

ST JAMES' CHURCH, ISLINGTON N1 8PF

20 January 2019 EPIPHANY 3 Year C 19/3

Welcomers: Martin and Kerry Allen
 Readers: Nick Sharples and Lucy Haire
 Interceder: Jane Kilgannon
 Euch Mins: Norah Hodge and Maria Flavius
 Coffee: Norah and Mark (27th: Eva Kasella)

Readings for Epiphany 4 27 January 2019 at 10am
 Neh. 8: 1-10 Ken Thompson 1 Cor. 12: 12-31a Grace Joseph

Collect: God of wonders, at Cana in Galilee you revealed your glory by turning water into wine. May we too be drawn into his new life and come to share the wine of your glorious Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



CANA One of the many things that struck me last week in Texas was just how creative some people can be. This picture is just a slice of one of a series of four wall hangings in Holy Comforter Church, Angleton, describing the life of Christ. They were painted by two members of a congregation who had no idea just how talented Michael and Franci Kelley were. And that thought also underlies the story of Jesus' first miracle when he turned water into wine. It is the same theme as the feeding of the 5000 too. It is all about the way God enables a little to become a lot...

WHY IS THE CHRISTMAS TREE STILL UP? While the world thinks that Christmas ends on Boxing Day, the Church holds on to the more ancient tradition of celebrating the Christmas and Epiphany season right up to Candlemass on February 3rd. So while the tree will come down shortly before all the needles drop, the Crib figures will remain until the day when Jesus is presented in the Temple and is so warmly welcomed by Simeon and Anna: *for my eyes have seen your salvation.*

SINEAD is performing in 'Kiss me Kate' at the London Oratory School, Fulham, on Saturday 23rd February at 2pm. Would anyone else like to come and support her?

Notes on today's set readings:

TODAY'S HYMNS at 10am

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Our joy in God renews us for everything else
 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a An anatomical lesson on relationships: ears, eyes and more
 St John 4: 14-21 Whatever he says to you - do it!

Entry	AM503	Send, O God
Gradual	AM494	I, the Lord of sea
Offertory	AM102	Jesus, come
P-Comm	AM460	O thou who at the E.
Final	AM753	O praise ye the Lord

WELCOME to everyone in Church today, especially those visiting for the first time.

- Please ask the nearest person to you in the pews if there is anything you need. There is a carpeted area in the south aisle for our smallest children. A full service booklet is available and the T-loop system works well.
- A collection of money is taken during Mass (see back page for giving by text).
- At the time of communion, please feel free to come forward to the front of Church - either to receive communion or a blessing. Jesus invites everyone, you too!
- Finally, do stay for a drink after Mass if you can and say hello before you leave. If you would like to keep in touch, please fill in a white Contact Card and we'll respond asap.

St James' Islington: discovering how to live like Jesus in the 21st century

HOUSTON Thank you for allowing me time away last week to attend Suzanne Smith's ordination in Texas. Despite the distance it was a quite extraordinary trip and gave me a lot to think about. I also have to add that the hospitality from Suzanne and her family was humbling and we look forward to forging a new prayer partnership this year which I hope will also include Fr Sebastian, husband of Yuki Ihara who visited us as an organist a few years ago. Sebastian is serving in a difficult parish two hours from Hiroshima. *We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord...*

ORGAN Isabel and I have spent nearly six hours this week taking advice from a Diocesan adviser and a potential organ builder and as a result we are in a much better position to weigh the various options on offer. This will be the major topic at tomorrow's PCC meeting and will feed into the congregational meeting planned for after the 10am Mass on Sunday 3rd February. In the meantime I am trying to talk to as many people in the congregation as possible. This is a very big project and we really do need everyone on board. Comments to me or Isabel please!

COUNT ME IN Every six years the Church has to set up a new Electoral Roll of all its regular members. These new forms have to be signed by each of you by **March 17th** and it is these figures we send in to the central Church HQ so I guess we had better get them right! Forms available today to anyone who has regularly attended St James' over the last six months. Please help the core admin team by not leaving your application to the very last minute...

Calendar and Daily Prayer themes

Sun 20	EPIPHANY 3	Weini and Ethan Faloppa; Lisa and Sonny
Mon 21	DEL Week 2	Wendy Fisher-Gordon; Maria Flavius
Tues 22	Feria	Ros, Chris, Beatrix and Sebastian Ford
Wed 23	Feria	James, Eliza, George and Bobby Freeman
Thurs 24	St Francis de Sales	Nick and Felicity Fryer
Fri 25	Conversion of St Paul	Mark and Shireen Gilbert
Sat 26	SS Timothy and Titus	Luke Gillman, Kika and Parker
Sun 27	EPIPHANY 4	Karensa and Amariah Greenaway; Lucy, Sam

WHAT'S ON AT ST JAMES' THIS WEEK

Sun	EPIPHANY 3 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 11.15am Servers.
Mon	12.15pm Pack Up. 7.30pm PCC Meeting.
Tues	8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 12-2pm Clergy Chapter Meeting
Wed	10am Mass. 6.30pm Ward Partnership Meeting.
Thurs	6pm Evening Prayer and Office session.
Sun 27	EPIPHANY 4 8am Mass. 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES Requests for prayer welcome

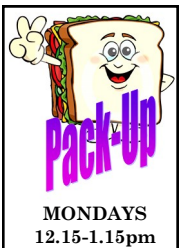
BIRTHDAY Many Happy Returns tomorrow to Sarah Jarman on the occasion of her 40th birthday; to Jodie Speirs whose day is on Wednesday and to Rose Baker who celebrates her 90th birthday on Thursday 24th. Warmest congratulations!

SICK Robert Addington, Carol Brierley, Annie Bryan, Olive Cairns, Jane Carey, Marian Davis, Wayne Deboo, Wendy Fisher-Gordon, Geraldine, Lisa Grigg, Kelly Harding, Jamie, John Hoskin, Hayley Jenkins, Klenan, Leigh, Lorraine, Oscar, Rene, John Scott, Vera Taggart and Caroline Yeats.

MEMORIALS Today: David Lee, priest (1990).



PRISONER OF CONSCIENCE I am sure we are all relieved to hear that Nazanin Zhagari-Radcliffe has been able to call off her hunger strike. After three days, and a lot of support internationally, the prison authorities have relented and she is beginning to be referred to the neurological and psychiatric services normally available to prisoners. What she and her husband feared was that she would be put into solitary confinement as happened after her arrest three years ago. Please continue to pray for her, for her husband Richard and for their daughter Gabriella. Pray too for Jeremy Hunt the Foreign Secretary and for all those trying to find a face-saving solution to what seems to be an intractable problem for the Iranian government.



MONDAYS
12.15-1.15pm

No cash for the collection?

Text **STJ101** and the amount of your donation (£10/£5/£3/£2) to **70070** Thank-you!

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