

**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**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –14-15<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Dear Parishioners,

Today, in the overall theme of God rejoicing over the repentant sinner, we have the parable of the Prodigal Son. There is something in all of us that can be a bit like the prodigal son, in that we can all have that tendency to take for granted what we have, can at times become spiritually deaf, and can drift from treating each other as we should. However, just like the Father in the parable, God is always ready to give us new life, when we turn to him to feed our neglected spiritual selves. I think a good key to understanding the fall and rise of the prodigal son is through what was classically seen as the three spiritual senses of our soul: our understanding, memory and will. These were seen as aspects of us that the grace of God can turn transform: faith enlightens our understanding, hope fills our memory with gratitude, charity strengthens our will to choose a life of love. We see that at the start, all of these weren't working that well in the prodigal son: he didn't understand how good he had it, he was not grateful to his father, and he acted in a way that was heedless of those around him. He leaves, deadens his mind with alcohol, lives to excess and forgets all about his heritage and his family. A time of hardship is enough to help him to dig deeper, to the point where the senses of his soul kick in again. He comes to his senses and understands how low his behaviour has brought him; he comes to the truth, remembering his father's generosity even to his paid servants, and he bends his own will to return to ask for forgiveness. These show that he is in tune with his spiritual life again. We are likewise called to continually renew our spiritual lives: to elevate our intellect with prayer and reading, to grow in faith, to grow with gratitude, to live with hope, to appreciate the riches of faith that has been handed on to us and to allow God to transform our wills so we are free to choose to live lives full of charity. This makes the lives of our souls strong, and keeps us rooted in the life God gives us.

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.

**Marriage preparation Course** The next Parish Marriage Preparation Course will be on Thursday and Friday 3rd and 4th of October in the parish hall 7p.m. to 9p.m.

**Baptism Preparation** The next parish Baptism Preparation Course will be on Monday 16th of September at 7p.m. in the church. Godparents are especially welcome to attend.

Application forms for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion and Reconciliation are available from the Repository in the church porch.

We wish Fr Nixon a safe and happy holiday in India for the month of September. It is a tradition in each parish that when a priest who has served in a parish for a number of years and then moves that a collection is held for him. For the coming 2 weekends there will be an opportunity to make an offering/donation in appreciation for Fr Nixon's service here in Our Lady and Saint George's Parish and School and Whipps Cross Hospital. On the weekend of the 5th and 6th of October Fr Nixon will say farewell at the end of each Mass. The presentation to Fr Nixon will take place at the end of the 12 noon Mass 6th of October. Fr John Victor who will replace Fr Nixon will arrive the week beginning 7th of October.

Blessings to Jason and Kristina on their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

This Sunday we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Charlie Henson White, Milani-Monrose Angel Anderson and Freya Grace O Grady. May god bless them and their families.

**SOTG Youth Gospel Choir** As part of the Stewards of the Gospel initiatives we would like to start a Youth Gospel Choir. Holy Family Catholic School represents young people from Our Lady and St. George, Walthamstow, St Joseph, Leyton, Our Lady of the Rosary and St Patrick, Blackhorse Road is a true representation of the Stewards of the Gospel in action. This will be for young people ages 13 to 25 years old. To be held in St. Georges Main Hall from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm from Thursday 26 September 2019. Term Time Only.

**Wanted key Boad Player** To support the choir, if that person is YOU we would interested in hearing from you. This aim is to build on the young person's abilities and to learn them some further skills so we can put on a performance by Christmas. Application Forms will be available from weekending 21/22 September 2019. For the young person and parent/ Guardian to compete and bring along to the first meeting 26 September 2019.

The Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor (Colchester Road) invites you to the Final Religious Profession of the Sr. Stella Maris Eneibi, Sr. Mary Faustina Ngozi Umunnakwe and Sr. Mary Blessing Ogechi Onuoha. All are invited. Coach will pick up from the parish at 10.15am on the 12th of October for the Cathedral. The coach fare is £10 per adult and £7 per child.

**Open Evening Holy Family School** On Thursday 26th September we will be holding our main school Open Evening for 2020 intake. The main details of the evening are: Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 26th September 2019, 6pm, 1 Shernhall Street, Walthamstow, E17 3EA [www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk](http://www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk)


**Silent Weekend Retreat 'Silence and the Scriptures'. Fri 11th - Sun 13th October 2019.** Led by Canon David Oakley, Rector of Oscott Seminary. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. Our theme flows from the Bishops of England and Wales announcing 2020 as a year of celebrating, living and sharing God's word in celebration of two important anniversaries in the life of the Church this coming year. This silent weekend retreat offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, email [allegra.mutanda@gmail.com](mailto:allegra.mutanda@gmail.com) or call 0790 3648639. Alternatively, e-mail [admin@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:admin@sioncommunity.org.uk) or call 01277 215011.

Mass attendance last weekend 621 and at the Syro Malabar Mass 180 . The collection last week was £1380.53p. Average weekly standing order collection is £350.

**Sarah 'Sally' Theresa Sheridan- Loughrey, Rest in Peace.** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sarah 'Sally' Theresa Sheridan-Loughrey, Rest in Peace. Sarah's requiem mass will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 11am here in St. George and we also pray for the happy repose of the soul of Rita Theresa Gilbert, Rest in Peace.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of the Veronica Williams, Rest in Peace, mother of Bishop Alan who died this week. May she rest in Peace

<b><u>counting Rota</u></b>	08/9F	15/9E	22/9E	29/9F	06/10F	13/10E
<b><u>Hospital Rota</u></b>	08/9D	15/9A	22/9B	29/9D	06/10A	13/10B



Joke of the Week: I said to this bloke " I need a taxi" He said "flag one down" I said " where am I going to get a flag at this time of night!"  
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

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

<b>06:00pm</b>	John and Josie Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
<b>Sun 15 September</b>	<b>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Sister Bridget's Intentions (Sr. Ann Marie)
<b>10:00am</b>	Maria and Family Intentions (Green)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Parishioners
<b>Mon 16 September</b>	<b>SAINT CORNELIUS, POPE AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP</b>
<b>9:15am</b>	Claude Green (Rest in Peace)
<b>11:00 Requiem Mass</b>	Sarah 'Sally' Theresa Sheridan-Loughrey, (Rest in Peace)
<b>04:00pm</b>	Whipps Cross Hospital- Liturgy
<b>06:00pm</b>	Aagin and Amal's Intentions (Family)
<b>Tue 17 September</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Maria and Family Intentions (Green)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Sister Ann Marie and Community
<b>Wed 18 September</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Rego D'Souza
<b>06:00pm</b>	Anthony Bosomtwe (Intentions)
<b>Thu 19 September</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Anthony Bosomtwe (Intentions) (Anthony)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Anthony Bosomtwe (Intentions) (Anthony)
<b>Fri 20 September</b>	<b>SAINT ANDREW KIM TAE-GON, PRIEST AND PAUL CHONG HANG-SANG, COMPANIONS, MARTYRS</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Ellen Mary Francis Caplehorn (Foundation)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Anthony Bosomtwe (Intentions) (Anthony)
<b>Sat 21 September</b>	<b>SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Athira Roy (Intentions)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Paul and Barbra (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 22 September</b>	<b>TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Romeo Rodrigues (Louella)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Oscar Santiano (Rest in Peace) Aurora
<b>12:00noon</b>	Shun-Choi Kwan and Choi-Yee kwan (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
<b>02:30 pm</b>	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 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, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Bernadette Wilson, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Paul Dynan, Roy and Margaret, Maura Stone

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.

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