

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

Third Sunday of Lent (B) (07.03.2021)

Year of St. Joseph

Dear Parishioners,

The Ten Commandments have *always* had a bad press. They are wrongly understood and we tend to resist them. We resent being told to conform to laws expressed as negatives. The opening sentence from today's reading from Exodus has God saying to the people that he is the God who brought them out of slavery. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD are God's words to us, as we journey through our own personal wilderness.

The phrase HOUSE OF SLAVERY was a raw experience of reality for God's people. Sadly, many people's experience of Church has been distant, harsh, cruel, negative, slavish, violent and alienating. Slavery has many devious disguises. The CAFOD campaign alerts us to the many forms of slavery in the world today. Slavery in its many forms can be part of any culture at any time. Lent is a time to rid our hearts of our personal enslavements and to face the challenge and reality of slavery that exists in our world today.

The Gospel is about faithful people worshipping and praying in the temple and being exploited by greedy, grabbing moneychangers. The reaction of Jesus is a direct hit on those who were exploiting the people. Jesus whips up a strong reaction as he makes a resounding, zealous call for justice. God invites us to listen to his voice. Imagine - if during Lent if we spent some quiet time, just listening to God's Word. We can examine our lives in a positive way to explore the areas of life that prevent us from fulfilling God's dream for each one of us. Do you remember when you got house-exam results in Secondary School with the comment ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT? Lent is a time to improve (spring clean?) the slavish house of our hearts and make room for the '*message of eternal life*' which is the response of today's psalm. This will lead us to lasting freedom from the slavery of mind, body and spirit.

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: 9.15am

Saturday: 10.00am and **6.00pm (Vigil Mass Returns)**

Sunday: 10.00am and **12.00pm** (10.00am Mass will be 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 (7th March).

ACN Virtual Sunday Lunch will stream live on YouTube from 1pm - 3pm on Sunday 21 March 2021: Entrance is free, and **no advance registration is necessary:** Just get your Sunday lunch in the oven and click the link on this webpage to join us:

<https://acnuk.org/event/acn-virtual-sunday-lunch/>

Free Online event: The Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain releases *What is Man?* With Nuria Calduch-Benages on Saturday 20th March 2021 at 1100 – 1230 GM. Link: www.whatgoodnews.org

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 Extraordinary 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

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| Sun 07 Mar | Third Sunday of Lent (B) |
| 10.00 am | Thanksgiving (Murphy) |
| | Deceased of Jane's Family (Jane) |
| Mon 08 Mar | Feria |
| 9.15 am | Holy Souls (Jane) |
| | Peler Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal) |
| Tue 09 Mar | Feria |
| 9.15 am | Mr & Mrs J. Murtugh (Rest in Peace) (Anne O'Donovan) |
| | Eileen Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal) |
| Wed 10 Mar | Feria |
| 9.15 am | Margaret Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal) |
| | O'Halloran - Family Intentions (Brid) |
| Thu 11 Mar | Feria |
| 9.15 am | George Raffo (Rest in Peace) (Amal) |
| | Roaf Tobia (Amal) |
| Fri 12 Mar | Feria (Women's World Day of Prayer) |
| 9.15 am | Fawzia Tobia (Rest in Peace) (Amal) |
| | Emeel Roaf Tobia (Rest in Peace) (Amal) |
| Sat 13 Mar | Feria |
| 10.00 am | Ekbal Roaf Tobia (Rest in Peace) (Amal) |
| | Richard and Nora Keane (Rest in Peace) (Family) |
| Sun 14 Mar | Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) (Mother's Day) |
| 10.00 am | Brendan Hickey (Rest in Peace) (Hickey) |
| | Mary Callanan (Rest in Peace) |

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.