

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

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY (A) – 03/04 OCTOBER, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

When the churches were closed as part of health restrictions during the pandemic, people discovered their faith in a new way. The *God of hosts brought us back* to our senses and priorities. People realised that is not the buildings that make a true church, but the core foundations on which our shared faith is rooted and built.

God has poured out his gifts in abundance: why do we wreck and spoil these gifts? God has given us the promised hope of peace in Christ: why do we refuse to accept this truth?

The Eucharist is the sign of God's purpose for us all. It is a feast in which we are all fed with Christ's new life and in which there is no distinction between race, colour, culture or nation. The image of the vine in Isaiah and in the psalm today – shows the delicacy of the frail tendril of our lives that is protected and pruned by the loving hand of God the vine dresser.

We need to stand together as a church and joyfully proclaim to the world that there is room at God's table for all people. Here, we are *asking God for our needs with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God which is so much greater than we can understand will guard our hearts and our thoughts in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

The Eucharist is an invitation to become community of justice and joy. In this prayer we discover a deep reverence for each person. It challenges us to avoid treating people with indifference. *So they seized the son and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.* We bring to the prayer of the Eucharist the call of St. Paul to us in today's reading to *fill your minds with everything that is true, noble, good, pure, virtuous and everything that we love and honour that is worthy of peace.*

As a church we cannot exist with an integrity if we forget that every person is of inestimable value in God's eyes and worthy of our heartfelt attention and service. This is the dignity that is the joy of the Gospel that our *God of hosts – bring us back* again and again to honour and celebrate. *This is the Lord's doing and it is wonderful for us to see.*

Have a Blessed Week

Canon Niall

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

Congratulations and Blessings:

Congratulations and welcome to Pamela Marashi into the community of faith through the sacrament of Baptism today. Every blessings to the family.

Please pray for **all the children** who will receive our Lord in **Holy Communion for the first time** today at the 1.30 pm Mass and 3.30 pm Masses today.

Blessings to **Sr. Blessing** who is marking the 6th anniversary of her Religious Profession today.

We pray for **Paul and Patrice** who will celebrate their marriage on Saturday next here in Our Lady and St. George Church. May God bless and protect them always.

A Big word of Gratitude: The Syro Malabar community have donated £2,000.00 towards the redecorating of the parish Church. This money will be used for that purpose. It is hoped to have the church's painting in 2021. In the meantime, work is needed to repair the church's roof.

This is a good opportunity to thank all the catechists for the good work they have done for the children. Despite lockdown and Covid-19, they gathered all the children and families together very successfully. To all the catechists – thank you and bless you.

Sacrament of Confirmation – plans are afoot to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for all the candidates in the near future. Please keep up to date on the parish website and the announcements at Mass.

Sarah Bernedette Larkin, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sarah Bernedette Larkin, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass will be on Monday 5th of October in the City of London Cemetery Chapel followed by burial.

Prisons week 11th – 17th October 2020: Lets pray for the those living with restricted freedom and heightened fear, suffering anxiety or anger, feeling helplessness and despair.

Holy Family School Admission Year 6: Please browse through via the following website: www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk

CAFOD's Harvest fast and Appeal: Our Parish is supporting CAFOD's Harvest fast and appeal which this year is aimed at helping people in poor countries tackle the impact of Coronavirus. We have all felt the force of this terrible disease in some way – let us come together to help the poorest and the most vulnerable survive. CAFOD's envelopes are available for sending donations direct – they will not be collected in the usual way.

BCYS Updates: The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service has a number of opportunities coming up for young people and those accompanying them, including **Youth Mass on Instagram** this week (7th October), and “BCYS voice” on YouTube, beginning with **Father Pachel Uche** in November, considering the pain and problem of racism, and the potential for us, as Young Catholics, to build the world in the image of Jesus Christ – Where everyone is

welcomed, valued and loved, in all the beautiful diversity of every race. More details at www.bcys.net and on Instagram and YouTube @BrentwoodCYS.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages:

Retrouvaille offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. More details at [www. Retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.Retrouvaille.org.uk) or email

retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Fraudster Attempts: Several fraudster attempts to steal have taken place in neighbouring parishes. For details look at the notice board.

Visiting Priests: In this pandemic please note, do not come to visit the priests in the presbytery if you have not made a prior appointment.

Those who hold the following envelope numbers on giftaid please report to either one of the priests. **3015, 3030,3118, 3221, & 3242.**

Guidelines on reopening of the Church

- Please follow one way system, social distancing and the guidance by the volunteers.
- If you have an illness/feeling unwell, please remain at home until you are fully recovered.
- Entrance only through the front door and exit only through the farther right side door near the sanctuary.
- You will be signed into Mass – Name and Telephone.
- Use Sanitizers, gloves and face coverings/masks.
- Please observe all the signs of social distancing regarding where to sit/kneel in the church.
- Keep social distancing.
- No Altar-servers, readers and deacon for the liturgy.
- Very brief homily.
- There will be no offertory procession of gifts and collection during Holy Mass; instead you may drop your contribution at the basket kept at the entrance and exit as well.
- There is no exchange of the sign of peace.
- After the prayer “*Behold the Lamb of God . . . Lord I am not worthy,*” when the priest holds up the host and says “*The Body of Christ*” the congregation respond “*Amen*”. In the same way, when the priest elevates the chalice and says “*The Blood of Christ*” the congregation respond “*Amen*”. The communion will be distributed in silence.

- Communicants may receive Holy Communion, in their hands, palms upwards, one on the top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible.
 - No Extra ordinary Lay ministers of Holy Communion.
 - Come to receive Holy Communion only under the guidance of the stewards.
 - Come early for weekend Masses - church capacity is only 150.
 - It is not a known fact on how many people will attend mass. Consequently one way of managing this is for people to come to the weekday masses in the church.
 - Offertory collection and donations to be placed in the baskets as you exit after Holy Mass.
 - Priests are told to go directly to the sacristy after mass.
- Mass times: Weekday Mass:** 9.15 am and 6.00 pm
Saturday: 10.00 am and 6.00 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am and 12.00 pm
- There will be no hand outs (Mass sheets, News Letters, hymn books etc..) for the masses for the foreseeable future.
 - Choir returns in September.
 - Families or individuals please sit and kneel at the places assigned.
 - Neither holy water nor votive candles are available at present.
 - Please refrain from touching statues.
 - No access to the toilets, but only in emergency.
Please leave the church promptly.

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**Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tuddy.
Samaritans 020 8520 9191.**

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

6.00 pm	Deceased of the Baptist family (Marine)
Sun 04 Oct	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) – The Harvest Festival
10.00 am	Bruno D’Souza (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12.00 noon	Fawzia Tobia
02.30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 05 Oct	FERIA
9.15 am	Emeel Rouf Tobia
6.00 pm	JohnPaul Ramsey’s Intentions (Betty)
Tue 06 Oct	FERIA
9.15 am	John GAham (Thanksgiving) (Peggy)
6.00p m	Claire Louise McGhiee’s Intentions (Mum)
Wed 07 Oct	Our Lady of the Rosary
9.15 am	Holy Souls
6.00 pm	Fr. Jack Clifford (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
Thu 08 Oct	St. Osyth, Rgl – Diocesan Memorial
9.15 am	Mary & Mark Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Fletcher)
6.00 pm	Christian & John Scoty (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
Fri 09 Oct	St. John Henry Newman, Pr – National Feast
9.15 am	Leonida Ebreo (Rest in Peace) (Cesar & Nelly)
6.00 pm	Intentions (Rest in Peace) (Fletcher)
Sat 10 Oct	FERIA
10.00 am	Primitito Reyes (Rest in Peace) (Cesar & Nelly)
6.00 pm	Egbal Rauf Tobia
Sun 11 Oct	TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
10.00 am	Francis & Ruth Vaz (Rest in Peace) (Carl)
12.00 noon	Mark & Eric Leech (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine)
02.30 pm	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, 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 Almeida, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Sebastian, Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Jennie Richmond, Terry Coe, Stephen Donnelly, Daniel Donnelly. Sruthy, Brendan Mc Donagh (aged 5), Liberee Uwimana, Violet Alahendran, Bernedette Doherty.