

Sunday 29th October 2023

LAST after TRINITY

Year A

23/43

ST JAMES Islington N1 8PH

Collect: Loving God, we rejoice that even when we fail to make time for you and struggle on alone, you count us as your children. Break down our resistance to your will, that we may love you with our whole heart and love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcomer	Shirley Chinery
Readers	Rebecca Lee and Isabel Nisbet
Interceder	Lucy Haire
E Min	Jade Nicholson
Coffee	Isabel Nisbet
Music:	
Entry	AM691 Jesus shall reign
Gradual	AM580 Judge eternal
Offertory	AM692 Jesus, good above
P-Comm	TP70 Jesu, Jesu
Final	AM712 Lord Jesus Christ
Mass	Burley Mass., Simon Lole



BEHIND THE SCENES There is lots of work going on behind the scenes to enable the transition to go as smoothly as possible. Fr Jim is working on the services booklets; Thomas G is revamping the website and Vicky Bellamy is helping our very new Buildings Manager, Sharon McPherson, to find her feet.

FAREWELL SUPPER, TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER Isabel Nisbet writes: *“As many of you know, an informal supper to say thank you and goodbye to Fr John, Maria and Sinead will be held in the Church Hall on Tuesday 21 November, starting at 6.30pm. All are welcome, but if you would like to come, but haven't yet told us, please let Vicky Bellamy know at admin@stjamesislington.org so that we have numbers for catering. And if you would like to contribute to the leaving present but haven't yet done so, Vicky can tell you how to do that. Do come if you can. Also on the back table are some cards for you to write messages and record memories. Please leave these in the basket for Norah Hodge to put into a folder to be presented at the leaving party.”*

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, November 5th. Next Sunday we are inviting all the young people at St James' to take part in our Youth Mass for All Saints' Day. We will be thinking about our favourite people (saints!) and thinking about how they remind us of God. We hope all our young families will join us for this very interactive occasion.



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 *and there is a card-reader on the back wall for digital donations.* We are very grateful for your kind support.
- 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



O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering. We pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of that land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

THIS WEEK (and next)

Sun	LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 8am Mass 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL.
Mon	9.30-11.30am Rehearsal, Adrian Gunning. 6.30pm Rehearsal, Ellie.
Tues	8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 7-9pm Corsican Brass.
Wed	10am Mass. 12noon, Rehearsal, Ellie. 1.30-5.30pm Rhiannon rehearsal. 7-9pm Sing.
Thurs	5.15pm Servers Discussion. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Office session. 7-9pm Cantallini.
Sun 5	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 8am Mass 10am All Age PARISH MASS.
Tues	8.30am Morning Prayer. 9am Mass. 7-9pm Corsican Brass.
Wed	10am Mass. 12-1pm Ellie rehearsal. 7-9pm Sing.
Thurs	5.15pm Servers Discussion. 6pm Evening Prayer. 6.15pm Office session. 7-9pm Cantallini.
Sat	7.30pm Organ Recital given by Adrian Gunning to mark six months after the completion of the Organ Project.
Sun 12	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8am Mass 10am PARISH MASS and SUNDAY SCHOOL. 3-6pm Rehearsal, Louise Drewett

ST JAMES' ISLINGTON
OCCASIONAL
ORGAN SERIES

ADRIAN GUNNING
(Organist, St John the Evangelist RC Church, Dorset Town)

Buxtehude, Elgar, Howells, Tournemire, Mozart and Bedard

Saturday November 11th 2023 at 7.30pm
ADMISSION FREE

Calendar and Daily prayer themes

Sun 29	TLAST AFTER TRINITY	Alex, Claire, Kaitlin and Oliver Church
Mon 30	DEL Week 30	Sophie Duffy, James, Reggie and Olive Murphy
Tues 31	Martin Luther	Adam Dickson; Amanda Doyle; Weini, Ethan Faloppa
Wed 1	Feria	Veronica Ferrando, Andrea, Anita, Diana and Orlando Losito
Thurs 2	All Souls	Wendy Fisher-Gordon; Maria Flavius; Thomas G
Fri 3	Richard Hooker	Luke Gillman, Kika MacDonald and Pskr
Sat 4	Feria	Mostyn, Nieve, Ilaria and Arlo Goodwin; Mark and Norah Hodge
Sun 5	ALL SAINTS	Karensa and Amariah Greenaway; Lucy Haire, Sam Lewis

CARD READER No cash? Don't forget you can now give by card!

