

**Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George**

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

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**Charity Number: 234092**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY - 31 MAY 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

Both the Jews and the Christians now celebrate Pentecost, though not for the same reasons. The word Pentecost is Greek for *pentecostes* which means "fiftieth." The feast received this name because it was celebrated fifty days after the Feast of the Passover. Another name for the Jewish Pentecost is *Shebuot* or "The Feast of Weeks" (the "week" of seven Sabbaths between Passover and Pentecost, in thanksgiving for the Passover freeing of the Chosen People from Egyptian slavery and their return to the Promised Land). Originally, this feast was a thanksgiving festival for the completion of the harvest. During Passover, the first *omer* of barley was offered to God. Later, the Jews added to the Feast of Pentecost the element of Yahweh's Covenant with Noah, which took place fifty days after the great deluge. Still later, they made this feast an occasion to thank God for His Sinaitic Covenant with Moses, which occurred fifty days after the beginning of the Exodus from Egypt.

For us Christians, Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. It is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus. The Paschal mystery - the Passion, the Death, the Resurrection, and the Ascension of Jesus - culminates in the sending of the Holy Spirit by the Father on the apostles. The feast also commemorates the official inauguration of the Church with the apostolic preaching of St. Peter, which resulted in the conversion of 3000 Jews to the Christian Faith. Pentecost is, thus, the official birthday of the Church. The main theme of today's readings is that the gift of the Holy Spirit is something to be shared with others. In other words, the readings remind us that the gift of the Holy Spirit moves its recipients to action and inspires them to share this gift with others.

**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 youtube, "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://www.youtube.com/channel/olsge17>

**Liturgy Timings:** 01.06.2020 – 06.06.2020: 9.15 am

07.05.2020 – The Most Holy Trinity Sunday : 10 am

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

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation:** It is now clear that the churches will not be open for public ceremonies for the foreseeable future. Once there is more clarity in this regard, dates will be set in the autumn of this year.

**Joe McGee, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Joe McGee, Rest in Peace. The funeral of Joe McGee will be on Friday 12th June at 11.30 am at the Chingford Mount Cemetery.

**Vacancy:** There is the following vacancy/s at Trinity Catholic High School.

- \* P/T Teacher of Home Economics, 0.6FTE- Sept 2020
- \* P/T Teacher of History, 0.6FTE, Temporary Sept 2020

Those who want to apply may contact: Sam Gillary, HR Administrator, Trinity Catholic High School, Mornington Road, Woodford Green, Essex. IG8 0TP, Telephone: 020 8504 3419 x 170

**Christian Kitchen:** Every night for nearly thirty years the Christian Kitchen has served hot meals to rough sleepers and people who are homeless in Walthamstow. It is an amazing project – along with the meals the volunteers offer practical help and support wherever they can. They are currently serving as many as 60 people per night – to serve hot food on such a scale from a mobile location takes a lot of work, and over 100 volunteers are involved, including from Our Lady and St George, Shernhall Street, and Our Lady of the Rosary and St Patrick, Blackhorse Road.

The van they use is quite old, and the new emissions charges scheduled for next year will make it impossible to run; so they are hunting for a new van and need to raise £60,000 to get one that is fully kitted out and able to sustain the project for many years to come.

If you are publishing newsletters, or updating websites, please could you add the following information:

**Please help the Christian Kitchen, Walthamstow. They serve hot meals to 60 people a night and are in serious need of a new van. Full details: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/christiankitchen/>**

**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."

**Canon. Niall**

## Mass Intentions

<b>Sun 31 May</b>	<b>Intentions (Andrew &amp; Georgina)</b>
	<b>Sebastian's Intention's</b>
<b>Mon 01 June</b>	<b>Jason and Kristina (Thanksgiving)</b>
	<b>Shynamma (Thanksgiving)</b>
<b>Tue 02 June</b>	<b>Sr. Anne Marie's Intentions</b>
	<b>Jenny Richmond's Intentions</b>
<b>Wed 03 June</b>	<b>NHS Staff (Thanksgiving)</b>
	<b>Biju and Joseph Das' Intentions</b>
<b>Thu 04 June</b>	<b>Barry and Shiela Mayo's Intentions</b>
	<b>Homeless</b>
<b>Fri 05 June</b>	<b>Holy Souls</b>
	<b>Swan's Intentions</b>
<b>Sat 06 June</b>	<b>Vocations to Priesthood and Religious life</b>
	<b>Those preparing for exams</b>
<b>Sun 07 June</b>	<b>Sebastian's Intention's</b>
	<b>Parishioners</b>

### 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, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeda, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Jenni Richmond, Terry Coe, Stephen Donnelly, Daniel Donnelly. Sruthy.

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

**Samaritans 020 8520 9191.**