

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (06/02/2022)

(World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)

Dear Parishioners,

'Here I am, send me!' These are words that bring joy to the heart at a time when it can be a challenge to find volunteers whether it is in the parish or candidates to the priesthood and religious life. We see Jesus speaking that same word of God by the Sea of Galilee. Among those hearing the word are Peter and his companions as they clean their nets. For them it's been a 'Bad day at the office'- no fish after night's work. Jesus invites them to try again and behold, they make a mighty catch. Note, Jesus invited them to move out into 'deep water'. Had they been fishing keeping safely too close to the shore?

We get a clear message of perseverance; of taking risks and goodness. We think in the thankfulness of those brave men and women and missionaries who ventured to foreign lands bringing the faith to others. In my forty six years as a priest I've experienced this fact of how people of all nationalities have added to the spread of the Gospel. That same task is ours today at home and abroad.

When we really trust in God and respond to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, wonderful things happen. We as individuals and church need to 'launch out into the deep'. So often we cling to the shore; we try to keep safe; very little of adventure and so end up getting nowhere.

As we plan for the Synod of 2023, we have a unique opportunity to put forward ideas for discussion. We need to respond to the signs of the times. What is happening around us, or maybe what is not happening may be more pertinent . There are many examples: half empty churches; priestless parishes; our response to migrants and Climate Change, to mention but a few. Have we the courage to launch out into the deep once again?

Have a Blessed Week.

Canon Miall

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 on 6th February 6:30pm in the Church is only for the parents who completed session one last week.

Requests for Masses: Please be aware that if you wish to have a Mass celebrated on a particular date and time, then at least 6 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

Congratulation to Jeromi and Parantaran who married yesterday in Our Lady and Saint George. Every Blessings to them both.

We welcome Sophie Grace Kassam into the community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Every Blessing to the family.

God bless all the children who made their First Reconciliation yesterday.

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 by Monday 22nd February.

Thresholds of Hope Question: What does it mean to talk about a woman as Mother of God and Mother of the Church? Input will be given by Fr Martin Hardy, parish priest of St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays today, **Sunday 6th February** To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

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.

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 15th February at 10:30am at Our Lady and St George.

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.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Fr. Jim McCormack (Rest in Peace) (Diggins)
Sun 06 Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30am	Intentions of Betty (Jane)
10:00am	Gillings Family Intentions (Carmel)
12noon	Brian Burns (Rest in Peace (Renata)
Mon 07 Feb	FERIA
09:15 am	George and Teodora Bartolo (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
06:00 pm	Francesco Mortali (Rest in Peace) (Janet)
Tue 08 Feb	FERIA
09:15am	Deceased of Evelyn Nakayiza Family (Jane)
06:00pm	Sharon (Betty)
Wed 09 Feb	FERIA
09:15am	Special Intentions (Mayo)
06:00 pm	Thanksgiving (Maureen, Tricia, Nora)
Thu 10 Feb	Saint Scholastica, Virgin
09:15am	Tereza and Family (Betty)
06:00pm	Holy Souls and the Dying (Jane)
Fri 11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes, Principal Patroness of the Diocese (World Day for the Sick)
09:15 am	Special Intentions (Liberee)
06:00pm	Patrick (Rest in Peace) (Teresa)
Sat 12 Feb	FERIA
10:00am	Peter and Eileen Webster's Intentions
06:00pm	Josephine Cheshire's Intentions
Sun 13 Feb	Sixty Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Mayo Family Intentions
10:00am	Jacqueline Keavey (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	Marian Zawaoka (Rest in Peace) (Renata)

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, Francis Coveney, 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.