

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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**Charity Number: 234092**

## **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (16/01/2022)**

### **(Peace Sunday)**

Dear Parishioners,

There is something special about being invited to a wedding. It is a solemn moment in the life of a couple, and always merits celebration. Today's liturgy invites us to think about weddings and their significance. Our first invitation is from the prophet Isaiah who, using bridal imagery, envisages a new future for Israel, where she (Israel personified) will be given a new name, will be dressed in bridal attire, splendid in crown and diadem, the delight of her husband. She looks forward to a future glorious relationship, wedded to her Creator. The future relationship between God and Israel, as envisioned by the prophet, is figuratively portrayed as a wedding. God and humanity will be bound together in faithful relationship, marked by joy and celebration.

Today's Gospel invites us to imagine another wedding, this time in Cana of Galilee. We can visualise it: a wedding celebration, planned to last for a few days or even a week, as was the Jewish custom at the time; a happy couple, whose names we do not have, at the centre of the celebration; neighbours, relatives and friends all gathered for the occasion; Mary is there among the guest; Jesus and some of his friends are there too, and all is in full swing! Observant Mary notices that the wine has run out. This spells huge embarrassment for the couple, especially for the bridegroom who is responsible for proper budgeting. It will be the talk of town! Mary whispers to Jesus, 'They have no wine!' It is not a straightforward request. It is just a hint. Jesus seems to rebuff her by addressing her as 'Woman', although that is, in the Jewish culture of the time, a term of respect.

In John's Gospel, 'believing in Jesus' is never purely a matter of intellectual assent. It is about full, personal acceptance of who he is, as the New Wine of the New Dispensation. We are told that 'he revealed his glory' and that 'his disciples believed in him'. A change signalled by water changed to wine!

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 begins on Monday 31 January 2022 at 6:30pm in the Church for session one . Session 2 will be on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm.

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

On 29/30th of January a member of the Missionary Society of Saint Columban will come and make a Mission Appeal in the parish.

Our Lady and St George's Catholic Primary and Nursery School invite the parishioners if they have statues and other religious articles to donate for our classroom Altars and other areas of the school. Also, if you have weather proof Statues to donate, for us to put in the playgrounds, so we can have a Prayer Garden on both sites, we would be very grateful.

**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](http://www.bcys.net/donate).

**Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23:** If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website ([www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)) and social media @Brentwoodcys

**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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

**Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry:** The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to [bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org) by Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

**Mary Mayo, Rest in Peace** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Mary Mayo Rest in Peace. Mary was a long time house keeper in the presbytery some years back. May God comfort the grieving family.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tony Rath, husband of Tina who died suddenly last week. May God comfort you Tina.

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Moss and Nagle Family (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 16 Jan</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Clergy and Parishioners of our Parish (Jane)
<b>10:00am</b>	Sheehan Family Intentions (Mary O'Sullivan)
<b>12noon</b>	Shun-Choi Kwan (Ping)
<b>Mon 17 Jan</b>	<b>Saint Anthony, Abbot</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Myles Charlene and Family Intention (Mary O'Connor)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Paul Yamson's Intentions(Family)
<b>Tue 18 Jan</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Jerry, Ann Marie and Family Intentions (Mary O'Connor)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Alan Kennedy (Rest in Peace) (Angela)
<b>Wed 19 Jan</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Noel Callanan (Rest in Peace) (Maloney)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Melanie and Michael and Family Intentions (Mary O'Connor)
<b>Thu 20 Jan</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Intentions of Jose Tuble (Gloria Reyes)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Healing of the World (Jane)
<b>Fri 21 Jan</b>	<b>Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Noel Callanan (Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
<b>06:00pm</b>	John Farr's Intentions (Andy and Kate)
<b>Sat 22 Jan</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Sr. Annunciata's Intentions (Mary Murphy)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Intentions of James O'Gorman (Bernie)
<b>Sun 23 Jan</b>	<b>Third Sunday in ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30</b>	Parishioners
<b>10:00am</b>	Riordan Family Intention (Mary)
<b>12noon</b>	Anthony Katuramu (Rest in Peace)

### 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.