PRAYER BOARD/NOTICES - Requests for prayer welcome

- BIRTHDAYS** Happy Returns this week to Ilaria Goodwin, Sienna Payne and Oscar Rudkin.
- SICK** Denise Clarke, Peter Freeth, Paul Hope, Kris Hyde, Hayley Jenkins, John, Kingsley Lewis, Delia Rockett, Hazel Saunders, John Scott, Charlie Sharpe, Julia Taylor, Revd Marjorie Ward and Mary Whalley.
- INDOOR MEMBERS** Annie Bryan, Vivien Carlton, Kingsley Lewis (Bridgeside Lodge) and Wendy Fisher Gordon.
- DEPARTED** We mourn the deaths of Heather Rogers and Arthur Ward, both of Arlington Square, who have died within a week of each other.
- ANNIVERSARIES** 29th: Ivy Shillingford; Viola Barton, Eleanor Cobb, Stanley Hamilton; 1st: William Marshall; 2nd: Charlie Kerr; 3rd: Irene Clark; 4th: Patricia Butcher.
- INTERNATIONAL LINKS In the US:** Fr Travis Smith, Angleton; Mth Suzanne Smith, Alvin, Texas. *In Japan:* Fr Sebastian and Yuki Naniwa.
- IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK** We pray for all caught up in the violence in Gaza.



Open from 12 noon each Monday.



Parish Priest: Fr John Burniston 1a Arlington Square, N1 7DS 020 7226 4108 | 07989 281123
email: vicar@stjamesislington.org | www.stjamesislington.org | Administrator: admin@stjamesislington.org
Churchwardens: Hilary Roden and Isabel Nisbet | Hall Bookings: hallatstjames@gmail.com | 07392 694961



PARISH MASS
for the
Last Sunday after Trinity
29th October 2023

as streamed from
St James' Church
Islington N1



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.

PARISH MASS FOR THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 2023

Entry Hymn: **AM691 Jesus shall reign** [t Truro]

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.*

*People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their earthly blessings on his name.*

*To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like incense shall arise
with every morning sacrifice*

*Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen.*

(Words: Isaac Watts)

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 always with you.

And also with you.

The theme of the Mass may be introduced

Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts be open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
In thought and word and deed,
Through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all those who truly repent,
have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all evil
and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Stand

Gloria

Dom Gregory Murray

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins for the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

**Loving God, we rejoice that even when we fail to make time
for you and struggle on alone, you count us as your children.
Break down our resistance to your will, that we may love you
with our whole heart and love our neighbour as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

1st Reading: (Leviticus 1: 1-2, 15-18) The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: **AM580 Judge eternal**

[t Rhuddlan]

***Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with your living fire of judgment
purge each land of bitter things:
strengthen those who seek your justice
with the healing of your wings.***

***Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release:
here and on the field of battle
all cry out for wars to cease;
where there lies the hope of mercy
bless all those who seek your peace.***

***Crown, O Lord, your own endeavours;
root out darkness with your grace;
cheer the faint and feed the exile,
share your love with every race;
make us long for true compassion
seeing good in every face.***

(Words: Henry Scott Holland, adapted JB)

2nd Reading: (1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8) You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Let us stand and welcome the Gospel.

Stand

The Creed

Gospel Acclamation

We sing together:



If anyone loves me they will keep my word, and my Father will love them and we shall come to them.

We sing once more: **Alleluia, your words....**

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

(St Matthew 22: 34-46) When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, ' "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet' '”? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Sermon

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father.

