Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Charity Number: 234092

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34

Response to the Psalm: A pure heart create for me, O God.

2nd Reading: Hebrew 5:7:9 Gospel: John 12:20-30

Fifth Sunday of Lent (17/03/2024) Saint Patrick Day

In this passage, God is making a new covenant with his people. This new covenant is not like the old one that was made with their ancestors, which they broke. This new covenant is a covenant that will be written on their hearts.

This new covenant is a promise of forgiveness and love. God is saying that he will remember their sins no more. This is a powerful promise because it means that God will not hold our sins against us. He will not keep a record of our wrongdoing, instead, he will forgive us and love us. This is a promise that should bring great comfort to all who hear it.

The idea of a covenant written on the heart is also significant. It means this covenant is not just an external agreement or contract, but it is something that is internalised and personalised. It becomes a part of who we are. When we accept this covenant, it changes us from the inside out. It transform our hearts and our lives.

This new covenant is not just a promise of forgiveness and love, but it is also a promise of a new relationship with God. It is a promise of intimacy and closeness with him. When we accept this covenant, we become his people, and he comes our God. We are no longer estranged from him, but we are brought near to him.

In the Gospel Jesus is also telling his followers that following him requires sacrifice. His death and resurrection brought salvation to all who believe in him. And his life and teaching continue to inspire and transform countless lives. Through our own sacrifices, we too can bear much fruit and bring glory to God. It may involve forgiving someone who has hurt us. It may involve putting the needs of others before our own. Whatever form our sacrifice takes, we can be assured that it will bear fruit. It will bring glory to God and help to build his kingdom on earth.

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 25th March at 6:30p.m. in the church for Session 1. Session 2 on Monday 8th April at 6:30 pm.

The **monthly Mass for the Tamil Community** is on the third Sunday of each month at 5pm in Our lady and St George Church.

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

A big thank you to the Nwajagu family for collecting and laundering the altar servers albs.

Diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 25th May.

This Sunday we welcome into the Community of Faith ... (twins) Lucas Patrick and Lilly Violet Farrance Rose and also Joshua and Tyson Camara. Every Blessing to both families

40 hours Adoration. The annual parish 40 hours Adoration will begin on Thursday March 21st, after 6:00pm Mass to Saturday March 23rd 9:45am followed by the Holy Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with Jesus, as we prepare for Holy Week. Please sign up for the hours you are able to attend. "Can you not spend one hour with me" Please sign/print your name for the hour(s) you wish to participate. There are just 2 hours that need a parishioner or two to fill in the hours and then the 40 Hours will be full. Everybody welcome. Access to the Weekday Chapel during the nights will be through the outside door of the Room of Reconciliation A big thank you for Louella for arranging the timetable.

Happy Birthday to Nestor

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Holy Week Ceremonies:

Holy Thursday

10:00am office of Reading and Morning Prayer
8:00pm Mass of the Last Supper.

Good Friday: 29th March
10:00am Office of Reading and Morning prayer
11:00am - Station of the Cross for Children
3:00pm - Solemn Passion of the Lord
6:00pm - Station of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 10:00am -Office of Reading Vigil Mass- 8:00pm

Easter Sunday Masses - 8:30am, 10:00am, 12noon

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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06:00 pm	Bernard and Shiela Moss (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 17 March	Fifth Sunday of Lent
08:30 am	Elizabeth McGann (Rest in Peace) (Foundation)
10:00 am	Intentions (Sr. Anne Marie)
12noon	Stephanie Yamson's Intentions (Sylvia)
Mon 18 March	Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent
09:15 am	Special Intentions (Liberee)
06:00 pm	Patrick's Intentions (Ramsey)
Tue 19 March	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
09:15am	Intentions (Brian)
06:00 pm	Intentions (Christopher)
Wed 20 March	Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent
09:15 am	Intentions (Liberee)
06:00 pm	Special Intentions
Thu 21 March	Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent
09:15 am	Donville Wanliss' Intentions (Marina)
06:00 pm	Betty Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Clara)
Fri 22 March	Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent
09:15 am	Peggy McManus (Rest in Peace) (Nelly and Cesar)
06:00 pm	Isabel Boniface (Rest in Peace) (Clara)
Sat 23 March	Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent
10:00 am	Peggy Breslin (Rest in Peace) (Redmond)
06:00 pm	Catherine Murnane (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 24 March	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
08:30 am	Thanksgiving (Shania)
10:00 am	Thomas Farrelly (Rest in Peace) (Lisa Farrelly)
12noon	Donald Bell (Rest in Peace) (S. Bell)

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, Padraic 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, Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Chris Cullen, Kim Ahn and family, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Hung Van Le (Cong), Mary Murphy