



# ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

## 1 November 2020 ALL SAINTS' Yr A 20/44

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**Collect: Almighty Father, you have built up your Church through the love and devotion of your saints: inspire us to follow their example, that we in our generation may rejoice with them in the vision of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**MASSES EACH SUNDAY**  
 8am: Said Mass  
 10am: PARISH MASS with Music



**FEATURING ST FRANCIS** Instead of focusing on all the saints as we usually do on the Feast of All Saints, November 1st, I thought we might take a look at just one of the Church's favourite saints and see what his story has to show us. St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) is well known for his love of the natural world - including animals who seemed drawn to him. He is also remembered for having set up the first Christmas crib in 1223. What may be less well known are his travels in newly emerging Muslim countries, his care for lepers and the protracted efforts to write a Rule for all those who were drawn to follow his way of life. We will be using Francis' famous 'Canticle of the Sun' during Mass today but we will also be thinking about the organisational difficulties that he wrestled with at various stages of his life as we ask the question; what makes a saint?

**LOCK-DOWN / TIER 4** Writing this yesterday we still have no clear idea of what new regulations will be in force by the middle of this coming week. Boris was due to be consulting widely before tomorrow's formal announcement. Having said how disastrous a full national lock-down would be, we all recognise that the number of infections has risen exponentially and it seems that every European nation has taken the decision to impose a month long 'fire-break' in the hope that this will enable us to enjoy a much less restricted Christmas. As before we will do everything we can to keep the building open even if services are reduced or even suspended. We will be using the Arena e-newsletter to keep everyone in touch with what is happening. What I will be avoiding if at all possible is a sign on the Church door saying 'closed'.

**2020 AGM** Six months later than usual, we held our annual AGM last Sunday morning, re-electing Isabel Nisbet and Hilary Roden as our Churchwardens and also those who had come to the end of their terms of office on the PCC. Thanks to all of them. In addition to the hugely encouraging PowerPoint 'Review of the Year' which showed just how many exciting things are happening at St James' we also heard from the two Parties Opponent that they are not, after all, going to insist on a Consistory Court to resolve the matter. This was such good news and we all left the meeting feeling upbeat. We are not out of the woods but at least we can assume that we will know the final outcome by mid December at the latest.

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**MUSICAL VESPERS** is a new venture and will be held for the first time tonight. This meditative service will include two short readings, a biblical reflection and an extended time for prayer. It will also include live piano music performed by Gisela Meyer who plays here regularly. The theme today is All Souls and the service starts at 6pm. Do give it a try.

**JOE AMMOUN** spent the whole of Thursday at St James'. As a student for the priesthood he was exploring how services are put together. We looked at the range of materials available and at some of the do and don'ts when preparing worship for parish use. He also spent time with Isabel getting insights 'from the pews'!

**NAZANIN ZAGHARI-RADCLIFFE** It is beyond terrifying to think that an ordinary Mum, trained in journalism and working for Reuters, would get caught up in an international dispute between Iran and the UK. Coming to the end of a five year sentence which included a few months at her parents house because of Covid, she is now due to return to Evin jail in Tehran to face a second trial on new charges as yet unspecified. Potentially she could face another five years in detention. And all because the two governments cannot agree about a huge £40 million arms deal, made before the present regime came to power. Meanwhile her husband Richard and their daughter Gabriella wait in Hampstead. Please pray for them all at this very difficult time.

THIS WEEK	
Sun	ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Mass at 8am. All Age Mass at 10am.
Mon	12.30pm PACK-Up Sandwich service only. Fr John talking a day off!
Tues	8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass.
Wed	10am Mass.
Thurs	10.30-1pm Music rehearsal. 6pm Evening Prayer and Office session.
Fri	2-6pm Music rehearsal.
Sun	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Masses at 8am and 10am.