God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; though him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercessions

At the end:

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

The Peace

The Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of truthfulness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. .

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

Offertory Hymn: **AM692 Jesus, good above all other** [t Quem Pastores]

*Jesus, good above all other,
gentle child of gentle mother,
in a stable born our brother,
give us grace to persevere.*

*Jesus cradled in a manger,
for us facing every danger,
living as a homeless stranger,
make we thee our king most dear.*

*Jesus, for thy people dying,
risen Master, death defying,
Lord, in heaven thy grace supplying,
keep us to thy presence near.*

*Jesus, who our sorrows bearest,
all our thoughts and hopes thou sharest,
thou to man the truth declarest;
help us all thy truth to hear.*

*Lord, in all our doings guide us;
pride and hate shall ne'er divide us;
we'll go on with thee beside us,
and with joy we'll persevere.*

(Words: Percy Dearmer)

Remain sitting

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.**

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May
we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow you where you
lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Lord, you bring justice and mercy to all the nations.
Through the words of prophets and teachers
you call all people of goodwill to set aside
inequality, corruption and exploitation.

You show us that in loving you and in embracing our neighbour,
hatred can lead to forgiveness and hostility can give way to reconciliation.

And so with the angels and saints we glorify your holy name, for ever praising
you and singing:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san-na in the high - est!

Sit or kneel

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
 grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
 and according to your holy will,
 these gifts of bread and wine
 may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
 who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
 took bread and gave you thanks;
 he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper
 he took the cup and gave you thanks;
 he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;
 this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you and for all
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.
**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
 we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
 until you come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
 his perfect sacrifice
 made once for the sins of the whole world;
 rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming in glory,
 we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

We bring before you this bread and this cup
 and thank you for counting us worthy
 to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
 and gather into one in your kingdom
 all who share this one bread and one cup,
 so that we, in the company of Mary the Mother God,
 St James, St Peter and all the saints,
 may praise and glorify you for ever,
 through him from whom all good things come,
 Jesus Christ our Lord.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

S
A
T
B

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy king - dom come,
 Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,
 and for - give us our tres - pass - es, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us.
 And lead us not in - to temp - tation, but de - liv er us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom the power and the glory for ev er and ev - er, A - men.

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.**

Bless-ing and hon-our and glo-ry and power
 be yours for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

Agnus Dei



Invitation

Draw near with faith: receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for you, and his blood which was shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving; 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.

Sit

After Communion

Communion Hymn: **TP70 Jesu, Jesu,**

[t Cheriponi, Ghanaian Folk Song]

**Jesu, Jesu,
 fill us with your love,
 show us how to serve
 the neighbours we have from you.**

**Kneels at the feet of his friends
 silently washes their feet,
 Master who acts as a slave to them. Jesu, Jesu...**

**Neighbours are rich and are poor,
 neighbours are black and are white,
 neighbours are near and are far away. Jesu, Jesu...**

**Kneel at the feet of our friends,
 silently washing their feet,
 this is the way we should live with you. Jesu, Jesu...** (Words: Tom Colven)

Communion Antiphon:

We will rejoice at the victory of God and make our boast in his great name.

Post Communion:

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Community Notices

Blessing

Dismissal

Stand

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

Final Hymn: **AM712 Lord Jesus Christ** [t Living Lord]

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
 you are one with us, Mary's Son;
 cleansing our souls from all their sin,
 pouring your love and goodness in;
 Jesus, our love for you we sing, living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day,
 teach us how to pray, Son of God.
 You have commanded us to do
 this in remembrance, Lord, of you:
 into our lives your power breaks through, living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,
 born as one of us, Mary's Son.
 Led out to die on Calvary,
 risen from death to set us free,
 living Lord Jesus, help us see, you are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, I would come to you,
 live my life for you, Son of God.
 All your commands I know are true,
 your many gifts will make me new,
 into my life your power breaks through, living Lord.** (Words: Patrick Appleford)