

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

First Sunday of Advent (27/11/2022)



Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the scriptures it appears that significant events occur on mountains, be it the giving of the Commandments to Moses or the Transfiguration of Jesus. Indeed in ancient times mountains were considered to be one of those 'thin' places where one could almost reach out and touch heaven. It is fitting then in the first reading that Isaiah has a vision of the mountain of the lord, towering over other mountains and to which there streams all the peoples, called to live in peace and righteousness.

A second key image in today's reading is that of light and dark, and this especially evocative to those of us living in the Northern hemisphere as we come to the darkest and bleakest time of the year. Our lighting of the Advent candles each week reminds us of the one who will come as a light for the world and a light in our darkness.

A third key theme is of being awake, being ready, being prepared. This points to the second coming of Christ at the end of time, of which occasion we do not know the day or the hour. Neither do we know who will be taken, who will be left.

As another season of Advent begins, let us all reflect on how we can live decently, as Paul tells the Romans; to live in peace with one another, as Isaiah admonishes us; and to be awake and ready and prepared for when the Master arrives. Let us also try to take heart when Master arrives. Let us also try to take heart when we find ourselves in places of darkness in our lives, for as we shall hear on Christmas Day from a later passage of Isaiah, 'The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.'

Have a Blessed Week.

Canon Miall

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

The **next parish Baptism preparation programme** will be on Monday 28th November at 6:30p.m. Session 1.

Congratulation to Joe and Rhona Elwood on their 62nd wedding anniversary.

Please note there will be No New Year's Eve Midnight Mass on New Year's Eve 31st December 2022. The Vigil Mas will be at 6pm.

OLSG SVP Annual Collection Appeal for Needy Families set for weekend Masses Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November 2022.

The appeal will ensure that families experiencing the adverse effects of the economic and energy crisis can have the means to celebrate and enjoy the Christmas Season despite the great challenges they face in their day to day lives. There will be increased demands on the SVP to support working families, low-income families economically challenged, single parents who struggle each day to care for their children. People with disabilities and vulnerable older people living alone or with a carer or family member.

Advent Lectionary We are delighted to tell you that the full presentation of all the Mass readings for Advent with commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy is now available. Just visit www.whatgoodnews.org and click on the link.

The **diocesan Directory for 2023** has arrived. Spiral bound copy £4.15p non spiral bound copy £2.95p. Available in the repository.

This weekend at all the Masses there will be a retiring collection for the parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society. The money collected will go to needy families in the parish and for upcoming emergency needs. Thank you for your generosity

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch: After a 3 year break due to Covid the lunch will take place on Sunday 4th December 2 to 5pm. Location as usual will be in Our Lady and St George lower site School. This year we will call it Jenny Richmond's Memorial Senior Citizens Lunch in her memory having organized the lunch for over 17 years. We look forward to seeing you there. See noticeboard by hymn book shelf for details. Please write your name clearly.

ADVENT- ALL NIGHT VIGIL – FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 9PM TO SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 5AM AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH WALTHAMSTOW, 61 BLACKHORSE ROAD E17 7AS, TEL 0208 520 3647. Why not to spend a night with Jesus, Mary & Joseph. What a lovely Xmas gift for the Lord. Come and kneel before the prince of peace and ask Him for the gift of peace on earth. Let us pray for families, for the poor, for our country and for our world leaders. Let there be peace Lord, let there be Peace. Please come and join us for a full all night programme of prayer . Food and drink available during the night. We begin at 9pm on Friday with Mass and sacred Heart of Jesus and we finish on Saturday morning at 5am with Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Everyone is welcome."

"My Day by Day" Advent booklets are available at the Repository at a cost of £2. The Advent booklet is a helpful companion for the season of Advent right up to the Christmas Season. Also Jesus' teachings talking about infants and children appear in several places in the New Testament so for our young ones we have "My Day by Day" Advent booklets for infants and juniors at £1. They are for primary school children, and are designed to encourage children's interest and enjoyment of the liturgical season of Advent into Christmas.

Advent Service at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 27th November at 4.00 p.m. With music from the Cathedral choir, readings and lighting of the Advent wreath led by Bishop Alan Williams, this is a perfect way to begin our spiritual preparation for Christmas. All welcome. You can also watch this service on the Thresholds of Hope page on youtube: <https://youtu.be/c2KQhRXzOFU>

An anonymous donor has purchased 180 hymn books for the parish. This is a wonderful and generous gift and will be very much used by all of us.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	November Dead List
Sun 27 November	First Sunday of Advent
08:30 am	November Dead Lists
10:00am	Anne Harte (Carey)
12noon	Choi-Yee Kwan (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
Mon 28 November	FERIA
09:15am	November Dead Lists
06:00pm	November Dead Lists
Tue 29 November	FERIA
09:15am	Olivier Ellul (Rest in Peace) (Dellapina)
6:00pm	November Dead Lists
Wed 30 November	Saint Andrew, Apostle
09:15am	November Dead Lists
06:00 pm	Holy Souls (Betty)
Thu 01 December	FERIA
09:15am	Intentions (Maria Watras)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Seamus and Evelyn)
Fri 2 December	FERIA
09:15 am	Augustine Fadina (Rest in Peace) (Agnes)
06:00pm	Martin Keane (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
Sat 3 December	Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
10:00am	Josephine Keane's Intentions (Betty)
06:00pm	Mary McGlinchy (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
Sun 4 December	Second Sunday of Advent
08:30 am	Claire Keane's Intentions (Betty)
10:00am	Mary Cunningham (Rest in Peace) (De Souza)
12noon	Wesley De Souza (Rest in Peace) (Family)

Prayer List

Betty Ramsey, Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Alma Willox, Liberee, Maria Green, Anne (Christina), Grace, Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Peggy McManus, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Johanna Whitley, Linda Campbell, Fr. Francis Coveney, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Pdraig Maloney, Pauline Brookman, Damon, Fatimata, Peter Norman

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.