

## 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**



### Second Sunday of Advent (04/12/2022)

Dear Parishioners,

John the Baptist is one of those people you pay attention to. He's not gentle like Jesus or persuasive like Paul -in fact he's a holy terror! His body is gaunt from fasting and his eyes are sharpened by the visions he has seen. You get the feeling that when he speaks, he is talking straight at you and that he means every word he utters. John was no man to trifle with. He had already had a huge following before Jesus made his first contacts in public life. People flocked from miles around to hear his messages and receive his baptism. John knew what he wanted, and he was determined to get it- no identity crisis here, he cut straight to the point.

When John and Jesus came face to face, the sinless one seeking baptism from God's rottweiler, John didn't know what to expect. At first John hesitates, but Jesus insists and it is done. God confirms their decisions '*John, this is my Son*', '*Jesus. I am pleased with you*'. Their lives next meet through messengers. John has been imprisoned by Herod, for denouncing his adulterous relationship with Herodias, his brother Phillip's wife. As he muses over his fate, he wonders why Jesus is acting so strangely, associating with the very sinners he was trying to scare into salvation. So, John send messengers to ask Jesus. 'Are you really the one we have been waiting for?' Jesus had a way with words.

He told the messengers: *'Tell John that my call comes from the same book as his. I am only doing what it says in the Book of Isaiah: curing the sick and preaching good news to the poor'*. When Jesus is informed of John's death Jesus knew then that he had to declare himself. He said *'Tell that fox Herod that he killed the wrong man; I am the messiah'*. Jesus now steps onto centre stage, while the greatest prophet who ever lived faded into the background. John played his role to perfection. He convicted humankind of evil, so leaving God to send us his mercy in the person of Jesus Christ.

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.

The **next parish Baptism preparation programme** will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30p.m. Session 2.

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

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available after every parish Mass. Simply ask a priest.

**Parish Carol Service** on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm in the Church. All welcome.

**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](http://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.

Holy Family Carol Service will be on Tuesday 13th December at 7:30pm in Our Lady and Saint George Church. All Welcome.

**Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch:** After a 3 year break due to Covid the lunch will take place on today 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.

Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch - Thank you to the parish for your usual generosity towards this annual event which is one of the fixtures in our parish life, this year we will celebrate the contribution that Jenny Richmond made towards this event in past years amount donated £542.52

**"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.

**Free Jesse Tree Booklet for Families** The Jesse Tree is a wonderful resource for families to prepare for Christmas during Advent, telling the story of God's unfolding plan of salvation through the ancestors of Jesus Christ. A free, printable Jesse Tree booklet containing daily short scripture passages, simple reflections and prayers, as well as tree ornaments are available for all families in the Diocese of Brentwood by following this link:  
[www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life/family-life/](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life/family-life/)

Requiem Mass for Georgina Koduah, Rest in Peace will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. Georgina's coffin will be brought to the church at 4:30pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Marnie Patricia Malone, Rest in Peace. Marnie a former pupil at Holy Family School has died at the age of 23 years. Please pray for her parents Paul and Donna.

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

<b>06:00pm</b>	Mary McGlinchy (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
<b>Sun 4 December</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Claire Keane's Intentions (Betty)
<b>10:00am</b>	Mary Cunningham (Rest in Peace) (De Souza)
<b>12noon</b>	Wesley De Souza (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Mon 5 December</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Thomas and Agnes Okite (Sr. Genitrix)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Finn and Ava McGhie's Intentions (Betty)
<b>Tue 06 December</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Van Qang Tran (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>11:00am</b>	Requiem Mass- Georgina Koduah (Rest in Peace)
<b>6:00pm</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Wed 7 December</b>	<b>Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Teodora and George Bartolo (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Ambrose Dillsworth (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Thu 08 December</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Neil Campbell (Rest in Peace) (Linda)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Bill Thompson (Rest in Peace) (Edna)
<b>Fri 09 December</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Angela and Sr. Stella (Sr. Genitrix)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Mathew)
<b>Sat 10 December</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Maureen Bennett (Rest in Peace) (Jane)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Van Ngot Pham (Family)
<b>Sun 11 December</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Timothy O'Sullivan (Rest in Peace) (Mary)
<b>10:00am</b>	Anna Harvey (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>12noon</b>	Anthony Yamson Intentions (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 a.m. 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.