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

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Thirty Second 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 7th Nov 6pm	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Vigil Mass Eileen Jennings RD
Sun 8th Nov 10am 12 noon 6.30pm	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Majella McAloney RECOVERY All Our Parishioners Mark-Paul Donnelly BLESSINGS
Mon 9th 10am	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica The Holy Souls
Tue 10th 10am	St Leo the Great Anna HEALTH AND HEALING
Wed 11th 10am	St Martin of Tours Nicholas Richardson RD
Thu 12th 10am	St Josaphat Gina Daffada ANNIV
Fri 13th 10am 12 noon	Feria The Holy Souls Funeral for Carmel Malone o/w Ward
Sat 14th 6pm	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Vigil Mass All Our Parishioners
Sun 15th 10am 12 noon 6.30pm	Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Anne McLoughlin RIP All Our Benefactors James, Annie and Vincent McLoughlin RIP
Sanctuary lamp at St John's is burning for all our benefactors	
BLESSED SACRAMENT	
Sun 8th Nov 9 am 11am	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Mrs Simonne Jeannot ANNIV All Our Parishioners
Mon 9th 12.30pm	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica MASS CANCELLED (due to an urgent Diocesan meeting. Apologies)
Sanctuary lamp at Blessed Sacrament is burning for the Holy Souls	

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Fr Dan writes…This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, when the war dead of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth will be remembered at the Cenotaph in Central London in a solemn ceremony beginning with a two-minute silence at 11am. The silence will be marked by the firing of a field gun from Horse Guards Parade followed by buglers playing the Last Post. The Last Post is a haunting and evocative melody, and its history is very interesting. The British Army traditionally used bugle calls to mark a soldier's day, so they knew when to get up, when to eat, and so on. This, of course, was when wrist watches, let alone smart watches and phones were not that common, so bugle calls were an effective way of the Army structuring their soldier's day, a bit like how the church bells of an Abbey would mark the day of the monks so they knew when to pray. The Last Post was originally the bugle call used to signify that the final sentry post had been inspected, so the camp was now secure for the night and closed until the morning.

In the 1850's a new role for the bugle began to emerge. More of the military bandsmen and bandmasters were civilians and so were not obliged to accompany their regiments overseas. So, when a soldier died in a foreign land, there was no music to accompany him on his final journey, and so a new tradition began of the regimental bugler sounding the Last Post over the grave. As Alwyn W Turner explains in his excellent article on the BBC website, *"[t]he Last Post now signalled the end not merely of the day but of this earthly life. And, as the practice developed - back home now as well as abroad - it was then followed by few moments of silent prayer and by the sounding of Reveille, the first [bugle] call of the day, to signify the man's rebirth into eternal life."*

War does not discriminate when it comes to religion or race, it impacts the lives of all, and so it is right and just that every year we remember the fallen, that we honour their sacrifice that won the freedom we enjoy today. However, for as Christians there is another dimension to today. For since we believe, as St Paul says, "*that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.*" We honour the fallen for what they gave for us, but we also pray that despite their violent end, they will now know eternal peace, that they will be reborn to eternal life, a life free from war and strife, in a place where the peace of Christ reigns supreme. Our belief in the resurrection gives us hope because it helps us look beyond this fragile mortality, guided by the light of our Risen Lord, to the promise Jesus made to all the faithful, that for those who believe in him, life is changed not ended. Therefore, along with our country and commonwealth, we honour the war dead, we thank God for their sacrifice, and we pray that they may now be reborn to eternal life and know true peace in embrace of their loving and merciful Lord.

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WHAT'S ON

Sun 8th Nov, after 11am Mass, Fr Dan's leaving party, Blessed Sacrament
Tue 10th Nov, 7.45pm Fr Rajiv talks about AI, Vaughan House (see newsletter article)
Thu 12th Nov, 7pm, Sunday Club AGM, St John's
Sun 15th Nov, after 6pm Mass, Fr Dan's leaving party, St John's
Fri 27th Nov, 7pm, Russian Choral concert, St John's
Sat 5th Dec, 1pm, Christmas Bazaar, Blessed Sacrament
Sun 6th Dec, 12 noon Mass, Rite of Acceptance, St John's
Sat 12th Dec, times tbc, Christmas Carol Concert, St John's

REGULAR

Jesus Youth Every Thursday 5.30pm to 8pm at Blessed Sacrament
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

TODAY IS REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY. On **8th November**, there will be a Requiem Mass at 11am at the Blessed Sacrament and at 12 noon at St John's for those who died in War.

CANCELLED MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT Due to an urgent Diocesan meeting, the Mass on **Monday 9th November** at 12.30pm is cancelled. 10am Mass on this day at St John's will still go ahead. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – the big day is **Saturday 5th December** at 1pm. It's going to be a joyful afternoon. Every penny raised will directly support our vital parish ministries and community outreach work. Donations of new or used items are welcome, but we respectfully ask that items donated are clean and that there are no electrical items! Please bring the items on Sundays. Mark your bag clearly with 'Bazaar' (to differentiate from Foodbank donations) and leave them near the storage room in the hall or at the back of the church. Thanks.

