

**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

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**Charity Number: 234092**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Sam 3:3-10,19**

**Response to the Psalm: Here I am Lord! I come to do your will.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20**

**Gospel: John 1:35-42**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (14/01/2024)**

**(Peace Sunday)**

The very first words of Jesus in John's Gospel are his words which we heard him say today to Andrew and the other disciple, 'What are you looking for?' or 'What do you want?' which is another way of saying it. It is an invitation to us to look into our hearts and see what is going on in our hearts. The saints are those whom wanted one thing in life, what God wanted. What do we most want in life? Is it to draw closer to Jesus? There is a saying about voting with our feet for God, so to speak, can we reflect on how to fix it? If you want to be closer to Jesus, ask Jesus to help you draw closer to him. 'What are you looking for?' 'What do you want?' The saints are those who wanted one thing in life, what God wanted.

Andrew and the other disciples answered, 'Where are you staying?' Since so much in the Gospel of John is symbolic, they are not asking Jesus for his street address and house number, but they were saying they want to be where Jesus is. They want to be with Jesus. They discovered what was in their hearts: they want to be with Jesus and are now, so to speak, voting with their feet. They are leaving John the Baptist to go to Jesus.

Jesus said to them, 'Come and see.' They spent the rest of the day with him. I think that is an invitation from Jesus to each of us also. 'Come and see.' 'Spend an hour with me.' It is an invitation to pray, an invitation to get to know Jesus, to say like Samuel in our first reading, 'Speak, Lord, your Servant is listening' (1 Sam 3:9), an invitation to listen to Jesus' words like Mary who say at his feet while her sister Martha was busy in the kitchen, an invitation to study Jesus' words so that we will get to know Jesus better.

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 Baptism preparation course** will be on Monday 29th of January at 6:30pm in the church for Session one. Session 2 will be on the following Monday 5th of February.

Last week we welcomed Kalyan Sumesh and John Pius Anthony Gabriel McDonagh into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

This Sunday we welcome Harper Lily Van Le and Nathaniel Raymond Vaughan into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Every Blessings to all the families.

**A FIRE IN MY HEART - A CONVERSATION WITH BIBLICAL FRIENDS:** On Saturday 3rd February from 11 am until 2 pm (coffee at 10.30 am), at the church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be in conversation with professor Nuria Calduch-Benages, secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, and Carlos Castillo Mattasoglio, archbishop of Lima, Peru. The event coordinator is Fr Javier Ruiz-Ortiz, vice-rector of Allen Hall. The speakers will be present in-person, but this free event is also live-streamed on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) If attending in person please book your place at [gideapark@brcdt.org](mailto:gideapark@brcdt.org) The event is under the auspices of the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain.

**Cycle of Prayer** : During Ordinary Time (Winter) i.e. up to the Season of Lent, we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth, Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them,; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it: The Unemployed .

The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity may be observed from the 18 to the 25th of January.

Please note that the earliest Mass intentions available will be early March.

**BCYS YOUTH MASS – Thursday 1st February, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral** Beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a speaker from the SVP joining us to help prepare for the start of Lent. Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book, but do let us know if you have a group coming – just email [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net)

### **YEAR 12 RETREAT – Friday 16th to Sunday 18th February**

“Life to the Full” - You are at a stage where you are about to start making decisions and dreaming about future plans. You might be at a stage where you are looking to explore your faith further and learn more about the role God plays within your life. This retreat will give you time to think, pray and chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London. There will be a mix of fun and games, along with times of reflection and personal prayer. For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation. Apply now at [www.bcys.net/events/yr12retreat/](http://www.bcys.net/events/yr12retreat/)

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Grace Mecaley Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Grace's soul will be on Tuesday 30th January at 11:30a.m. in Our Lady and Saint George Church followed by burial at Chingford Mount Cemetery.

Our condolences to Clara on the death of her sister Isabell. Rest in Peace.

**Birthday Blessings to Gloria**

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

<b>06:00 pm</b>	Fr. Dominic McKenna (Rest in Peace) (Gary)
<b>Sun 14 January</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>10:00 am</b>	Shun-Choi Kwan (Ping)
<b>12noon</b>	Paul Yamson's Intentions (Sylvia)
<b>Mon 15 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Kelie Cullen (Rest in Peace) (Linda)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Patrick Hearne (Rest in Peace) (Charles and Nora)
<b>Tue 16 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Veronica (Dolly) De Sa (Rest in Peace) (De Souza Family)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	John Barry (Rest in Peace) (Dave)
<b>Wed 17 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Intentions of Fr. Russell (Norah)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Lucy's Intentions (Uzice)
<b>Thu 18 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Intentions of Kim Ahn (Family)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Joe Maxwell (Rest in Peace) (Keane)
<b>Fri 19 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15 am</b>	Thanksgiving (Gloria and Roeheuy)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Chris Newman (Sean)
<b>Sat 20 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	Gloria and Roehe (Uy Family)
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Deceased of Moss and Nagle (Family)
<b>Sun 21 January</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Thanksgiving (Charles and Nora)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Simon Uzice (Family)
<b>12noon</b>	Victor's Intentions (Family)

### Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Grace, Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, Peggy McManus, Rosie Ebreo, Kathleen Lloyd, Linda Campbell, Bridie Cronin, Baby Jimmy, Sierra Smucker-Halls (Carol), Maureen Newland (Carol), Anna (Gawlik), Theresa (Curley), Terry Wheeler, Pdraic Maloney , Damon, Bridie Curley, Jason Leonard Hamilton Barber (Tracy), Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Ambrose and Felistas and family, Chris Newman, Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Chris Cullen, Kim Ahn