

## AUGUST MASSES

During August only the Sunday Mass at 10am will be streamed on Zoom. For the first two weeks of August Fr Alan will continue to offer the weekday Masses in church by himself and congregation members can join in with the service of Spiritual Communion we introduced in March. Fr Alan will be on holiday from Saturday 15 until Saturday 29 August and during this time Rev Christine will lead the two Sunday services on Zoom and there will be no midweek services. We will return to the regular pattern of streamed Masses on Sunday 30 August.

Here is the link for today's service:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71783572858?pwd=Y0ltUm1ZUIBGOFh1bVBTTIM2M0Nodz09>

Meeting ID: 717 8357 2858 Password: 3cjtp6

Sunday Service, 16 August, 10am:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71130462235?pwd=RIRFSWtCdEFhNDQ1azhtOUNvTWZ5QT09>

Meeting ID: 711 3046 2235 Passcode: 8viHfb

Sunday Service, 23 August, 10am:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71209243586?pwd=YUJyWTh6b29UNDNRZVFIYW8ybzNNdz09>

Meeting ID: 712 0924 3586 Passcode: 7ncRrh

## REOPENING OF ST JOHN'S

We are currently completing our risk assessment for safe reopening of the church for public worship on Sunday 13 September, in the first instance only for the Sunday Mass. We will be issuing full guidelines for the conduct of Sunday Mass closer to the time.

Key principles are: social distancing to be maintained at all times, hand sanitiser on entering and leaving, Communion only in one kind (bread), no singing, no exchanging of the Peace and the toilets will not be available for use. The guidance on face masks changed at the beginning of August – everyone should wear a facemask in church unless they have a medical exemption.

**No one should feel under any obligation to attend and, especially, we ask those who are more vulnerable to the virus through age or health conditions to think very carefully about whether they should attend. We will continue to stream the Sunday Mass by Zoom at the same time.**

## WELCOME TO ST JOHN ON BETHNAL GREEN



## 9<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY 9 AUGUST 2020

### *Introductory Sentence*

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

### *The Collect*

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### *First Reading: 1 Kings 19. 9-18*

A reading from the First Book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the LORD said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the

sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.

*Second Reading: Romans 10. 5-15*

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the churches in Rome

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

*The Gospel: Matthew 14. 22-33*

Alleluia, Alleluia

They cried to the Lord in their trouble and he delivered them from their distress; he stilled the storm to a silence and quieted the waves of the sea. **Alleluia**

Immediately after feeding the crowd with the five loaves and two fish, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.' Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

*Post Communion Sentence*

If you hear my voice and open the door, says the Lord, I will come in to you and eat with you and you with me.

*Post Communion Prayer*

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: in that new world where you reveal the fullness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## THIS WEEK

### Today

9am Morning Prayer

10am Parish Mass (streamed)

### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August (St Laurence)

9am Morning Prayer

### Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> (St Clare of Assisi)

9am Morning Prayer

7pm Said Mass

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> (St Anicetus)

9am Morning Prayer

7pm Said Mass

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> (St Cassian of Imola)

9am Morning Prayer

### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> (St Maximilian Kolbe)

9am Morning Prayer

### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> (THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

10am Parish Service (streamed)

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