

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 Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Response to the Psalm: I love you Lord. My strength

2nd Reading: Hebrew 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (03/11/2024)

We should never lose sight of what Jesus said: that we should love others as we do ourselves. Many of us do not love ourselves, choosing self-deprecation over self-glory. Indeed, many of us have a warped and unhealthy understanding of self-love. The right kind of self-love is not being selfish, but honouring the temple that houses God. So, whilst we are asked to remain humble and obedient, there is absolutely nothing wrong with looking after ourselves, taking care of ourselves, and being gentle on ourselves when times are tough. After all, if we cannot do this, then how are we going to learn to bestow love upon others?

Love, then, is not easy. We are asked to love ourselves, to love others and to love God. If we are the ship, then where to we steer? What chart do we use to point the way? Well, ultimately, we learn of God's love through two fundamental channels: through Scripture, and through our family and loved ones. In terms of the former, then we are in a wonderful position to hear his voice through Scripture today and every day at Mass. The liturgical Year is an unparalleled teacher of the Bible, as it presents to us a rolling story of God's love year in, year out. In terms of the latter,

then we must own the fact that we have a duty to teach love to those close to us, to pass it on. Too many times history has shown us how a widescale dearth of love can impact on entire generations.

And remember, that love is a doing thing, a verb. As the saying goes: 'Love is as love does.' When we pray let us thank God for the gift of his love and ask him that we may come closer to Jesus's ideal of human love in all that we do and say, especially around those who challenge us or whom we may find difficult to bear.

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 marriage preparation course will be held 18th and 19th of November 7:30p.m. to 9.30pm in the parish hall.**

The next parish **Baptism preparation programme** will be at 6:30pm in the church. Session 1: Monday 25th November .Session 2 Monday December 2nd .

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Holy Souls envelopes and lists are available in the church porch.

The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Requiem Mass at St. Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone E11 4HL, will be held on Monday 11th November at 11.30am.

Wednesday 20th November 2024 is #Red Wednesday. We pray for the persecuted Church throughout the world. We are invited to wear an item of Red clothing in solidarity with the persecuted people of the world.

OLSG St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Annual Collection Appeal Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th November 2024 after the Weekend Masses

We are appealing to Parishioners, their families, and friends to support the conference to make it possible to offer the SVP Annual Christmas Lunch for Senior Citizens. Your donations will enable lonely and socially isolated seniors to come together, share and enjoy the important celebration of the Christmas Season. Including Families in need who

continue to be affected by the cost-of-living crisis and other factors that impact on quality of life.

The Bethel Prayer Group fasted last weekend and collected a total amount of £270. This money will be donated to CAFOD. Big thank you to the Bethel Prayer Group.

We welcome Dylan Jayden Vanegas Patino into the Community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

On Sunday 10th of November we welcome Diego Declan McColgan Hernandez into the Community of faith through the Sacrament of Baptism.

PROCLAIM THE WORD: A SERIES OF TALKS FOR READERS/LECTORS

Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be giving the first talk in a series planned for readers/lectors. This first talk, entitled 'He stood up to read (Lk 4:16)', will survey how the ministry of reader has developed from the New Testament to the institution of readers at Vatican II. The talk will take place on Wednesday 27th November at 7 pm (refreshments from 6.30) at the hall of the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Entrance is free, and the talk will also be available on-line at www.whatgoodnews.org

November Month Holy Souls you have the opportunity of doing something special Haven House Children's Hospice giving an opportunity with their Lights of Love event to remember those who are no longer with us to honour their memory by dedicating a light in their name, symbolising the love and light they brought into our lives and allows you to honour their memory creating a lasting tribute to share with others. By dedicating a light, you not only pay tribute to your loved one but also support the hospice with a donation. There will be a Lights of Love Service on Sunday, 24 November at 16:00. The event will feature readings, music, the opportunity to see your loved ones dedication in their physical memory book and a moment of reflection as they light up the night sky and your loved one's light will shine brightly in their beautiful woodland. You will need to register your attendance. Full details available at the repository.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Eileen Hardie Rest in Peace. Eileen is the sister of Linda Campbell. Eileen died in Berwick.

Birthday blessings to Daisy Fynn and also Theresa Musa and Athullya.

Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00 pm	Pat and Josie Maloney (Kean)
Sun 3 November	Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Holy Souls
10:00 am	Mercedes Ducanes (Rest in Peace) (Shiela)
12noon	Holy Souls
Mon 4 November	Saint Charles Borromeo
09:15 am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Athullya's Intentions (Family)
Tue 5 November	FERIA
09:15am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Peter James O'Rourke (Rest in Peace) (Nigel)
Wed 6 November	FERIA
09:15 am	Audrey (Rest in Peace) (Edna)
6:00:00	Holy Souls
Thu 7 November	FERIA
09:15 am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Intentions (John and Teresa)
Fri 8 November	FERIA
09:15 am	Holy Souls
06:00pm	Holy Souls
Sat 9 November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10:00 am	Holy Souls
06:00 pm	Ellen Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Joan)
Sun 10 November	Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30 am	Holy Souls
10:00 am	Martin Gallagher (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12noon	Peggy Halpenny (Rest in Peace) (Maureen Halpenny)

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, Cyril and Rose Ogidi, Barry and Sheila Mayo, John Joseph (Mary), Margaret Phillips, Margaret and Norris Levine, Dr. Michael Weston, Bruce Pereira, Nigel Smith, Mary Murphy, Phyllis Beer, Chirs Cullen. Kim Parkins, Mrs Best, Ashish, Michael Brown, Albert Callanan.