

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (27/02/2022)

(Day of Prayer for the Unemployed)

Dear Parishioners,

Sometimes I wonder, even after 46 years of priesthood, whether Jesus, because of his sense of humour, came from Palestine or Ireland. A splinter in the eye may well have happened to Jesus in his carpenter's workshop in Nazareth but there is a slight even comic exaggeration in considering a plank of wood in one's eyes. But the image helps us see how we can exaggerate the failing of others in comparison to our own.

Let us pray for that virtue of doing things in moderation. Whether it is alcohol intake or excesses in other areas of our lives, we need to avoid extremes. As Oscar Wilde said: 'Everything in moderation, including moderation.' This also applies to condemning the faults of others. How easily we blame others for our own shortcoming. It's a story as old as Adam and Eve. Adam said, Lord it wasn't me, it was the woman who tempted me. Eve blamed the serpent and the poor old snake didn't have a leg to stand on! We can grow blind to our own faults because we spend so much time in judging others. Ask anyone who lives in the same house as you or in your place of work.

The journey to perfection begins with us; we have to come to terms with our own limitations before judging other people. The discipline of temperance help us to understand and appreciate others. Jesus reminds us that we should bear good fruit- a rotten tree is useless. The

fruit that we need to produce in our own lives are those suggested by St Paul; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Here is a challenge for Lent which is now on the horizon. Take each of those nine fruits and sow a little seed of each one each day. One day at a time and one seed at a time! What an activity during the Lent Season!

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.

Blessed Ash will be imposed at all the Ash Masses 09:15am and 06:00pm

Parish Baptism Preparation Course The next parish preparation course (Session One) for the Sacrament of Baptism is on Monday night 28th of February at 6:30p.m. Session 2 will be on Monday 7th of March. at the same time.

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

Rosary Group: The Rosary Group have returned to pray the Rosary, Monday to Friday in the Weekday Chapel immediately after the 9:15a.m. Mass. All welcome

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

LENT READINGS: The Scripture readings for Lent are particularly rich and a major source of help in living a good Lent. Fr Adrian Gruffy, parish priest, Scripture scholar, and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared commentaries on all the readings in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass throughout Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. The full text of the biblical readings and commentary are accessible from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org

A big thank you to the Simon family for the 50 (yes fifty) purificators for Masses. A wonderful gift to the parish.

Deputy Headteacher Holy Family Catholic School, Walthamstow

Holy Family is a well-respected and popular Catholic school located in north-east London. The Governors invite applications from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably-qualified practising Catholic leaders to play a key role in building on the success of our friendly school, working in partnership with our Headteacher. Deadline for applications: 3:30 pm on Friday 11th March 2022. Prospective candidates are warmly encouraged to visit the school. For further information please visit our website: https://www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk/home/vacancies/current_vacancies/ To arrange a visit or request an Application Pack, please contact the Headteacher's PA, Mrs Fray, on 0208 520 0482 or at t.fray@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk

WANT TO GIVE YOUR MARRIAGE A BOOST ?

Treat yourselves to a life changing Marriage Encounter Experience
Our next experiences are 4-6th March, 14th & 21st May, 11-12th June.....
Visit wwme.org.uk for more details and booking.

BCYS Youth Mass, Thursday 3rd March, Brentwood cathedral.

Come along from 6pm for pizza, followed by Sophie from the Walsingham House team and CAFOD, who will talk about her experiences, inspiring us to get involved and how we can take action! Mass will begin in the cathedral from 7:30pm, joined by Fr Gary Dench who will preach the Gospel. Open to all those in years 9 and above, no booking necessary.

(YOUTH MASS takes place on the First Thursday of EVERY MONTH and groups are always welcome! Please let us know in advance if you wish to bring a group, if you are able, so that we can have an idea how much pizza to order! Any groups are always welcome!)

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What is new about the new evangelisation? Input will be given by Fr Pachal Uche, assistant priest at St James the Less, Colchester, today, Sunday 27th February, 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. via Zoom. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

Sponsored Sleepout 8th - 9th April, 8pm - 8am

Wherever you are in the Diocese, take part in your gardens, schools or parishes, on your own or as part of a group and spend 12 hours sleeping rough outdoors to raise money for a local charity supporting the homeless. Email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information and to take part.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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| 06:00 pm | Tim Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Keane) |
| Sun 27 Feb | Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| 08:30am | Intentions of Jenny and Cliff |
| 10:00am | Marichelle Ebreo (Rest in Peace) (Rosie) |
| 12noon | Maureen Mayo (Rest in Peace) (Christine) |
| Mon 28 Feb | FERIA |
| 09:15 am | Dee Trawgarides' Intentions (Mary) |
| 06:00 pm | Patrick Musa (Rest in Peace) (Theresa) |
| Tue 01 March | Saint David, Bishop, Patron of Wales |
| 09:15am | Dee Trawgarides' Intentions (linda) |
| 06:00pm | Special Intention (Maria Watras) |
| Wed 02 March | Ash Wednesday |
| 09:15am | Patrick Maume (Rest in Peace) (Family) |
| 06:00 pm | Patrick Musa (Rest in Peace) (Theresa) |
| Thu 03 March | Thursday After Ash Wednesday |
| 09:15am | Nana Nyako Adu Barfour (Jenny) |
| 06:00pm | Christopher (Betty) |
| Fri 04 March | Friday After Ash Wednesday |
| 09:15 am | Thanksgiving (Jane) |
| 06:00pm | Patrick and Kate's Intentions (Betty) |
| Sat 05 March | Saturday After Ash Wednesday |
| 10:00am | Denis Bonnar (Rest in Peace) (Perry) |
| 06:00pm | Nora and Richard Keane (Rest in Peace) (Keane) |
| Sun 06 March | First Sunday of Lent |
| 08:30 am | Thanksgiving (Tudda) |
| 10:00am | Mary Doolan (Rest in Peace) (Mary Bond) |
| 12noon | Family Intention (Lilian) |

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, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy

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.