

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Charity Number: 234092

Second Sunday of Lent (B) (28.02.2021)

Year of St. Joseph

Dear Parishioners,

The common theme of today's readings is challenge for metamorphosis or transformation, especially during this Lent season. How? We have to transform our dull and sleepy spiritual life into dynamic Christian life during Lent. How? By cooperating with the grace of God or the strengthening of the Holy Spirit by prayer, fasting and sharing our blessings. Result expected? A renewal of our spiritual life during Lent by our Spirit-filled lives radiating Christ's love and mercy around us.

The first reading explains how his trusting faith in his God's mercy and power and his blind obedience to his God's order to sacrifice his only son of his old age, transformed the life of Abraham, making him the supreme model of Faith. In the second reading we find God showed His love for us by allowing the transformation of the glorious preaching and healing ministry of His Son to a tragic end, proving that God's love has no limits. In the Transfiguration story in today's Gospel, Jesus is revealed in His Heavenly glory, superior to Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus' Transfiguration was to allow him to consult his Heavenly Father and ascertain His plan for His Son's suffering, death and Resurrection. God's secondary aim was to make Jesus' chosen disciples aware of Jesus' Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. A third aim was to give Jesus the conviction that he will be the Son of God his loving Father even during his suffering and death. Finally, by describing the theophany of Jesus' Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God's will by putting their trusting Faith in Him.

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.

Reopening of the Church: Our Church is reopened for liturgical services.

Mass Times:

Weekdays: 9.15 a.m

Saturday: 10.00 a.m

Sunday: 10.00 a.m (also live-streamed) Link: <https://youtu.be/scrTtQqfuf8>

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday at 6pm. (also live-streamed)

Prayers and Blessings for Mary Bifulio who will receive the sacrament of confirmation during the 10am live-streaming mass on Sunday next (7th March).

Important development in Parliament: There is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions. This has been highlighted by a number of MPs and Peers in Parliament including pro-life MP Fiona Bruce. You can read more about developments on this issue on Right To Life News here <https://righttolife-org-dot-yamm-track.appspot.com/Redirect?ukey=1OB2ZBbqA28fWv1ywJEA5E-zx7MdH_IIGg47UTJVNlxE-35124373&key=YAMMID-77106134&link=https%3A%2F%2Frighttolife.org.uk%2Fnews%2Ftag%2Fchina>

Lord Alton is currently championing a new amendment to the Trade Bill, which enables a Committee of the House to make a referral to five judicial peers in the House of Lords for a proper legal analysis of any assessment of genocide. The amendment passed in the Lords on Tuesday afternoon by 367 votes to 214, and is likely to be voted on in the Commons shortly.

In response to this, we are asking members of the public to again contact their MPs, asking them to vote for the amendment. Members of the public can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the Genocide Response campaign website <"rel="noopener" target="blank" data-mce-href="https://righttolife-org-dot-yamm-track.appspot.com/Redirect?ukey=1OB2ZBbqA28fWv1ywJEA5E-zx7MdH_IIGg47UTJVNlxE-35124373&key=YAMMID-77106134&link=https%3A%2F%2Fgenocideresponse.org%2F">https://righttolife-org-dot-yamm-track.appspot.com/Redirect?ukey=1OB2ZBbqA28fWv1ywJEA5E-zx7MdH_IIGg47UTJVNlxE-35124373&key=YAMMID-77106134&link=https%3A%2F%2Fgenocideresponse.org%2F>.

LEARNING FROM COVID: Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ of Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, will lead a livestreamed study day on Saturday 6th March from 11 am, on the topic 'Learning from Covid: church, state and a better future'. The study day is organised by Gidea Park parish. Free access to the live event will be available on www.whatgoodnews.org and a recording subsequently on the same website.

Philomena Spranklen, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Philomena Spranklen, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Roy Bandhu's soul will be on Saturday 6th March 2021 at 10.45 a. m in Our Lady and St. George Church.

Helen Holloway, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Helen Holloway, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Helen's soul will be on Saturday 20th March at 10.45 a. m in Our Lady and St. George Church.

Angela Sarah Alice Veronica Heffernan, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Angela Sarah Alice Veronica Heffernan, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Angela's soul will be on Monday 29th March at 1.30 p. m in Our Lady and St. George Church.

Delphina Glah, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Delphina Glah, Rest in Peace. Our sincere condolence to the family. The funeral arrangements are being finalized.

Dean Yaw Offori, Rest in Peace: We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Dean Yaw Offori (Ossi), Rest in Peace. Our sincere condolence to the family. The funeral arrangements are being finalized.

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.
- There will be no hand outs (Mass sheets, News Letters, hymn books etc.,) for the masses for the foreseeable future.
- Choir return will be announced.
- 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.

**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

Sun 28 Feb	Second Sunday of Lent (B)
10.00 am	Fr. Michael Heagney (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Anne Marie)
	Clandette Blackman - Intentions (Margaret and Norris)
Mon 01 Mar	St. David, Bp, Patron of Wales – National Feast
9.15 am	Dan Joe Kelliher (Rest in Peace) (Murphy)
	Thanksgiving (Farrugia)
Tue 02 Mar	Feria
9.15 am	Deceased of Murphy Family (Family)
	John Moore (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Wed 03 Mar	Feria
9.15 am	Deceased of Kelliher's Family (Murphy)
	Farrugia Family Intentions
Thu 04Mar	Feria
9.15 am	Intentions of Jane Francis (Betty) (Birthday)
	Intentions (Murphy)
Fri 05 Mar	Feria (Women's World Day of Prayer)
9.15 am	Intentions (Farrugia)
	Protection of the Unborn and persecuted (Louella)
Sat 06 Mar	Feria
10.00 am	Khristopher Ennis (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Peggy)
	Holy Souls (Sr. Anne Marie)
Sun 07 Mar	Third Sunday of Lent (B)
10.00 am	Thanksgiving (Murphy)
	Deceased of Jane's Family (Jane)

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, Bridget Lyons, 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, Brid O'Halloran, Tina Henriques, Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Grace McCaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, 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, Majella (Jo), Tim, Lindsey, Ellen, Clarice and Jack, Richard and Christine Martin.