

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

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – 03 MAY 2020

Dear Parishioners,

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the first reading is taken from St. Peter’s first sermon, given on the day of Pentecost. He reminds his Jewish listeners that they have crucified their true Shepherd. Hence, they need to receive forgiveness for their sins by getting baptized in the name of Jesus and acknowledging the risen Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, as Jesus had commanded. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 23), introduces Yahweh as the Good Shepherd of Israel Who cares for us, His sheep, providing for our needs.

In the second reading, Peter encourages the suffering Christians to follow in the footsteps of their Good Shepherd, Jesus, the “suffering servant,” realizing the truth that Jesus’ suffering and death have enabled them to become more fully the children of God. In today’s Gospel, two brief parables show us Jesus, the first, as a selfless, caring “shepherd” who provides for his sheep protection and life itself, and the second, as our unique gateway (“sheep gate”), to eternal salvation. That is, besides guiding his flock to Eternal Life as the Good Shepherd, Jesus is himself the gateway to Eternal Life. Let’s ask this good shepherd to protect the whole world from the danger of corona virus.

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: 04.05.2020 – 09.05.2020: 9.15 am

10.05.2020 – Sunday, Fifth Week of Easter: 10 am

Livestream Mass with Bishop Alan, 10.30am. As Bishop Alan was due to meet with more than 700 Confirmandi at Brentwood Cathedral on 3rd May, instead he will now concelebrate and preach at the Mass at 10.30 am, Livestreamed from Walsingham House at Abbotswick, and his homily will be especially for Confirmation Candidates. The Livestream is via Instagram, and all the details about the Mass, including how to access the Livestream, are at <https://bcys.net/events/confirmandi/>

Suspension of the courses: In 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.

Congratulations: Congratulations and prayerful wishes to Johnson Pias and Susan, who celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary today.

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 03 May	Natalie Rosario (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
	Jenny Richmond's intentions
Mon 04 May	Canon Frederick Mile (Rest in Peace) (Pact)
	Aurora's Intentions
Tue 05 May	Fr. John O'Harllonan (Rest in Peace) (Pact)
	Youth of our parish
Wed 06 May	Special Intention of: 20th Wedding Anniversary of Johnson & Susan
	Parents in our parish
Thu 07 May	Fr. Stephen Foster (Rest in Peace)
	Vocations to Priesthood
Fri 08 May	Msgr. John Coghlon (Rest in Peace) (Pact)
	Intentions of the Religious of our parish
Sat 09 May	Intentions of Teachers of our Catholic Schools
	Nicole Gullego
Sun 10 May	Poole Family (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
	Private Intention

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 Bough, 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, Ted and Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Fr. Niall Harrington, Jenni Richmond, Terry Coe, Steven Donnelly.

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

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