

**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**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (13/02/2022)**

**(Racial Justice Day)**

Dear Parishioners,

How sad it would be if it were said of any of us: 'if good comes, they have no eyes for it'. Sometimes we can begrudge the good fortune of others or even in our own lives remain unaware of the many blessing we have.

It makes sense to read 'blessed' instead of 'happy' when proclaiming the Gospel. Blessed are the poor; the hungry; the sad and those reviled. It just shows how human values are turned on their head. In the time of Jesus, to be rich and powerful was considered a blessing from God. For many, that still holds true today. We know that Jesus in his ministry, befriended the poor, the sinner, the outcast and those considered less desirable in society and so we need to ask ourselves; what is our attitude to the poor who are struggling in life because of their poverty; those who have nothing, like the homeless of the migrant or people with disabilities?

There is no place to hide from the message of today's scriptures. It is clear that 'God's ways are not our ways'. We often try to water down the harsh realities and challenge of Jesus' words. Did Jesus really mean that we are to love our enemies; see him in the outcast of society and move out of our comfort zones and ideas? We take the Beatitudes to be the formula for service to God and neighbour in our Christian

journey. We must not be surprised at the challenge. We see the price of discipleship in those who have gone before us. What was the cost of discipleship for St Paul. St Thomas More, St John Fisher, St Edith Stein, St Oscar Romero and the many others who have given witness for their faith? They gave lives totally-that was the price! Our giving of our lives needs to be in the living out of that generous in little things, it's remarkable how God can transform them into greater blessings.

Have a Blessed Week.

*Caon 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.

**Requests for Masses:** Please be aware that if you wish to have a Mass celebrated on a particular date and time, then at least 8 weeks notice is required.

**Altar Servers:** The plan is to have altar servers at all the weekend Masses from the beginning of Lent.

**Proclaimers of the Word of God:** A new rota is now available for all Masses. If you wish to resume proclaiming the Word of God at Mass please write your name and contact details and hand to the priests. Alternatively e/mail the parish office. Thanks to Christine for collating the rota.

Your blessed palms can be returned to the basket in the church porch for burning in preparation for Ash Wednesday.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after all Masses weekdays and weekends. Ask one of the priests.

**The Pope's Monthly Intentions**

**We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage ; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times**

**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.

**BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 23rd - 30th July 2022**

Join the Youth pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer, assisting pilgrims to Masses, services, shops and cafes of the beautiful French town, take part in retreats and a youth led reconciliation service, visit the baths and the stunning mountain town of Gavarnie, experience the amazing Lourdes processions, as well as social nights, party and so much more! The cost is £625 for the week, and is open to all those in school year 11 and above. (funding and grant opportunities are available!) *You can* email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or visit [www.bcys.net/events/sl22](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl22) to find out more and apply now! The deadline for applications is Sunday 20th February.

**THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What do devotions to Mary tell us about her Son, Jesus?** Input will be given by Fr Michael Barwick, assistant parish priest of Our Lady and St George, Walthamstow, today, Sunday 13th February, 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. via Zoom. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to [adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org). For more information go to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

Thanks to all who filled in the questionnaires on the synodal process. Conrad Almeida has collated all the replies together with the responses from the schools. The results will be forwarded to the synodal committee of the diocese.

**Tony Rath, Rest in Peace** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Tony Rath, husband of Tina who died suddenly. May God comfort you Tina. Funeral details are being arranged. Requiem Mass for Tony's soul will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am at Our Lady and St George.

Our sincere condolences to Edward Hodge on the death of his mother Marie. Rest in Peace.

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

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Josephine Cheshire's Intentions
<b>Sun 13 Feb</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Mayo Family Intentions
<b>10:00am</b>	Jacqueline Keavey (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>12noon</b>	Marian Zawaoka (Rest in Peace) (Renata)
<b>Mon 14 Feb</b>	<b>Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Farrugia Family Intention
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Fr. James McDemot (Rest in Peace) (Johanna)
<b>Tue 15 Feb</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Intentions (Gertrude)
<b>10:30 am</b>	Requiem Mass- Tony Rath (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Patrick Musa (Rest in Peace) (Theresa)
<b>Wed 16 Feb</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Carol Phillips (Rest in Peace) (Linda)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	John Hayden (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
<b>Thu 17 Feb</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Special Intention
<b>06:00pm</b>	Gene Horgan's Intentions
<b>Fri 18 Feb</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Benilda Fusi (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Aidan)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Benilda Fusi (Rest in Peace) (Charles Reade)
<b>Sat 19 Feb</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Bernard Carey (Rest in Peace) (Carey)
<b>06:00pm</b>	John Elms (Rest in Peace) (Famiy)
<b>Sun 20 Feb</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Special Intentions (Tudda)
<b>10:00am</b>	Sean Glynn (Rest in Peace) (Hodge)
<b>12noon</b>	Alice Isaac (Rest in Peace) (Roy)

### 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, Linda Campbell, Pauline Brookman, Fr. Francis Coveney

**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.