

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 School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

Reading 1 Ez 37: 12-14

Response to the Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

2nd Reading Rm 8:8-11

Gospel: Saint John: 11: 1-45

Fifth Sunday of Lent (26/03/2023)

'I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' A profound statement, absolute assurance, and a challenging question on which we could ponder. Resurrection is not 'something' that happens after death. Resurrection is Someone whose life we share now. To believe in Jesus is to be in an intimate, trusting relationship-it is not knowledge. To believe and live is the same thing. Because we are live is the same thing. Because we are alive now in the risen Jesus, we are in Heaven. However, Heaven is not a place but a person-the Risen Jesus. And he is not somewhere. He is everywhere. It is in him we live, move, and have our being. He promised, 'I go to prepare a place for you, so that where I am, you may be too'. Where Jesus is, we are. St. George of Nazianzus bolsters our confidence in simple, yet profound language: 'We needed an incarnate God who would die that we might live. We died with him that we might live. We died with him that we might be cleansed. We rose again with him because we died with him. We were glorified with him because we rose again with him.' Speaking about His Ascension, St Augustine says, 'Just as he ascended

without leaving us, so too we are already with him in Heaven, although his promise have not yet been fulfilled in our bodies. Christ, while in Heaven is also with us; and we, while on earth, are also with him. He did not leave Heaven when he came down to us from heaven; and He did not leave us when he ascended to heaven again.' Speaking of Heaven, Pope Benedict writes, 'The departing Jesus does not make his way to some distant star. Hence, he has not 'gone away,' but now and forever by God's own power he is present with us and for us. His going away is in this sense a coming, a new form of closeness of continuing presence.

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 27th of March in the church at 6:30p.m. for Session 1. Session 2 is on the following Monday 3rd April.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday of Lent immediately after the 6p.m. Mass.

The **new Gift Aid boxes** are available with your name on them. Only take a gift aid box with your name on it. If your box is not there then speak to one of the priests and fill in the form.

A big thank you to Cliff for removing the candle wax from the sanctuary. Also a big thank you to Hong daughter of Thuyet and Hoa who repaired a large statue of Our Lady

A pre marriage course for couples planning to marry in the next 12 months will take place on Wednesday 29th March and Thursday 30th March. The course will begin at 7:30pm in the parish hall.

HCPT Appeal. We raised the wonderful Amount of £1289.69 from our Parish appeal. We are overwhelmed by the generosity and every so grateful. We will remember the Parish community in our prayers at the Grotto this Easter. AND every item on the wish list was bought too! (More bits and pieces will be added to Facebook page wish list @hcpygroup161)

Our Lady and St George SVP Conference-Walthamstow - SVP Listening Hub commenced on Tuesday 7 March 2023, thereafter the first Tuesday of every month. Parishioners and the wider community can drop-in for friendly chats and coffee, find out about volunteering with the SVP. Needy Families can access information and support with every-day issues. Also, collect donated food and other items managed by Br Paul Dowling. Please contact the Secretary Joan Nicholson for more information mobile 07436 583 288.

Bible Study: We have restarted "reflecting" on the Sunday Scripture readings each Monday in the day Chapel at 8pm. The purpose of the group is to look, discern and pray on scripture reading then go out and live it! To prepare space and resources we would like to know if you will be interested you do not have to come regularly just when you are able. Please talk to Cliff in church porch after Sunday Masses.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Loretta Antonietta Emelinda Camporese. The Requiem Mass for Loretta's soul will be on Thursday 30th of March at Our Lady and Saint George at 10:30a.m.

Vacancy for permanent/Bank cleaner at Our Lady and St George's Catholic Primary School, Shernhall Street, Walthamstow. Closing date Monday 27th March 2023. For more information, please visit www.olschool.org/vacancies or contact the school office on 0208520 8500*

Thanks to everyone who attended the 40 hours. Many graces and blessings will result from that precious time.

Holy Week Ceremonies

Holy Thursday 10:00am office of Reading

7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper.

Good Friday: 10:00am Office of Reading

11:00am- Station of the Cross for Children

3:00pm- Solemn Pasion of the Lord

6:00pm – Station of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 10:00am –Office of Reading

Vigil Mass- 07:30pm

Easter Sunday – 8:30am, 10:00am, 12noon.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Pamela Woods (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
Sun 26 March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
08:30 am	Francis Palmer (Doreen)
10:00am	Moyra Whelan (Rest in Peace) (Joe and Mary Bond)
12noon	Thanksgiving (Theresa)
Mon 27 March	Lenten Weekday
09:15am	James Harte (Rest in Peace) (Ellen)
06:00pm	Fr. James Hannigan (Rest in Peace) (Pact)
Tue 28 March	Lenten Weekday
09:15am	James Harte (Rest in Peace) (Ellen)
6:00pm	Ram and Betty Ramsey (Res in Peace) (Patrick and Katy)
Wed 29 March	Lenten Weekday
09:15am	Rose Morley (Rest in Peace) (Anne O'Donovan)
06:00 pm	Marie Gorette De Abreu
Thu 30 March	Lenten Weekday
09:15am	Intentions of Liria
10:30 am	Requiem Mass -Loretta Antonietta Emelinda Camporese (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Jan and Maria (Rest in Peace) (Marta)
Fri 31 March	Lenten Weekday
09:15 am	William Balfe (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00pm	Mgr. Peter Wilson (Pact)
Sat 01 April	Lenten Weekday
10:00am	Antonio Engracio de Jesus
06:00pm	Michael Harris (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
Sun 02 April	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
08:30 am	Michael Joseph Ready (Rest in Peace Peace) (Nigel)
10:00am	Nelson Dias (Rest in Peace) (De Souza)
12noon	Ram and Betty Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Patrick and Katy)

Prayer List

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, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Padraic Maloney , Pauline Brookman, Damon, Fatimata, Sherry Family, Bridie Curley, Jason Leonard Hamilton Barber (Tracy), Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo