

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

The Baptism of the Lord (B) – Feast (10/01/2021)

Dear Parishioners,

Water is a theme through all the readings today. Indeed the sounds of water gush through the Bible and you can hear the splash and sparkle of water music throughout the great book. It is hard to imagine that water covers 70% of the earth. We too easily forget that 60% of the human body is made water. *Uisce* is the most abundant natural resource and a basic necessity of human life. In Bible times, in desert places water was in short supply as cited by Isaiah today. People lived along river banks or they dug wells to provide a supply of water for drinking, cleaning, irrigation and to ensure the visibility of the land.

Water is exploited resource in Palestine. The 1995 Oslo Accord was intended to last five years. Yet 26 years later it enables Israel to have water domination and control of 88% of water resources in the West Bank from 156 mile length of River Jordan. It is here in these same waters that Jesus is baptized in the gospel story today. The International Community has been woefully silent on the selective control that deprives Palestinians to the access of water as a basic right that flows through the different territories.

St. Mark's Gospel today opens with the story of the baptism of the Lord. Here, we see God visible and tangible in a defenceless and vulnerable Jesus. It is God's way to show the light of his great love and to break through the clouds in a downpour of grace to call us all his beloved. Every baptism celebrates human life which is the fruit of parent's love. Baptism also acknowledges the gift of God's life given to each one of us. Today's feast celebrates that Jesus shows solidarity with us by immersing into the River Jordan and by sharing our humanity in the Incarnation as God-with-us.

'By the mystery of this water and wine

*may we come to share in the divinity of Christ
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.'*

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.

Live-Streaming Mass: Due to the emerging widespread of covid-19, we have sadly and temporarily closed the Church from Thursday, 7th January 2021. It is our hope that we will be able to offer public Mass in the near future. Hence we revive live-streaming Mass every morning via the parish account in YouTube. Thank you for your patience and God bless you all.

Link: <https://youtu.be/scrTtQqfuf8>

Kristina Klimasauskaite, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Kristina, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Kristina's soul will be on Tuesday 12nd January 2021 at 11.00am in Our Lady and St. George Church.

John Heynes Emmanuel, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Heynes Emmanuel, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for John Heynes Emmanuel's soul will be on Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 11.30am in Our Lady and St. George Church.

John Moore, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Moore, Rest in Peace. Our condolences to the family. Funeral Arrangements are being finalised.

Victoria Wyndham, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Victoria Wyndham, Rest in Peace. Our condolences to the family. Funeral Arrangements are being finalised.

The Clergy wish to thank everybody for their co-operation with social distancing, wearing of face masks, track and trace and the use of the hand sanitizer.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2021 is planned for Sunday 25 – Friday 30 July. However, because of Covid-19 it is not possible to know yet whether a pilgrimage will be practical or in what form. Therefore, any decisions and announcements regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage will be made in January.

Visiting the Presbytery: Please come to visit the priests in the presbytery having made a previous appointment.

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

Stay at Home. Be Safe.

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

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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| Sun 10 Jan | The Baptism of the Lord (B) - Feast |
| 10.00 am | Francisca B Avelina (Rest in Peace) (Family) |
| | Betty Ramsey's Intentions (Jane) |
| 02.30 pm | Syro Malabar Mass (Live-stream) |
| Mon 11 Jan | Feria |
| 9.15 am | Father. John's Intentions (Sr. Anne Marie) |
| | Deceased of Rodrigues and Sanches Families (Louella) |
| Tue 12 Jan | Feria |
| 9.15 am | Fr. Dan O'Brien (Rest in Peace) (Theresa) |
| | Theresa's Intentions |
| Wed 13 Jan | Feria |
| 9.15 am | Gabriel de Souza (Get well) (Family) |
| | Archbishop Py Jatau (Rest in Peace) (Theresa) |
| Thu 14 Jan | Feria |
| 9.15 am | Sr. Noeleen's Intentions (Sr. Reggy) |
| | Evangeline (Rest in Peace) (Louella) |
| Fri 15 Jan | Feria |
| 9.15 am | Elizabeth's Intentions (Sr. Anne Marie) |
| | Parishioners |
| Sat 16 Jan | Feria |
| 10.00 am | Francisca B Avelina (Rest in Peace) (Family) |
| | Mary Stack's Intentions (Keane) |
| Sun 17 Jan | Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) – Peace Day |
| 10.00 am | Francisca B Avelina (Rest in Peace) (Family) |
| | Shun-Chos (Rest in Peace) (Ping) |
| 02.30 pm | Syro Malabar Mass (Live-stream) |

Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, 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, 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, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeida, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Sebastian, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Jennie Richmond, Terry Coe, Brendan Mc Donagh (aged 6), Liberee Uwimana, Violet Alahendran, Bernedette Doherty, Patricia (Bondo), Sadie.