

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Charity Number: 234092

HOLY WEEK COMMENCING ON – 05 APRIL 2020

Dear Parishioners,

If asked the question, 'what do you associate with Palm Sunday?' I suspect many people would respond with something like: 'It is the day we get palm and we have a long gospel at mass.' That is a simple but accurate summary of liturgy on this day.

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week and the day we commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem for the last time. It was a triumphal journey, with 'great crowds' spreading their cloaks on the road and 'cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in his path,' as St. Matthew tells us in today's gospel. When we hold the palm today, we too honour and worship Jesus, the Son of God. Today's ceremony reminds us of *the priority of worship*. In every mass, we worship almighty God and implore his protection and blessings through his son Jesus Christ.

'The long Gospel' is the account of the Passion of Jesus, this year taken from Matthew. We will also hear St. John's account, on Good Friday. Perhaps on Palm Sunday we are given the opportunity to reflect on the Passion in a more relaxed way, without the intensity of the Easter Triduum. Raymond E. Brown says: 'we readers or hearers should participate by asking ourselves how we would have stood in relation to the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. With which character in the narrative would I identify myself? The disciples who fled from danger . . . Peter denying Jesus . . . even Judas betraying him . . . Pilate trying to avoid a decision between good and evil . . . or might I have stood among the religious leaders who condemned Jesus?'

Whatever individual or group we might identify with, it is good to remember the teaching of St. Thomas Aquinas, that 'Jesus by his passion merited salvation not only for himself, but for all who are his members as well.'

The passion of Jesus was an essential part of our salvation; in spite of our weakness, he has enabled us, one day, to worship God eternally in heaven.

Have A Blessed HOLY WEEK

Fr. John

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

Online Mass

Following government instructions, we have to sadly temporarily close the church. As for the foreseeable future there will be no mass celebrations open for parishioners to attend and we regret that Fr Niall and I were unable to provide live streaming of mass in the last couple of weeks because of health reasons. It is our intention to offer mass for online viewing only which will be streamed live via the parish Facebook page (Our Lady and St George Catholic Church, Walthamstow). For those who have Facebook account, please lookout for Our Lady and St George Catholic Church, Walthamstow account in Facebook, "like" and follow the page so you can access the live stream mass. Thank you for your patience and God bless you all.

Link: <https://m.facebook.com/ourladyandstgeorgecc/>

Liturgy Timings:

05.04.2020 - Palm Sunday: 10 am

09.04.2020 – Maundy Thursday: 8 pm

10.04.2020 – Good Friday: 3 pm

11.04.2020 – Easter Vigil: 8 pm

12.04.2020 - Easter Sunday: 10 am

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: Is mandated by the Holy See, will now take place on the Feast of Exultation of the Holy Cross.

A word of gratitude and request for prayer: Dear parishioners, I am very grateful to you all for all your prayers for the speedy recovery of Fr. Niall, our parish priest. Now God has had mercy upon him; he is back at home and is improving his health. All your prayers were really helpful for him. On his behalf I express my hearty gratitude for all your prayers; let's pray more for him. Let's spend our time more in prayer for the mercy of God on the whole universe and in isolation respecting the guidance by the government officials for our well-being and the good of our fellow brothers and sisters as well.

Suspension of the courses: On the light of the danger of Corona virus, all the courses for First Holy Communion and Confirmation have been suspended until we receive further directions from the higher officials.

Vacancy

Teacher in Charge of Spanish Plus TLR2b £4,536 ,MPS/UPS– Outer London Teachers' pay scales - Trinity Catholic High School seeks to appoint talented and dynamic Teacher's to work within our hugely successful subject Department's. Trinity Catholic High School is committed to safeguarding children; successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Please visit the school's website for more details.

Mass Intentions

(These Mass intentions will be offered on the above mentioned dates privately)

Sun 05 April	May Cullen (Rest in Peace) (Claris)
Mon 06 April	Fr. Niall'a Quick Recovery (Jane)
Tue 07 April	Ann Lloyd (Rest in Peace) (Ann)
Wed 08 April	Stephen Dias (Rest in Peace) (Johnson)
Thu 09 April	Mrs. Eucharía Amaefule (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Scholastica)
Thu 10 April	Good Friday Liturgy
Sat 11 April	Vijaya Kumar (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 12 April	Tessie Kalpee (Intention) (Kristine & Theresa)

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, Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Grace Mecaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Paul Dynan, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeda, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Ted and Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Fr. Niall Harrington, Cliff, Jenni Richmond, Shiny, Johnson Pias.

Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tuddy.

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