

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

1st Reading Acts 2:1-11

**Response to the Psalm: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and
renew the face of the earth.**

2nd Reading 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel: J0 20:19-23

Pentecost Sunday(28/05/2023)

Once upon a time, a parish priest was described as having a role akin to the conductor of an orchestra. He wasn't required to have all the gifts and talents of the parish himself, but had to encourage others to use their gifts to produce beautiful music for the whole community.

This made perfect sense in those days when every parish had a parish priest of its own, before the time of clustering, pastoral areas, families of parishes, etc, Now the pastoral landscape has changed. Many priests share responsibility for ever-larger units, while lay leadership develops in parishes. The Church which originally gave form to parishes can't so easily let them go. Even if parishes haven't resident priests any longer, they still need a focus of unity- a strong local leader, a resident deacon or pastoral assistant, or a small group of people who guide the ship.

Whoever takes on the leadership role in the future, he, she or they will find their charter of action in the second reading for Pentecost Sunday.

Here St, Paul reminds us of home truths for parish life. Every community has a variety of gifts available to it, as diverse as the range of people who are part of it. No one person or small group has all the gifts needed to steer a parish or

lead a community. There are indeed all sorts of service to be done, but the same Spirit inspires all, leads all, guides all.

Paul insists that this arrangement mimics a human body, with many parts operating each in a different way, to achieve one purpose. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, say Paul, reminding everyone of the primary sacrament of parish life, the gate through which all have entered their Christian faith, cleric and lay alike.

The gift of all have to be organised, channelled, directed, coordinated, so even if priests no longer exercise a leadership role locally, the Spirit will find one or two to do it- like the conductor of the orchestra, drawing all into harmony and beauty, united in the one Spirit.

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 29th of May 6:30 pm in the Church. Session 1. Session 2 on June 5th.

Gift Aid Queries and Requests If you have any query regarding Gift Aid (e.g. missing donor box, advise Finance of a change in your personal details or tax situation, or if you want to join the Gift Aid scheme either through the use of weekly boxes, online donation or standing order), please fill up one of the forms available in the church foyer and hand it directly to one of the priests or drop it in the presbytery mail box. You can also email your request or query to Armie directly, the parish Gift Aid Coordinator, at walthamstowol&stg@dioceseofbrentwood.org . Thank you.

THE RAFFLE PRIZE COLLECTION AND WINNERS

Collection: Sunday 28 May 2023 after each Mass.

Winners: The list of the winners will be displayed on the notice board in the Church foyer from Sunday 21 May 2023. Donations: Are still welcomed if you wish to support the fundraising effort for the Heart and Cancer Centres for Barts Health NHS Trust as part of "Barts 900 Campaign". THANK YOU again for your heartfelt support and generosity. Hazel Belizaire 07813 644431

The Divine Mercy Healing Service is from 5-6pm every Sunday in the weekday Chapel. All are welcome.

A reminder that there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on bank holiday Monday.

BCYS Youth Mass, 1st June at Brentwood Cathedral

Beginning in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm, there will be pizza and refreshments available, with the Cathedral open for quiet prayer, music and reflection, particularly thinking of those in the middle of, or nearing the end of, exams who may need a quiet space to rest and revitalise. Join us for as long or short a time as you wish to enjoy the peace of the Cathedral before we celebrate Mass with Fr Michael at 7:30pm. Anyone who wishes is very welcome to bring instruments or sing with our Youth led music group, or if you would like to serve, read, or be involved in the Mass in any way you would be incredibly welcome!

BCYS Youth Gather, 21st – 22nd October, Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island

Youth Gather is back for 2023 and the BCYS are absolutely thrilled to be joined by the fantastic Adenike, semi-finalise on the voice, who many of you will have seen perform and heard from at Flame back in March. Taking place at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island, there is cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward bound activities, opportunities for climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, plus performances, input and workshops from Adenike and the SVP! All meals are included, plus two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, accommodation and travel to and from Mersea Island – all of this for just £70! The event is open to those in school year 9 and above, including opportunities for young leaders (age 18 and above) in the Brentwood Diocese. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events/yg23/

Catechist Training and Resources Day, Saturday 4th November

The BCYS will host our Annual Catechist Training and Resources Day once again this November at Sacred Heart of Mary School in Upminster! With a number of incredible workshops, input, networking and welcoming back the fantastic David Wells as keynote speaker, this is a day not to miss if you are a Confirmation Catechist, First Holy Communion Catechist, Children's Liturgy or Youth leader in the Diocese of Brentwood! Visit www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/ for details on how to book your place now!

Kathleen Mynott, Rest in Peace Requiem Mass for Kathleen Mynott will be on Wednesday 31st of May at Our Lady and Saint George Church at 12 noon. The burial will take place at Chingford Mount Cemetery at 1:30p.m. May she Rest in Peace Amen.

Mary Margaret Lee, Rest in Peace Requiem Mass for Mary Margaret Lee will be on Friday 9th June 11:15am in our Lady and Saint George Church.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Joseph Gabriel, Rest in Peace.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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| 06:00pm | Prayer Circle (Sr. Ann Marie) |
| Sun 28 May | Pentecost Sunday |
| 08:30 am | Those Sitting Exams |
| 10:00am | Damon O'Donovan's Intentions |
| 12noon | Phil Kelly (Rest in Peace) (Neville Family) |
| Mon 29 May | Mary, Mother of the Church |
| 10:00am** | William Newton (Rest in Peace) (PACT) |
| 06:00pm | Thanksgiving (Jose and Jesse) |
| Tue 30 May | The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 09:15am | All those sitting exams |
| 6:00pm | Ram and Betty Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Theresa) |
| Wed 31 May | Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood |
| 09:15am | Parishioners |
| 12:00 noon | Requiem Mass – Kathleen Mynott (Rest in Peace) |
| 06:00 pm | Thanksgiving (Mathew) |
| Thu 1 June | Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest |
| 09:15am | Douglas Turvey (Rest in Peace) (Paciencia) |
| 06:00pm | Intentions of Katy Ramsey (Patrick) |
| Fri 2 June | FERIA |
| 09:15 am | Dr. Cooney and Family Intentions (Theresa) |
| 06:00pm | Rebecca Storr (Rest in Peace) (Paciencia) |
| Sat 3 June | St Charles Lwanga and Comps, Mm |
| 10:00am | Prince Harry's Intentions (Slawen) |
| 06:00pm | Rita Cheung Brazier (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine) |
| Sun 4 June | The Most Holy Trinity |
| 08:30 am | Intentions of Liria |
| 10:00am | Georgina Iris O'Donovan (Rest in Peace) (O'Donovan) |
| 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, John Joseph (Mary), Ambrose and Felistas