you'd like to expand your knowledge and purchase your own copy, then we ask you to please contact the parish office and a donation of £20 would be most kind.

ADVENT CALENDARS Just starting October but the deadline for orders is coming up for the least commercialised, most meaningful and most Christian Advent Calendar. This is an alternative to the flamboyant and ridiculously exuberant Advent Calendars for something that celebrates the true meaning of Christmas. Calendars are £6 each. Pls speak to Maria Bird at Bl. Sacrament or email islington@rcdow.org.uk

DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN? No - then come along, yes - then come along too! Our Lady of Ransom, a charity supporting evangelisation, are holding their annual Newman Lecture on his Feast Day, Friday 9th October, at St Patrick's Church, Soho Square. More info and tickets are available here https://ransom.churchsuite.com/events/toz1xzlp

JOIN THE PROCESSION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT from Southwark Cathedral, along the South Bank of the Thames, to Westminster Cathedral. The procession will begin at 3pm on Saturday 10th October. The Procession will finish at 5pm with Solemn Benediction at Westminster Cathedral presided over by Bishop Jim Curry. This will be followed by Mass at 6pm celebrated by Bishop Gerard Bradley, Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark. After the Mass at 8pm, the first of three Holy Hours will begin led by youth ministry teams. From 11pm an all-night Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament begins, which will finish with Mass at 6am. Please note that everyone wishing to attend the Holy Hours and all night-vigil needs to register their attendance at https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/adoremus/

ADOREMUS VIGIL on Friday, 9 October 2026, from 7pm to 9 pm at the church of Most Holy Trinity, 39 Dockhead, London SE1 2BS (London Bridge/Bermondsey). The Adoration's reflection will be by Fr Emmanuel Mansford of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and worship music will be led by One Hope Project. The Vigil may especially resonate with young adults.

TO ALL READERS Do you want to read more effectively so that the Word of God is conveyed by you in a manner that will capture the congregation's attention and help their understanding? If it's a yes then come to Proclaiming God's Word, Exploring the Ministry of Reading. **Saturday 31st October** 10am to 1pm, Vaughan House, 46 Francis St, SW1P 1QN. Recommended donation is £5. For more information and to book https://rcdow.org.uk/event/proclaiming-gods-word-exploring-the-ministry-of-reading-2/

PROCESSION OF OUR LADY OF WILLESDEN Join pilgrims in praying the Rosary for the protection of London and for Peace on Sunday 18th October from 3pm to 4pm. The preacher will be Archbishop Richard Moth. See https://rcdow.org.uk/ events for more details

LONDON CATHOLIC ORCHESTRA A new project-based ensemble bringing together talented musicians who share a love of the classical tradition and the beauty of orchestral music. No auditions or membership fees, but players should be able to prepare orchestral repertoire independently and perform to a high standard. Please register at (https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/NFYfKA45uv), if interested.