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes	
Sun 1	ALL SAINTS' Nick, Felicity, Eleanor Fryer; Mostyn, Nieve, Ilaria Goodwin
Mon 2	DEL Wk 31 Karensa and Amariah Greenaway; Lucy Haire and Sam
Tues 3	Richard Hooker Mark and Norah Hodge; Rebecca, Rob and Evelyn Holthorn
Wed 4	Feria Alastair, Diane Hume; Kris Hyde; Matt, Nicole and Eve Jean-Baptiste
Thurs 5	Feria Barry, Hayley, Theo and Freddie Jenkins; Grace, Elrose Joseph
Fri 6	William Temple Miranda Jules; Eva, Roy, Jerome and Zuri Kasella
Sat 7	Feria Charlotte, Josh and Olivia Kennedy; Philip Kingston (Cyprus)
Sun 8	REMEMBRANCE Kingsley Lewis and Pauline; Beryl Lloyd; McBriens

### PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Happy Birthday on Tuesday to Oscar Ahmet-Rudkin who will be 9; on Wednesday to Leon Sharples who will be 4 and on Friday to Jerome Kasella who will be 13
- WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** Warmest good wishes to Chris and Kerry Sabine whose 'sugar candy' (or iron?!) anniversary is today!
- SICK** Christopher Browne, Emily Grainger, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, John Roden, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Vera Taggart, Melanie Toogood, Ava and Lucy Wilson.
- ANNIVERSARIES** Today: William Marshall; 2nd: Charlie Kerr (2012); Irene Clark (1998); 4th: Patricia Butcher (2006).
- INTERNATIONAL CHURCH LINKS** In the US: Suzanne Smith, Grace Church, Alvin. Suzanne's husband Travis is Rector of Holy Comforter, Angleton, 14 miles away. In Japan: Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa, serving in a parish in Ehime near Hiroshima.



**PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE** As noted above, **Nazanin Zaghari-Radcliffe** is being recalled to Evin Prison tomorrow in preparation for a second trial on absurd spying charges. It is impossible to imagine what she is going through. The news about **Kylie Moore-Gilbert** (left) is equally difficult. She is in the notorious Qarqach prison. Unable to be in regular contact with her family she admits to being 'in a very bad place', sleeping on the floor in fear of maltreatment. She has been held since September 2018.

Each Monday at 12.30pm.





# PARISH MASS for the Feast of All Saints'

as streamed from  
St James' Church,  
Prebend Street  
London N1

## PARISH MASS FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 2020

Entry Hymn (for meditation): **AM725 Make me a channel**

[t. St Francis]

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.  
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.  
O, Master, grant that I may never seek  
so much to be consoled and to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love with all my soul.*

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, only light,  
and where there's sadness, ever joy. O Master...*

*Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all that we receive,  
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.* (Words: Sebastian Temple)

### The Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said*

### Words of Preparation

There is one God and Father of us all,  
**who is over all and in all and through all.**  
Through his Spirit God has sent us many holy men and women:  
**some served as apostles, some as prophets,**  
others were evangelists, pastors and teachers  
**so that all God's saints could share in ministry**  
to build up his body the Church,  
**faithful and holy, servants of our living Lord.**  
For there is one body, one Spirit,  
**one Lord, one faith, one Baptism,**  
one hope  
**into which each of us has been called.** (from Ephesians 4)

## Confession

*All Saints'* As we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and in sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil, in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy upon us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collect

**Almighty Father, you have built up your Church through the love and devotion of your saints: inspire us to follow their example, that we in our generation may rejoice with them in the vision of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

- St Francis: the early years

*1st Reading:* (Revelation 7: 9-end CEV) After this I looked, and there I saw a great crowd of people, so big that no one could count them. They came from every country and nation and they spoke every language that was ever spoken.

Then one of the leaders who was standing there asked me, 'Do you know who all these people are, dressed in white, praising God both day and night?' And where do they come from?'

I said, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are the ones whose lives were full of difficulty and trouble. They have come out of the great ordeal because they believed in God and remained blameless despite all the difficulties.

This is their reward. God has invited them to stand with him. They worship him day and night inside his temple and they are free of every pain and trouble. No longer are they hungry or thirsty: no longer will they suffer from extremes of heat or cold. For the one who sits on the throne will be their everlasting shepherd and he will guide them to green pastures and to the well of life. God will wipe away every tear from their eyes and they will be at peace.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

- St Francis: 'Build my Church'

*A short time of silence follows as we reflect on all we have heard.*

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

## Gospel Acclamation

*We say together:*

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia.**

## Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glorify to you, O Lord.**

(St Matthew 5: 1-12) When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peace-makers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

- St Francis: his lasting gift to the Church

*Stand*

## The Song of St Francis

Most high, all powerful, good Lord,  
to you be praise, glory, honour and blessing.  
**Only to you, Most High God, do we belong  
yet no one is worthy to call upon your name.**  
You are praised by all your universe,  
especially by brother sun  
whom you created to guide us through each day.  
**He is beautiful and radiant, full of splendour  
and so he symbolises you, O most High God.**

