

# WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN

## THIS WEEK

### Today (THE 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF TRINITY)

9.15am Morning Prayer  
10am Parish Mass  
12-6pm Exhibition in church: Pure Class

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August (St Dominic)

9am Morning Prayer  
12-6pm Exhibition in church: Pure Class

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> (St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

9am Morning Prayer  
1pm Said Mass  
12-6pm Exhibition in church: Pure Class

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> (St Laurence)

9am Morning Prayer  
7pm Said Mass  
12-6pm Exhibition in church: Pure Class

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> (St Clare of Assisi)

9am Morning Prayer  
12-6pm Exhibition in church: Pure Class

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> (St Anicetus)

12-6pm Exhibition in church: Pure Class

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> (St Cassian of Imola)

9.15am Morning Prayer  
9.30-10.30am Office Hour in church, for booking of Baptisms, etc  
12-6pm Exhibition in church: Pure Class

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> (THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

9.15am Morning Prayer  
10am Parish Mass  
12-6pm Exhibition in church: Pure Class

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## THE 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF TRINITY 7 AUGUST 2022

Today's Hymns - New English Hymnal: 466, 77, 494, 468

### *Introductory Sentence*

All who take refuge in you will be glad; they will sing out their joy for ever; you will shelter them, so that those who love your name may exult in you.

### *The Collect*

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### *First Reading: Genesis. 15. 1-6*

A reading from the Book of Genesis

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

### *Second Reading: Hebrews 11. 1-3, 8-16*

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to

receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*The Gospel: Luke 12. 32-40*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. **Alleluia!**

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

*Post Communion Sentence*

What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands concerning the word of life, we declare to you, so that your joy may be complete.

*Post Communion Prayer*

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever. **Amen**

## PURE CLASS

Royal College of Art Working Class Collective Summer Exhibition 2022

Open 6 – 14 August, 12 – 6pm

The Royal College of Art’s Working-Class Collective will show new work, in their second annual summer show, a collaborative exhibition at St. John on Bethnal Green.

Pure Class challenges the hierarchy of taste and contradicts the pre-packaged, one-dimensional image of what it is to be working class. The show proposes social class as a lens through which to critique access to representation and inclusion by highlighting a spectrum of working-class artists, who span a range of intersecting identities. The work exhibited is as diverse as it is ambitious, and serves as a celebration of the multifaceted, pluralistic identity of working class people.

The various approaches of artists range from the immediate to the meditative; the ephemeral to the concrete, across multiple disciplines, including sculpture, painting, installation, performance and moving image. The work engages with issues as diverse as fatness, complex familial relationships, death and care. Through relationships with one another as well as relationships with the digital and the natural world, the artists explore what solidarity looks like in all its possible forms.

East London has a long standing working class history, home to residents who have been consistently undervalued and forgotten yet have tirelessly fought for their rights. So too though has Bethnal Green been an area where joy and community has thrived. Home to the charitable Pearly Kings and Queens, the Working Men’s Club which is now a thriving Queer venue and some of the best pubs in London, there could be no better home for this year’s rendition of Pure Class.