

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

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Holy Family Catholic School: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18: 15- 20

Response to the Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 32-35

Gospel: Mark 1: 21-28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (28/01/2024)
(Racial Justice Day)

Someone recently asked me, 'Why do I care so much about what other people say and think about me?' I thought about today's Gospel. We're such funny people. Deep down we long for intimacy and authenticity but the last thing we want is to be found out, to have someone see us for who we truly are and who we are not.

We say the right things, act the right way, dress and behave the right way, even believe the right way, and all the while we are creating ourselves in the image and likeness of the unclean spirit. The irony is that those fronts we put up, those personas, keep us from having the very things we think they will gain us, things like intimacy, love, acceptance, healing, forgiveness, and authenticity. The personas offer no possibility for life to flourish and be abundant. Still, we hold on to those false voices, voices that collectively ask, 'Have you come to destroy us?'

That is exactly what Jesus has come for. He has come to destroy. He silences our false voices. He casts out all our personas and make us people with a clean spirit. He stands before us as the mirror image of

who we can become. He calls us into our true self, the one made in the image and likeness of God. Today's Gospel is as much about calling forth as it is about casting out. They are two sides of the same coin.

The true voice and the true image are always present. That's why the man with an unclean spirit can cry out, 'I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' He speaks from a deep place of knowing. His recognition of Jesus is at a profound level a recognition of himself and his own holiness. For every voice that denies that and leaves us crying, 'What have you do to with us?' Jesus says, 'Shhh. Be quiet. That's not who you are. You are mine and I have everything to do with you.' Listen to that voice and you too will be astounded at what can become of your life.

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

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 and those searching for work.

Friday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation with the traditional blessing of candles.

Saturday 3rd of February is the Feast of Saint Blaise and the traditional blessing of the throats will take place during the 10a.m. Mass and the 6p.m. Mass.

Please return your blessed palms in the basket provided so that they can be burned and the ash can be used for Ash Wednesday.

On Sunday 10th of February, we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Kenzo Sango. Blessings to his family.

BCYS YOUTH MASS – Thursday 1st February, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral Beginning with pizza and 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

As you know Caritas Diocese of Brentwood now has three focus groups meeting online throughout the year to create a space for shared prayer, solidarity and fraternity, a sharing of 'quick win' good ideas, that can be easily replicated in other parishes and ways to directly connect with others working/volunteering in each focus area.

The Environment: 12th February on zoom 7-8:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81020066514?pwd=TW9zUnVEZW1TVkVPZURTKjQ0ZlFRZz09>

Meeting ID: 810 2006 6514

Passcode: 587502

Homeless / Cost of Living: 15th February on zoom 7-8:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85791065213?pwd=MHVrTERQSczJDbU5wWTR5bUpCenkzdz09>

Meeting ID: 857 9106 5213

Passcode: 756400

Refugees & Migrants: 27th February on zoom 7-8:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88587722959?pwd=MTIlaVS9uWG9XWlBpdzc2YjlkSUk3dz09>

Meeting ID: 885 8772 2959

Passcode: 388233

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.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Peggy McManus. May she Rest in Peace.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Peggy Doyle (Rest in Peace) (Harte)
Sun 28 January	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Elizabeth Halton (Rest in Peace) (Bernadette Colrick)
10:00 am	P.J. Murphy (Rest in Peace) (Whelan)
12noon	Jerry, Amerie and Family (Mary O'Connor)
Mon 29 January	FERIA
09:15 am	Collette Walsh's Intentions (Carmody)
06:00 pm	Caroline Sherry-King (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Tue 30 January	FERIA
09:15am	Vincent Keane's Intentions (O'Gorman)
11:30 am	Requiem Mass- Grace Mecaley (Rest in Peace)
06:00 pm	Caroline Sherry-King (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Wed 31 January	Saint John Bosco, Priest
09:15 am	Brijit Varkey (Roy)
06:00 pm	Teresa and Philomena's Intentions
Thu 1 February	FERIA
09:15 am	Marguerite Daulfield's Intention (O'Gorman)
06:00 pm	Benedict (Gibson Family)
Fri 2 February	The Presentation of the Lord
09:15 am	Benedict Motha (Rest in Peace) (Gowri)
06:00 pm	Sandra Gibson (Family)
Sat 3 February	Saint Anne Line
10:00 am	Intentions of Clergy and Jonathan (Agnelo and Family)
06:00 pm	Bernard Carey (Rest in Peace) (Joan)
Sun 4 February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Deceased of Fouhy and Fletcher Family (Jeff)
10:00 am	Paddy, Roseanne and Family (Mary)
12noon	Thanksgiving (Agnelo)

Prayer List

Richard and Christine Martin, Michael Gaffney, Hilda Collett (Chris) Brid O Halloran, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Liberee, Anne (Christina), Bridie Curley, Sharon Baker, Bridgit Morris, Mavis Hacker, Marjorie Singh, Pietro and Maria Marrai, 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 and family