

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

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Charity Number: 234092

FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER – 10 MAY 2020

Dear Parishioners,

The first reading, taken from Acts, shows us the early Church as a loving, serving, and worshipping community (Acts 6:1-7). Hence, it easily solved a problem of perceived discrimination by instituting the diaconate for the service of the community. In the second reading, St. Peter advises the early Christians to renew the memory of Jesus by making their community a spiritual edifice built from the “living stones” of believers upon the “Living Cornerstone of Christ” (1 Pt 2:4-5).

Peter praises Christians, both Gentile and Jewish, as *“a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God’s own people.”* In today’s Gospel, Jesus consoles his apostles by assuring them that he is going to prepare an everlasting accommodation for them in his Father’s House in Heaven. He gives them the assurance that he will come back to take them to their Heavenly abodes. It is then that Thomas says, *“Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?”* Jesus answers Thomas’ question with, *“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.”* The basic doctrine of Judaism is that Yahweh is the Way the Truth and the Life. Hence, Jesus is making a revolutionary claim that he is equivalent to Yahweh. Jesus also declares that he is the safest and surest way to God, discrediting the notions that all religions are equally sure ways to reach God, or that no organized religion but only living a good life of sharing love is necessary to reach God. Jesus, however, is the Way which he calls narrow because it is the way of focused, loving, humble, sacrificial service. Jesus is the Truth who teaches revealed truths about God and God’s relation to man. Jesus also teaches moral truths by demonstrating them in his life. Jesus is the Life because, as God, he possesses the eternal life of

God and shares his Divine life with his disciples through the Word of God and the Sacraments. In short, Jesus reveals the Father in the **way** he lives, in the **truth** of his word and in the new **life** that he brings.

Have a Blessed Week

(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.

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 a Facebook account, please look out 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: 11.05.2020 – 16.05.2020: 9.15 am

17.05.2020 – Sunday, Sixth Week of Easter: 10 am

Conferring Canonship: The Canonship is conferred to the canon elect Rev. Fr. Niall Harrington on 18.05.2020 at 9.15 am at Our Lady and St. George Catholic Church by our Bishop's delegate Rev. Canon Patrick J Sammon. Hence, all our parishioners are invited whole-heartedly to participate at the live-streaming conferral liturgy.

Distribution of Holy Communion: Every Sunday afternoon Holy Communion is distributed to those who desire to receive. Hence, anyone wants to receive Holy Communion, Please give a call (020 8520 5877) or mail it in (parishoffice@olsg.co.uk).

Mass Stipends: Those who want to give mass stipends may write the intention and if there is a donation include it and drop it in the presbytery door.

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

Raymond Bernard Daniel, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Raymond Bernard Daniel, Rest in Peace. The Liturgy and cremation of Raymond Bernard Daniel's soul will be on Tuesday 19th May at 10.45 am at the City of London Crematorium.

Parish Finances: I have received a number of queries concerning Parish Finances;

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the many parishioners who are going through a difficult time financially and some have lost their jobs. For those who are in a position to help the parish and are asking how they can help during the lock down, there are a few ways in which you can help:

- a. By taking out a direct debit mandate, if you are not donating by standing order yet. This also applies to those who donate using weekly offertory envelopes; you can change your way of donating by standing order instead of weekly envelope. Just email the parish and we will give you the standing order form.
- b. By joining gift aid if you are a tax payer and have not signed up to gift aid yet.
- c. By donating online via:
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=walthamstow-1>
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(this can also be gift aided), or
- d. Some may wish to allow contributions to accumulate until our church reopens. To all those who have given generously through the years, thank you very much. I will ensure that your offering are spent wisely and used prudently. God bless you."

Fr. Niall

Mass Intentions

Sun 10 May	Poole Family (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
	Private Intention
Mon 11 May	Dr. Cooney and Family (Intention)
	Confirmation Candidates
Tue 12 May	First Holy Communion Candidates
	Teachers in our Catholic Schools
Wed 13 May	Families preparing for their children's baptism
	Couples preparing for marriage
Thu 14 May	Those who live alone
	All in our parish News Letter's Prayer list
Fri 15 May	Vocations to the Religious life
	The Bereaved of our Parish
Sat 16 May	Fr. Jim Mc Cormack (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
	Those living life in difficulty
Sun 17 May	Parishioners
	Ambrose Dillesworth (Rest in Peace) (Cathy)

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 McCaley, 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, Sr. Sherin, Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Fr. Niall Harrington, Jenni Richmond, Terry Coe, Stephen Donnelly, Daniel Donnals.

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

Samaritans 020 8520 9191.