FR DAN'S LEAVING PARTIES **Sun 8th November,** Bl. Sacrament parishioners have the opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to Fr Dan after the 11am Mass today. Do join in if you're able to. St John parishioners have the chance to party away after the 6pm Vigil Mass on **Saturday 14th November**. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please email the office. If you'd like to donate towards a leaving gift, please gift using the Dona card reader. Alternatively, clearly mark an envelope with 'Fr Dan's leaving gift' and drop your donation through the letter box at the Presbytery.
FR DAN'S LAST WEEKEND is November 21/22nd so there's the opportunity to see him even after the parties and we will give him his gift/donations nearer that time.

FR SAM REPLACES FR DAN Fr Sam Amponsah is currently serving just down the road at the parish in Holloway, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus and will be joining us at St John's and the Blessed Sacrament from November 25th. Fr Sam is from a Diocese in Ghana and currently on loan to Westminster Diocese. He is at this time halfway through his doctorate in theology in Rome. Do make him feel welcome, perhaps invite him home sometime for a meal!

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS. Sheets are available for you to make your list of your dear departed whom you would like us to pray for at Mass throughout November. Please place this in an envelope to make your offering or use the card reader at the back of the church.

JESUS YOUTH now meets every week on Thursdays at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to join this vibrant community in prayer and worship, **Thurs from 6 – 7:30 pm**.

SUNDAY CLUB AGM This takes place on **Thursday 12th November at 7pm** at the back of the church. This is open to everyone and especially to those that are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile cause. For those that would like to know more about The Sunday Club, please click on this link https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/islington/sunday-club/

THANK YOU BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISHIONERS who generously responded to the Planned Giving Drive. We really appreciate your donation, be it financial or your time in the form of volunteerism. We will update you with results soon.

HAVE YOU SAID HELLO to Shawn Sequeira and Joel Baskar? They're seminarians who are with us on Sundays as part of their pastoral placement. Shawn and Joel are part of the Augustinian order. They started their formation in India and are in the UK to continue their formation. They will be alternating between the parishes each month. Do say hello to them and give them a warm welcome!

LAST WEEK'S CAKE SALE AT ST JOHN'S raised a massive £842! Thank you to those that supported our parishioner Mary Alves on her Rwanda mission. Mary's very grateful for your generosity and hoping to use the funds raised for school meals, school equipment and people in hospitals among others in Rwanda. She will be flying on 6th Nov.

CREATED NOT CODED: COEXISTING WITH AI This is a Young adult's (18-35) RESONATE event organised by Westminster Diocese. Fr Rajiv will be speaking on this at Vaughan House (near the Cathedral), 46 Francis Street, SW1P 1QN, on **Tuesday, 10th November, 7.45pm**. It's preceded by young people's mass in the Westminster Cathedral crypt at 7pm. https://youth.rcdow.org.uk/events/resonate-created-not-coded/

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND – NEXT WEEKEND. The second collection next week will be for the sick and retired priests of our Diocese. Most priests offer their resignation at 75, but many continue to serve in our schools, hospitals, hospices and parishes. Caring for our brother priests in their senior years, or at a time of illness, is a part of the mission of our diocese. By supporting the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund, you can help cover essential costs and give them peace of mind that in the event of an emergency, their needs will be met.
You will find a donation envelope at the back of the church today. Please take one home, and bring it back next weekend with your donation. You can make a one-off donation or you can set up a regular gift and become a Patron by completing section 4 on the envelope form. You can also donate online at rcdow.org.uk/SRP – or scan the QR code with a phone camera to give online. Please continue to pray for the wellbeing of all of our clergy: active, retired and ill. Thank you.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE Carmel Malone o/w Ward funeral Mass will be celebrated at St John's on Friday 13th November at 12 noon.

ADRIAN OUR ORGANIST IS 40 YEARS OLD He's a bit older than that but he's been the resident organist at St John's for 40 years. Big hearty congratulations to Adrian and many thanks to his brilliant organisation from the concert series to the Christmas and Easter music and lots more.

CATHOLIC HEROINES OF THE ENGLISH REFORMATION Learn about the unknown Catholic women who helped save the Faith in England. Tuesday 1st December, 7pm (after 6pm Mass & Benediction) in St Wilfrid's Hall at the Oratory, SW7 2RP. RSVP cenacletotheholyspirit@yahoo.com.The talk is free, but all donations go to support the Fathers of the London Oratory.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) invites all young adults aged 18–35 to come along to its next pro-life social on Friday 13th November from 7pm to 10pm in the Teahouse Theatre in Vauxhall (SE11 5HL). To register, please visit https://spuc.org.uk/event/london-youth-social-5/.

SERVE GOD AND EARN MONEY? We should all be serving God when we work or play but if you'd like to work for Him more directly, please take a look at the Diocesan jobs available https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/