



@StJames'

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Ash Wednesday

Last year, and for the first time, Fr John stood outside the Angel Tube station and offered ash to any who came forward. He was amazed just how many commuters took part. But how could the event be made more visible? This year he has had a large pop up banner printed which not only announces what day it is but also helps people to understand the symbolism and significance of Ash Wednesday itself. As usual our major celebration will be on Ashing Sunday.



Charterhouse

Each year we join with members of St John's RC Church in Duncan Terrace to visit a place of worship together. Last year we went to Westminster Abbey. This year we visited Charterhouse close to Smithfield Market, which has seen many changes since it was founded as a Carthusian monastery before the Reformation. Since then it has been a Gentleman's London residence and a school. Today it houses a number of retired men and women who keep the memory of the Reformation martyrs alive to this day in their daily prayers.



Congratulations!



.....to Alex Suksiri who won a major accolade at the Islington Education awards ceremony on Monday 10th February. The prize as top Classroom Support of the Year was presented by Jeremy Corbyn at a special Gala event at LSO St Luke's and recognises the extraordinary work Alex does among severely disabled children in his school.

Giving by Phone

Thank you to all those who have used the new QR code (right) to make a donation to St James'. You can find the code on the service sheets and also at the back of the church. It's easy to make a donation with a smart phone using the code.



Diary Dates

February

Sunday 16th - 2 BEFORE LENT

Masses at 8am and 10am

Saturday 22nd 1.30pm Wedding of Han (Brian) Kim and Florentina Cunningham.

Sunday 23rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (MARDI GRAS) Masses at 8am and 10am.

3-5pm Mardi Gras Children's Party, Church Hall

Wednesday 26th ASH WEDNESDAY

7am Fr John offering ashing outside Angel Tube Station.

10am Mass

6pm Prayer Service and rehearsal for First Communion Candidates

March

Sunday 1st LENT 1/Ashing Sunday

Mass at 8am. **10am** Parish Mass, baptism and admission to First Holy Communion

6pm Chamber Music Recital: Schumann Piano Quintet

Monday 2nd 10am Assembly New North Road Academy, 'Fairness'.

Tuesday 3rd 10am Mass (not 9am)

Wednesday 4th 10am No Mass (Church being used for major recording event).

Sunday 8th LENT 2 Masses at 8am and 10am.

Sunday 15th LENT 3 Masses at 8am and 10am.

Wednesday 18th 7.30pm PCC meeting, Vicarage.

Sunday 22nd LENT 4/MOTHERING SUNDAY Masses at 8am and 10am.

Saturday 28th 7.30pm Cantallini concert.

First Holy Communions

We are so pleased to be welcoming a group of nine as new communicants on March 1st, four adults and five young people. The young people have been meeting in Church on Monday evenings after school and the adults on Thursday evenings at the Vicarage. This is less than six months since the last group so this is a real growth area in the life of the parish, a taster for the much longer course that leads to Confirmation.



Orchestra of St James'

Did you know we have our own orchestra? The Orchestra of St James' was formerly the North London Charity. Their conductor is Bob Pepper OBE and the majority of the players are peripatetic teachers, many of whom got to know each other at Durham University. Their Spring concert is at 5pm on Sunday 23rd February and features Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony, Dvorak's Czech Suite and the ever popular Rossini Overture, the Silken Ladder. Tickets are available at the door and all the proceeds go to North London Cares, one of St James' chosen charities.



Mardi Gras Children's Party



We have seen an encouraging growth in numbers in Church recently, especially among our children. Since the beginning of the year the average number has been 19 (not 14 as recorded in the Arena newsletter). To enable both parents and children to get to know each other better, the annual Mardi Gras children's party will be held in the Church Hall on Sunday 23rd February at 3pm. An entertainer has been booked and families are asked to bring food to share at the tea party at the end.

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