

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE**

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

**Charity Number: 234092**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C (17<sup>th</sup> February 2019)**

**(Racial Justice Sunday)**

Dear Parishioners,

Today's readings are challenging. In the first reading, Jeremiah contrasts the dry scrub in the wastelands with the tree by the waterside. These are very powerful images of what can go on in our own lives depending on the level of refreshment we provide to our roots and the source of that nourishment. Jeremiah tells us, in no uncertain terms that we turn away from the Lord when we put our trust in things human and worldly.

Luke's version of the Beatitudes also challenges us in stark, direct and simple terms. Luke's audience was poor. Many were slaves or so-called lower class citizens. Following Jesus only aggravated their situation. They were persecuted and suffered. In presenting these words of Jesus to them, Luke portrays Jesus teaching his followers on a piece of level ground. He was their equal. He was close to them. He was one of them.

It looks as if Jesus is suggesting that that the joy of those who have money and food, those who laugh and those about whom we speak well, will be short-lived. On the other hand, those who are poor and have no food, those who mourn or who are suffer for following Jesus will be truly blessed.

What the readings suggest to us today is that we need to have a balance in our lives and to experience the closeness of Jesus as we go about 'the bits and pieces of everyday', as Patrick Kavanagh, the Irish poet so aptly put it. The temptation for all of us is to get what we need and forget about everyone else. How many times have we read or seen in the media stories of the generosity and selflessness of the poor contrasted by the sad and lonely lives of some whom we thought had it all?

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We face choices in our lives every day. Curse or blessing? Which type of tree do we most resemble and what kind of nourishment do we give to our roots? Are we willing to allow Christ into our lives and, when faced with choice, to ask ourselves the question, 'what would Christ do in this situation?'

This requires courage on our part. Let us pray for the gift of courage and that we may be nourished by Christ through his Word and through the Eucharist.

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 Sacrament of Preparation Course is this Sunday afternoon at 4p.m. in the hall. Candidates are requested to bring their parents' signed letters of permission for the Abbotswick retreat. Without the parents signed permission candidates will not be allowed to participate in the retreat.

**Palms:** Can parishioners please return your palms from last Palm Sunday. These will be burned to provide ash for Ash Wednesday. There will be a basket in the church porch marked "Palms"

Please pray for Fr Francis Coveney parish priest of St. Teresa's Church, Chingford who is unwell at present.

Please pray for the candidates for RCIA

Happy half term to all teachers, pupils and families. Be safe.

**LENTEN 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS** Walk with Me is a Lenten journey of Prayer for 2019, starting on Ash Wednesday 6 March, price £1 and available from the Repository. The booklets contain a brief reflection, either on the scripture readings of the day or on a catechetical theme.

**Vianney Mission Prayer for Priests** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 10am to 5pm in the weekday chapel. All welcome.

**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 which will be sold by the sisters and their friends after Mass on Sundays. Your support will be highly appreciated.

**Volunteers are needed** for the sale of tickets. If you can help, contact Mother Maria Chioma and the Sisters on 07940143545 / 02085187499. Please see the flyer in the parish notice board for more information.

HCPT group 161 are hosting a St Patrick's Night Ceili - to raise funds for their Easter pilgrimage. It will be on Saturday 16th March, at Holy Family School - Wiseman site, Shernhall Street. There will be a live band ( the Thumping Tommy's!) Irish dancing, food, a bar and lots of fun. Tickets will be available soon. For more information or to reserve some tickets call Peter 07976 41 96 80.

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.


**Lenten Retreat** Lenten retreat at the Parish of Christ the King on 10th March from 4pm, with Adoration and Benediction at 6pm. You are very welcome to join us.

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

Mass Attendance last weekend 708 and at the Syro-Malabar Mass 140. The collection last week was £1346.33p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

**ROTAS**

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



**Joke of the Week** So I was taking the M4 out of London but then a policeman told me to put it back! (Attributed to Tim Vine)

**Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room**

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00pm</b>	Alma Willox (Intentions) (Jenny and Cliff)
<b>Sun 17 February</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Rosario Colingaon (Rest in Peace) (Eve)
<b>10:00am</b>	Stephen Balagh and Family (Intentions) (Jenny and Cliff)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Liberty Cotangco (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>02:30pm</b>	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
<b>Mon 18 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Ann Hutton (Rest in Peace)
<b>04:00 pm</b>	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
<b>06:00 p.m.</b>	Ann Hutton (Rest in Peace)
<b>Tue 19 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Fr. Joseph (Intentions) (LR)
<b>06:00 p.m.</b>	Alf Harrison (Rest in Peace)
<b>Wed 20 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Abel Manomey (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Matthew Joseph Davey (Rest in Peace) ( Foundation Mass)
<b>Thu 21 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Helen Gertrude Davey (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Fr. Matthew Twoomey and his near Reations (Rest in Peace) (FM)
<b>Fri 22 February</b>	<b>THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Adela Bouttle (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Selma Ada Nowling (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mas)
<b>Sat 23 February</b>	<b>SAINT POLYCARP, BISHOP AND MATYR</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Shields Family (Rest in Peace) (Bond)
<b>06:00pm</b>	The Fletchers Family(Bond)
<b>Sun 24 February</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Maria Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
<b>10:00am</b>	Paul Kyauka (Rest in Peace) (Monica Kyauka)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Parishioners (Claudia Mota)
<b>02:30pm</b>	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 Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.