

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C (3RD MARCH 2019)

Day of prayer for the Unemployed

Dear Parishioners,

In a school retreat many years ago the director invited us to imagine our own funerals. In imagination we faced how fragile the gift of life is. We were not the cause nor the sustainers of our own lives and so it made sense to try and relate with the Creator of all life. The two most important questions for us became 'Why do I exist?' and 'How can I live a life worthy of the one who gives me the gift of life?'.

Over our lifetimes most of us have found ourselves avoiding these two questions, but in awkward moments they keep quietly coming back to us. We often ignore these questions, but often they reveal their urgency in our restlessness. We often lost ourselves in group-think but desires for authenticity surfaced. We became disciples of chosen teachers, idols and fashions, but many of these failed to satisfy. We looked down on others for their failures to think and act justly, but these only reminded us of our own failures. We lost ourselves in the busyness of living, but we never lost the desire to search for what is true and life-enhancing.

While we fail to be worthy of the One who gives us life, the Good News for St. Luke is that the Creator is revealed in Jesus of Nazareth, so we may trust we are not alone in our search for the deepest meaning of our lives. Most religions support us in trying to make some contact with the One to whom we owe our existence, but the Good News of St. Luke is that God is not only for us as Father and Creator, but with us in Jesus of Nazareth. The very spirit of the out-reaching God is offered to us to strengthen our spirits. If we think of ourselves as a tree, the core of each of us is not only a spirit trying to be true but the Divine Spirit wanting to live in us. Is it any wonder we sense within ourselves the potential to produce great fruit?

Have a Blessed Week.

Fr. Niall (Fr. Niall)

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 Baptism preparation course on Monday 11th March 19:00 in the Church.

This weekend after all the weekend Masses The Good Shepherd , Nottingham Group will be selling religious items in the church porch. The sale of these religious items goes a very long way to support their fellow Christians in Bethlehem and Palestine.

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 "Returned Palm".

Please pray for the candidates for RCIA.

This Sunday we welcome Elliot Nicholas Foxton-Todd into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Every blessing to the family.

Marian Mission Fund Raising 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.

St Partrick's Night Ceili Tickets are now on sale! Saturday 16th March call Peter on 07976419680 or See posters in the foyer for details.

Next weekend, 9th and 10th March the HCPT will be having an appeal and retiring collection to fundraise for their Easter pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Mosque Visit The Local Mosque is taking part in the national #visitmy mosque initiative. In the spirit of friendship and conversation we hope to give members of the local community an engaging insight into the life of the Mosque and to promote a greater understanding of Islam. On behalf of the Masjid Abu Bakr team, we would like to invite you, your friends and families to our Mosque open day on Sunday 3rd March 2019 between 2pm and 6pm. Sophia Yousaf, Community Liaison Officer, 26A Mansfield Road, London, Walthamstow, E17 6PJ, Tel: 020 3659 6553

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 27th May 2019. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

Concerned for the **safety and wellbeing of our young people**? Courtyard is an exciting project already supporting parishes in north London to reach out and accompany young people. Courtyard is ready to come to Walthamstow – on Wednesday, 13th March at 7.30pm in the parish hall. You can hear the Courtyard story and how it can work for us. Our youth face a crisis around gangs, violence, and so much more, yet as parish communities we can do a lot more. The meeting on 13th March is important don't miss it – for more details phone Paul Dowling 07962406134.

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be on Fridays in the church at 6:45pm. Everybody welcome.

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.

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.

The parish choirs are having extra practice on Thursday evenings in preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Thank you all for your dedication.

Mass Attendance last weekend 602 and 110 at the Syro-Malabar Mass. . The collection last week was £1472.75p. 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 So I went to the doctor . I said " I have Irish voices coming out of my tummy" The doctor said " It sounds like you have a stomach Ulster"
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Jason and Kristina (Thanksgiving) (Betty)
Sun 03 March	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30am	Fr. Seamus Noctor (Rest in Peace) (Pact Mass)
10:00am	Fr. Adrian Walker (Rest in Peace) (Pact Mass)
12:00noon	Stella D’Cruze (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
02:30pm	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
Mon 4 March	FERIA
09:15am	Ernie Beresford (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Ann Marie)
04:00 pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
06:00 p.m.	Sr. Mary Barry (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Ann Marie)
Tue 5 March	FERIA
09:15am	Peter McGarry (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
06:00 p.m.	Fr. Nixon’s Intentions (Louella)
Wed 6 March	ASH WEDNESAY
09:15am	Tina Horn (Rest in Peace) (M Barfe)
06:00pm	Joe Larkin’s Intentions (Carmody)
Thu 7 March	SAINT PERPETUA AND SAINT FELICITY, MARTYRS
09:15am	Sr. Genny’s Intentions (MMM Community)
06:00pm	Joe Larkin’s Intentions (O’Gorman)
Fri 08 March	SAINT JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS
09:15am	Venus Monnier (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
06:00pm	Milo Sheehan (Rest in Peace) (Moss)
Sat 09 March	SAINT FRANCE OF ROME, RELIGIOUS
10:00am	Liliana Cambareto (Rest in Peace) (E.Dellapina)
06:00pm	Joan Parnell Raw (Rest in Peace) (Redmond)
Sun 10 March	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
08:30am	Eva Santiano (Intentions) (Edna)
10:00am	Choi-yee Kwan and Shun-Chui Kwan (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
12:00noon	Tony Eastman (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, 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.