Be praised also, my Lord, for sister moon and the stars:  
clear and precious and lovely, they are formed in heaven.  
**Be praised, my Lord, for brother wind;  
for air and clouds, clear skies and all weathers  
by which you sustain the lives of all that you have made.**

Be praised for sister water,  
who is humble, precious and pure - and very useful.  
**Be praised, my Lord, for brother fire  
who takes away the darkness:  
he too is beautiful and cheerful, full of power and strength.**

Be praised, my Lord, for our sister, mother earth,  
whose rhythms and seasons sustain and govern us  
and who produces countless fruits and flowers and grasses.  
**Be praised, my Lord, by all who forgive for love of you  
and those who bear weakness and tribulation.**

Blessed are those who bear them without complaint;  
from you will they receive crowns which will never fade.

**Be praised my Lord, for our sister, mortal death,  
from whom no one living is able to flee;  
who visits both the just and those in mortal sin.**

Blessed are those who are found doing your most holy will  
for they need not fear the call from this life to the next.

**Let us praise. and bless the Lord and give him thanks  
and serve him with love and with great humility.**

*Sit* **The Intercessions**

*At the end:*  
Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Stand* **The Peace**

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.  
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Offertory Hymn (for meditation):* **AM532 All creatures** [t Lasst uns Erfreuen]

**All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:  
O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way.  
O praise him. Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show: Alleluia...**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, three in One: Alleluia...** (Words: WH Draper)

*Remain standing*

**At the Offertory**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
Fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, my friends, that our thanksgiving may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.  
**May the Lord accept this sacrifice from our hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the  
lives of his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to  
run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We  
ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Remain standing*

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, all powerful and ever-living God,  
we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

Today our eyes seek out the holy city, the heavenly Jerusalem.  
Around your throne of grace the saints, our brothers and sisters,  
sing your praise for ever.

Their faithfulness fills us with joy, and our spiritual communion with them  
gives us inspiration and strength as we hasten on our pilgrimage of faith,  
eager to meet them in your heavenly home.

And so with the angels and archangels and with all your saints,  
we praise your glory as we cry out with one voice:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Sit* Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.  
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love  
and washed the guilty clean.  
The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.

On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks,  
broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup,  
gave it to his disciples and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again and is alive with you  
to plead for us and all the world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power,  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Fraction**

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ;  
**Though we are many we are one body,  
because we all share the one bread.**

**Agnus Dei**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

**Invitation**

Come and kneel at the altar of God, not because you are strong, but be-  
cause you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives  
you the right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, be-  
cause you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come,  
because he loves you and gave himself for you.  
Lift up your hearts and minds above the cares and fears and let this bread  
and wine be to you the token of the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, all meant for you if you  
will accept them in humble faith;

for this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

Stand

Blessing

May God, who planted his love in the hearts of all his saints,  
pour upon us the riches of his grace  
so that we too may filled with faith and hope and love;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be amongst us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Sit

**After Communion**Communion Hymn (for meditation): **AM652 Guide me**

[t Cwm Rhondda]

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of Heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.**

**Open thou the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream shall flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.**

(Words: William Williams trans. Peter Williams)

Communion Antiphon:

Happy are the pure in heart for they shall see God. Happy are the peacemakers; they shall be called the children of God. Happy are they who suffer persecution for the sake of justice; the kingdom of God is theirs.

Post Communion:

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in the your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Final Hymn (for meditation): **TP23 Though I speak the tongues of angels**

**Though I speak the tongues of angels,  
though I speak the tongues of men,  
if I give away my fortune  
or by faith could move the hills;  
but if it is not yet possible  
to do it all with love,  
none of this is any good at all.  
Faith, hope and love, God's gifts to all his people.  
Faith, hope and love, but best of all is love.**

**Love is patient, love is kind,  
love will pardon and excuse.  
Love is never rude or selfish  
but delights in what is right.  
There are things that we have come to trust  
that must come to an end.  
Only love will finally endure. Faith, hope...**

**As a youth I had no wisdom  
I would talk of childish things.  
I still look into a mirror  
and find only half the truth.  
Though I faintly sense the future  
and what I should really see,  
one day I shall come to understand. Faith, hope...**

(Words: 1 Corinthians 13/JB)



May God bless every £1 we give so that St James' will be here, not just for today and for tomorrow, but for the future he wants to create.