

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (10th February 2019)

Dear Parishioners,

Imagine you were Peter that day on the shores of the Lake of Gennesaret. He was probably exhausted after fishing all night and fed up that he and his companions had not caught any fish despite all their efforts. It was a very poor return by any standards. Peter had begun to wash the nets in preparation for the next night's work, silently hoping that it would be more successful. Then Jesus appears on the scene, gets into Peter's boat and asks to sail out a little from the shore. Perhaps Peter had planned to go home and get some rest before another night fishing. He may have been irritated by Jesus's request but said nothing.

Then, having taught the crowds, Jesus asks Peter to go fishing again. What was Peter's reaction? A brief moment of honest frustration followed by agreement to the request, even though it was a pointless exercise. He decides to give it a chance because Jesus asked him. He put his trust in Jesus, and what a reward he received in return! Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter experienced the power and greatness of the Lord in a personal and intense way. His relationship with Jesus changed dramatically. Confronted by the enormity of what had just happened and what he saw as his own human inadequacies, he tells Jesus he is not worthy to be his follower, but Jesus reassures and empowers him with those wonderful words: 'Do not be afraid'. At that decisive moment, he and the others left everything behind and followed Jesus.

There are times in our lives when things get on top of us. When things don't go according to plan despite our best efforts. There are times when, like Peter, we can get frustrated, disillusioned, and overwhelmed by all that life

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throws at us. When we are down in ourselves, feeling burnt-out, upset, annoyed by circumstances sometimes outside our control, we should take comfort in Christ's reassuring advice, 'Do not be afraid'. He is walking alongside us on our journey. We should put our trust in him, reach out to him, and experience a God who is very close to us, if we allow him into our lives.

Are we brave enough to take that risk and see where it leads us?

Have a Blessed Week

Fr. Niall (Fr. Niall)

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MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

The next Marriage preparation course will be held in the parish hall on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th of March 7.30 pm to 9.30pm.

The next parish Baptism Preparation course is on Monday 18 of February at 7p.m. in the church.

Session 5 of the parish preparation course for the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday 17th of February in the parish hall at 4p.m.

Congratulations and blessings to all the children who made their First Reconciliation yesterday Saturday 9th of February.

We welcome into the Community of Faith on Sunday next, through the Sacrament of Baptism Ezra Cyril Omeh. Every blessing to the family.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL The January e-bulletin about our work together to evangelise our Diocese in the context of our Vision Document: Shaping Our Future is on the SOTG noticeboard. Both documents are also accessible online (www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development).

Marian Mission Breakfast and After School Club: CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS AND FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED . Please see flyer on the notice board.

Marian Mission Charity Concert The Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor have organised a Charity Concert for Saturday 23rd March 2019 in support of the improvement and renovation of their children centre to accommodate wheelchair users and improve available space for all children. Please support this project by buying the entry tickets. See the flyer in the parish notice board for more information. Please call the Sisters for further information on: 07940143545 or 02085187499.

A Day of Formation – working with and for our Youth. The Vicariate for Evangelisation are organising a formation day with Fr Dominic Howarth. They will be joining us on Saturday 9th March in Hornchurch. Please put this date in your diary and pass it on. If you or anyone else in your parish are either actively working with youth or you are interested employing a youth co-ordinator, in line with the new Diocesan Vision, this day is for you. The content of the day will help inform the plan for your Parish Partnership, and it would be ideal if at least two Stewards from each Partnership group could attend. To sign up please use the Doodle link below or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org <https://doodle.com/poll/n9ptqbmggvbm7c> . Time: 10 am – 3 pm. Please bring a packed lunch, tea & coffee will be provided.
Location: English Martyrs, 240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch RM12 6BJ, UK

The Annual Mass with Bishop Alan for Catholic Fellowship is on Saturday 23rd February 2019 at 3.00pm, Brentwood Cathedral, followed by a reception in the hall. Everyone is welcome to attend, most especially, People with Special Needs and their Carers.

Dates for your diary: Ash Wednesday is on March 6th. Mass times 9:15a.m. and 6p.m.


We pray for the happy repose of the souls of Pamela (mother of Marina Tudda) and Eva Santiano (mother of Aurora) and Glen Marten. May they rest in peace and may God comfort their grieving families.

The funeral service for Glen Marten will be on Thursday 12th of February at 3p.m. in Manor Park crematorium. (please put this item under the deaths above)

Mass Attendance last weekend 755 and 180 at the Syro-Malabar Mass. . The collection last week was £1627.47p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

Counting Rota	03/02B	10/02E	17/02B	24/02E	03/03F	10/03E
Hospital Rota	03/02D	10/02A	17/02B	24/02D	03/03A	10/03B



Joke of the Week I tried to park at Cadbury's chocolate factory but it was choc-a-bloc "!!!! (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Bernard Carey (Rest in Peace)(Joan Carey)
Sun 10 February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30am	Fr. Patrick Daly (Intentions) (Jenny and Cliff)
10:00am	Kristina K's Intention (Sr Anne Marie)
12:00noon	Jacqueline Keavey (Rest in Peace)(Catherine Keavey)
02:30pm	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
Mon 11 February	OUR LADY OF LOURDES, PRINCIPAL PATRONESS OF THE DIOCESE
09:15am	Maria Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Teresa Musa)
04:00 pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
06:00 p.m.	Maria Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
Tue 12 February	FERIA
09:15am	Darren Rodrigues (Intentions) (Louella)
06:00 p.m.	Mary, Natalie, Adeline and Family (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
Wed 13 February	FERIA
09:15am	Noel Staunton (Rest in Peace) (Sr Anne Maire)
06:00pm	Sr. Angela's Intentions (Sr. Anne marie)
Thu 14 February	SAINTS CYRIL, MONK AND METHODIUS, BISHOP, EUROPEAN FEAST
09:15am	Sr. Christina's Intentions (Birthday) (Sr. Anne Marie)
06:00pm	Joe Stauntton's Intentions (Sr. Ann Marie)
Fri 15 February	FERIA
09:15am	Gertrude Charles (Intentions) (Birthday) (Gertrude)
06:00pm	Betty Ramsey (Intentions) (LR)
Sat 16 February	FERIA
10:00am	Mary Callinan (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00pm	Alma Willox (Intentions) (Jenny and Cliff)
Sun 17 February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30am	Rosario Colingaon (Rest in Peace) (Eve)
10:00am	Stephen Balagh and Family (Intentions) (Jenny and Cliff)
12:00noon	Liberty Cotangco (Rest in Peace) (Family)
02:30pm	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass

Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr and Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Alix Charlery, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave,, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George and Issac, Luis and Lukas, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Betty Ramsey, Hazel Belizaire, , Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Grace Mecaley,

Rosary: Weekdays after morning Mass Reconciliation (Confessions): Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Monday-Friday 7.30-8.30am; Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; 10.30-11.30am.