

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Charity Number: 234092



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (19/12/2021)

(Expectant Mothers)

Dear Parishioners,

In these last few hectic days before Christmas, practical help is worth anything. Everyone is so busy, even small gestures of kindness can be a treasure. Families will value the baby-sitter who will mind young children while the elders go out, to socialise or to buy presents, or to prepare a good reception for Santa Claus. In these short few days, people have so much to do, there can be less time for civility, less time for thoughtfulness.

The Gospel this Sunday suggests a kinder approach. It describes Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth, as family, and helper. Mary, don't forget, had barely recovered from the traumatic experience of being told she was to be the Mother of God. But instead of wallowing in the shock that the announcement from the angel must have surely brought, she hot foots it all the way to her cousin Elizabeth's home, quite a distance, in times when a ride on a donkey luxurious as travel got. At her Annunciation she heard the angel say that her cousin Elizabeth was six months pregnant-so Mary figured that this older lady could do with a bit of assistance. Giving practical help was her priority, so she not only visited Elizabeth but stayed with her three months, till the baby was born.

The Visitation of Mary is a hefty challenge to Christians getting ready to celebrate another birth, that of Mary's son. Mary's practical attentiveness is a call to us busy creatures to look out for each other, even in these days. The rarest things will be the most appreciated: courteous drivers, customers who

thank those who serve them, appreciative clients, people prepared to go the extra mile to see that others are cared for, before themselves: doing as Mary would have done.

Have a Blessed Week.

Canon Miall

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

Baptism Ceremonies: Second and Third Sunday of each month at 1.15pm. The next Baptism preparation course beings be on Monday 31 January 2022 at 6:30pm in the Church for session one . Session 2 will be on Monday 6th February 6.30pm.

The new Mass Intention Book for 2022 has arrived. Any parishioner who wishes to book a Mass for a particular date and time in 2022 can do so now.

Mass Times for Christmas **Christmas Eve:** 6PM, 8PM and Midnight.

Christmas Day: 8:30 AM, 10 AM and 12 Noon.

It is a tradition that your Christmas offerings are your gift to the priests.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after all Masses (Weekdays and Sundays).

Dates for Your Diary 19th December: Parish Carol Service in Our Lady and St George's Church today at 5 PM. All welcome.

Please return the completed questionnaire and place in the basket provided.

Parish Preparation course for the sacrament of Baptism: From January 2022, the preparation course for parents will consist of two sessions. Both sessions (the first session on the last Monday of the month at 6:30 PM in the church and the second session on the next Monday). Both sessions are part of the preparation course. The next preparation course begins (session one) on Monday 31st January 2022.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House at Abbotswick offer retreats, pilgrimages and many other events for many thousands of young people every year; most of the work is led by volunteers, trained as young leaders in the Church. The BCYS also supports our catechists and school lay chaplains. Today a speaker will tell us more about the BCYS and there will be a collection for their vital work, or you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate.

ADVENT SERVICE VIDEO is available to watch on youtube. "The season of Advent, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty." *Pope Francis* Go to *Thresholds of Hope* on youtube or copy <https://youtu.be/c2KQhRXzOFU>

Why not try something NEW this New Year? Join Youth 2000 at Trinity Catholic High School in Woodford Green. NEW will be a weekend filled with fun, friendship, inspiring talks and, of course, lots of praise as we welcome in 2022. The retreat will run from Friday 31st December - Sunday 2nd January 2022. Head to www.youth2000.org/new <<http://www.youth2000.org/new>> today to book your space

GIDEA PARK STUDY DAY: THE EVOLUTION OF THE MASS On Saturday 15th January 2022 Professor John Morrill will lead a Study Day on 'The Evolution of the Mass', tracing the development of the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest centuries to the present day. He will explore in particular the teaching of Trent and Vatican II, and the latest papal instructions on the celebration of Mass. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org The event begins at 11.00 GMT and ends by 13.30. No prior registration is needed. To be added to our mailing list simply follow the instructions on the home page of the website.

Marie Veronica Rose Aldworth, Rest in Peace We also pray for the happy repose of the soul of Marie Veronica Rose Aldworth, Rest in Peace. The funeral service for Marie's soul will be on Thursday 6th January 12 noon in Our Lady and St George.

Wishing You and Your Family The Peace and Joy of the Saviour's Birth. Fr. Niall , Fr. Michael and Fr. Joseph and Deacon Joseph.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Edward Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Carey)
Sun 19 Dec	Fourth Sunday of Advent
08:30am	Bernard Berney (Rest in Peace) (Kristina)
10:00am	Honour of Our Lady (Betty)
12:00noon	Berney and Peggie Higgins (Rest in Peace) (Ann Haylock)
Mon 20 Dec	FERIA
09:15 am	Mary McGlinchey (Rest in Peace) (Kirsopp)
06:00 pm	Mary McGlinchey (Rest in Peace) (Brida and Paddy)
Tue 21 Dec	FERIA
09:15am	Carol Phillip (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
06:00pm	Daniel Brooks (Rest in Peace) (Kristina)
Wed 22 Dec	FERIA
09:15am	Protection of all Children (Kristina)
06:00 pm	Maria Fiorella (Rest in Peace) (Gabriele)
Thu 23 Dec	FERIA
09:15am	Deceased of the Heagney Family (Sr. Anne Marie)
06:00pm	Roy George (Thanksgiving) (Family)
Fri 24 Dec	FERIA
09:15 am	Kim Chi Henry (Rest in Peace) (Thuyet and Hoa)
06:00pm	Damasios Maredza (Rest in Peace) (Yvonne)
08:00pm	Private Intention
Sat 25 Dec	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)
Midnight	Parishioners
08:30am	Special Intention (Nigel)
10:00	Thomas McGoldrick (Rest in Peace) (Whelan)
12:00noon	Benito Ebreo (Rest in Peace) (Rosie)
Sun 26 Dec	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
08:30	Geraldine Cecilia Leatham (Rest in Peace) (Family)
10:00am	Francisco and Francisca Avelino (Rest in Peace) (Emmanuel)
12:00	Elizabeth Nash (Rest in Peace) (Whelan)

Prayer List

Jenny Richmond, Betty Ramsey, Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Alma Willox, William Wyndham, Liberee, Maria Green, Anne (Christina), Agnes Fadina, Grace, Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris and Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Peggy McManus, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Johanna Whitley.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions: Every Saturday after 10.00 a.m. Mass until 11:15 am. **Repository Opening Times:** Sundays: 9.15 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. to 12.15 a.m. Nelly and Rosie look after the Repository.