

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Charity Number: 234092

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (02/06/2019)

World Communications Day

Dear Parishioners,


On Thursday we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord, the idea of Jesus ascending into heaven, body and soul, is the stuff of a Spielberg movie. Spielberg would have a field day with the special effect! It certainly tests our faith. Imagine: 'he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight.' The disciples witnessed this event. We, on the other hand, have to come to understand its significance through faith and reflection. There are, of course, the biblical texts which recount the event, albeit with some restraint. They are economical with the facts. The Gospel merely states. 'he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven'.

We shouldn't get too preoccupied with the details but focus on the meeting. Firstly, the Ascension marks Jesus' entry into God's heavenly domain. Secondly, because Jesus was human, he goes where we all hope to follow. Finally, from where Jesus is now, we enjoy the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Later in our celebration, we will pray the Creed. We will say: 'we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.' Even though we have not seen, yet we believe. This Feast celebrates life after death. It anticipates what salvation is. We live in the hope that where the head of the Church (Jesus) has gone before us, we the members, (the body of the Church) will follow.

There is a wonderful, hope-filled message. It is a message of empowerment and encouragement. The Ascension reminds us that pain, death and grief will not have the last word. We are called to be Easter people. We are invited to shine the light of hope into the darkness of the tomb. We do it when we console the bereaved, feed the hungry, clothe the naked and forgive those who have hurt us. We do it, above all, when we exercise charity. Amen.

Have Blessed Week

 (Fr. Niall)

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

Baptism Preparation The next parish Baptism Preparation programme will be at 7:00p.m. on Monday 10th June in the church.

Next Sunday we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism, Riley Kingsley Roberts. Every blessing to him and his family.

Congratulations to Mary Jane Calacal, a parishioner in our parish ,who has been appointed head girl In Holy Family School for the coming academic year. On a sad note for the Calacal family, Mary Jane's mother Helen has received news of the unexpected death of her brother. May Joel Calacal's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed Rest in Peace.

Parish Over 60s Club Bored with daytime television? The parish Over 60s Club invite you to join them every Wednesday in the church Meeting Room. 10' clock to 3 p.m. for a chat, game of Bingo, cup of tea and cake. All welcome.

R.C.I.A. Are you, or someone you know, interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of joining the Church. It is also for adults who may have been baptised but never received the sacraments of Confirmation or Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You are very WELCOME to come along to the meetings which take place on Tuesday evenings 7.30-9.30pm in the church meeting room. If you would like more information about the RCIA process, please speak to one of the priests or contact Bernadette Wilson: mobile: 07804611914 email: bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com

Car Sharing Would you or somebody you know be more able to come to church if you could get a regular lift?_Are you a driver who uses a car for church and could fill empty seats with parishioners who have difficulty getting to mass (e.g. those with mobility problems)?_Do you/your family use a car for church? If so, would you consider sharing your car with others who come by car, perhaps alternating with them, if they live nearby?

If the answer to any of these questions is YES, please get in touch with the Live Simply team that looking at a car-sharing scheme as part of our efforts to help the environment through helping each other. See the leaflet inside this newsletter for details.

SVP Cake Sale - St George's St. Vincent de Paul Conference will be holding a cake sale on 22nd and 23rd June after all Masses to raise funds to help with their work in supporting people who are referred to them from our parish. Please support us by donating cakes on the day/helping/ purchasing some items. If you are interested in the work the SVP does or in joining, please speak to Jenny Richmond at the Repository.

OLSG Film Club. After the very successful first film showing of the parish film club, another film is being planned. Please keep an eye on the notice board in the church porch and upcoming newsletters.

Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Event in Trafalgar Square - Pentecost Sunday, 9th June

If you are fed up of hearing bad news and wonder what it would be like to see a glimpse of heaven on earth we would love you to join thousands of others to celebrate our faith and pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This event has a family friendly festival from 12 pm – 4 pm or 4 pm to 6 pm an Ecumenical service with Cardinal Vincent and other Christian leaders. For more information or to register your interest please visit <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/trafalgarsquare>. The Brentwood Diocese is hosting the Catholic Prayer Tent with the Dowry of Mary tour being the main part of the presentation. We will be engaging people to come and pray the rosary and mingling in the crowds to encourage them over. Can you be there to be a witness to your faith, chat with those who are looking for more information about Jesus Christ and join with thousands of others in prayer. If you can help or are going along please get in contact – adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org


Emmanuel Sunny, a pupil at Our Lady and St George Catholic Primary School was presented with a Good Citizen Award by Bishop Alan at the Cathedral at Brentwood on Friday week last. Emmanuel received this award for his dedicated participation in the life of the school. Congratulations to him and his parents Sunny and Shiney.

Constant Francis, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Constant Francis who has died. The Requiem Mass for his soul will be on Tuesday 11th June at 12 noon in Our Lady and St George's Church followed by burial at Queen's Road Cemetery. Our condolences to Constant's family.

Mass attendance last weekend 528 and at the Syro Malabar Mass 95. The collection last week was £1213.20p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you.

ROTAS

<u>Counting Rota</u>	02/06B	09/06E	16/06B	23/06F	30/06F	07/07B
<u>Hospital Rota</u>	02/06B	09/6D	16/06A	23/06B	30/6D	07/7A



Joke of the Week: So I saw this man with a 1.2-litre engine halfway down his arm. I said too him "more power to your elbow"!

(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Happy first birthday to Tiago

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Ikenna Kenneth Ezerioha (Rest in Peace) (Roseline Ezerioha)
Sun 02 June	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
08:30am	John Joseph Cullen (Rest in Peace) (Christopher Cullen)
10:00am	Anne and Mike Whitlam (Intentions) (Jenny and Cliff)
12:00noon	Parishioners
02:30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 03 June	SAINT CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
9:15am	Maria Green and Family (Intentions) (Maria)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass- Holy Souls.
06:00pm	Holy Souls (Maria)
Tue 04 June	FERIA
09:15am	Maria Staunton (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Ann Marie)
06:00pm	Sr. Kathleen Staunton (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Ann Marie)
Wed 05 June	SAINT BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR
09:15am	Marie Keley (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
06:00pm	Pascal Hayden (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
Thu 06 June	FERIA
09:15am	John and Josephine Hayden (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
06:00pm	Holy Souls (Betty)
Fri 07 June	FERIA
09:15am	Alma Willox (Intentions) (Friends)
06:00pm	Mary Jose (Rest in Peace) (Athira Roy)
Sat 08 June	FERIA
10:00am	Timothy Campbell (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
06:00pm	Eddie Higgins (Rest in Peace) (Ann)
Sun 07 June	PENTECOST SUNDAY
08:30 am	John Mills (Intentions) (Len, Babs and over 60's Club)
10:00 am	Alan (Intentions)
12:00noon	Mary Gilligan (Rest in Peace) (Family)
02:30 pm	Syro Malabar 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 Garrrod, 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, Agnes Fadina, Jadwiga, Canon William Young, Matthias Fredberg

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.