

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

21<sup>st</sup> February 2016

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## Motivation

'Motivation' is what gets us out of bed in the morning, but motivation comes in all sorts of packages some good and some not so good. Perhaps we get out of bed because we are afraid of getting into trouble for arriving late into work. Perhaps we get out of bed because we need to get paid. For those of us who are more blessed, we get out of bed because life is full of rewards. For most of us, life is a series of highs and lows, but we all know that the 'highs' are few and far between. For most of us life is a series of chores and we can often feel burdened by drudgery and frustration.

In today's gospel reading, Peter James and John are feeling demoralised and fearful about talk of Jesus' imminent death. To motivate them in this difficult period of their discipleship, Jesus leads them up a high mountain where they see a vision of a transfigured Jesus in dazzling white accompanied by Moses and Elijah. If the moment were not so poignant, Peter's reaction might make us laugh. He suggests erecting three tents in which to hold on to the vision.

But is Peter's suggestion so ludicrous? Anything worth achieving in this life is difficult. As we strive towards our goals we are often tested by setbacks, doubts, fear boredom and fatigue. At times like this it's helpful to remind ourselves of our original goal. Taking time out to visualise our goals is a very powerful tool when we need to re-motivate ourselves. Keeping our minds focused on the ultimate rewards can keep us going when times get tough. Peter, James and John had a moment of revelation that day on the mountain top, and although they could not capture that moment by erecting tents, they had that glimpse of glory to remember and keep with them forever through the testing times ahead.

Christians do not have a quick fix remedy for making problems in life go away, but we share the same motivating vision of God's kingdom as we struggle with life's 'lows'. There's a cheesy old song that goes "You have to have a dream if you want to make a dream come true." The message isn't all that cheesy though. If we want to make something worthwhile happen, we have to fix a moment of truth firmly in our memory or set out to find one.

## PARISH NEWS

### ✠ THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT ✠

**During Lent we will be praying the Stations of the Cross each Sunday at 5.00pm.**

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY:** Collection will be taken up at the end of the Masses this weekend. If you are a UK tax payer please consider signing the Gift Aid declaration included in the CAFOD envelope. The UK Government has promised to match every penny given to CAFOD this Lent. Please give as much as you can! Thank you.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES:** The new boxes of Offertory envelopes for 2016/17 will be available for collection on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> March. If you currently have a box, but do not want one for the next year, please let the office know. Should you wish to use this method of donating to the parish, please e-mail the office at [islington@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:islington@rcdow.org.uk) with your full name and address. Thank you.

**PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION:** the next session of this year's programme for our young people wishing to be confirmed will take place after the half-term holiday on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 7.00pm – 8.30pm in the Crypt.

**HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATON:** The next class for the children is on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February after the 10.30am Mass. **Please collect your children at 12.30pm.**

## NOTICES

**LEGION OF MARY:** Our Lady Queen of All Saints, group meets here weekly. If you would like to find out more, please visit us by coming to 39 Duncan Terrace on Wednesday evenings at 7.00pm.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY:** Envelopes £511.50 Loose £955.54. **Thank you for your generosity.**

## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:

**REST IN PEACE:** Please pray for those who have died recently: Deirdre Connolly, Bunny Page: **and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time:** Liam Boland, Winifred Mary Callinan,

Patrick John Kennedy, Maria Renata Sabini, Celia Mary Casey, James Cahill, Patrick Mulvihill, Christine Tierney, Esther Mulberry, Katherine Mary Parker, Bridget Friel and Carol Ann Hartles.

**HEALING:** Please pray for parishioners and their relatives / friends who are ill, especially: Lisa Ip, Sr Beatrice Immediata, John Sampson, Loraine Muir, Frances Jennings, Bro. J Lavelle (Marist Brother), Tony Jones, Mufide R Family, Igor Bernhart, Christiana Visentin & Family, Monika Szulc, Gerado, Mary Dunn, Tom Cuniffe, Joe McGovern, Paddy Buckley, Roy Allen, Mary Wallace, Clodhna McCorley, May Sexton, Zoe Grace Brennan, Alistair Goodman, Colin Harris, Josie Harvey, Chris Kelleher, Sarah Reilly, William and Suzanne Greaves, Lalage Waldman.



THE WEEK AHEAD			
DATE	TIMES	INTENTIONS	GOSPEL
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	6pm	Intentions of Deborah Doyle	Luke 9:28-36
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	9am	Mary O'Sullivan RIP	
	10.30am	All our Parishioners	
	12noon	Winnie Pattison RIP	
	6pm	Patrick Keane RIP	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER	10am	Bridget Moran RIP	Matthew 16:13-19
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February Lent feria	10am	Patrick O'Malley RIP	Matthew 23: 1-12
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February Lent feria	<u>12.30pm</u>	Funeral of Christopher Patrick Leonard RIP	Matthew 20:17-28
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February Lent feria	10am	Tony Hughes RIP (Anniv)	Luke 16:19-31
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February Lent Feria <i>Friday abstinence</i>	10am	Colwyn St Davids RIP	Matthew 21:33-43. 45-46
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February Lent feria	10am	Christy Doyle RIP	Luke 15:1-3. 11-32
	10.30-11.30am	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Benediction</i>	
	10.30-11.30am / 5.15-5.45pm	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	Luke 13:1-9
	6pm	Tom Tynan RIP (Anniv)	
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	9am	Martin Cahill RIP	
	10.30am	Intentions of Maureen Tobin	
	12 noon	All our Parishioners	
	6pm	Mrs May Murphy RIP	