

## **CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE**

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Our Lady & St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017**

**First Sunday of the Advent (B)**

Special Day of Prayer for Migrants

Dear Parishioners,

It doesn't matter if your bank account is large or small. It doesn't matter if your rainy day fund has seen more storm clouds than sunshine. It doesn't matter whether your jewels come from Tiffany's or "Poundland." None of these things matter. Not to God.

A day will come when all the money, all the diamonds and jewels, all the riches of the world will pass away. Then only true treasures will remain. Treasures like kindness, generosity, faithfulness and joy. These are the treasures to seek. These are the treasures that last, tucked away in Heaven for you by the Lord who loves you

"Store up for yourself treasures in Heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also". (St Matthew 6:20 – 21)

May you have a blessed week.

*Fr. Niall* (Fr. Niall)

**MARRIAGES** : By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information

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**Altar Servers Training** Anyone who has made their Holy Communion and would like to be an altar server are invited to attend a short training course on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of December at 10.30am in the church

**Catholic Education** Thanks to everyone who took the bishop's letter regarding Catholic Education. If you have not yet sent an e-mail to the Secretary of State for Education, there is still time to do so.

**Dates for your Diary** The parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be in St George's Church on Monday 11th December at 7:30p.m. There will be at least 4 priests available for individual Confessions.

**Parish Carol Service** Carol Service in St George's Church on Sunday 17th of December at 5p.m. A series of 9 Carols and 9 Scripture Readings. All welcome.

**Walk With Me, for Advent** – This year Walk With Me is about Watching, Listening and Welcoming. We sense an ache or longing to be still and enjoy God's peace and presence. Why not sit quietly with Walk With Me for a few minutes each day of the Season of Advent? It can also be a tool for the new evangelization and a wonderful resource to give to relatives, friends and work colleagues who are interested in discovering the true meaning of Christmas. Available from the Repository for £1

**Parish Pilgrimage 2018 - Saint Padre Pio** Bookings are now being taken for our parish Pilgrimage to, San Giovanni Rotondo. 9th - 14th September 2018 - £699 including flights. Breakfast, Dinner excursions and taxes. Book in December to get a one off discount! Book direct with [www.Paxtravel.co.uk](http://www.Paxtravel.co.uk) or any queries contact Stella 020 85273879

**Annual Pilgrims Christmas Night Out** A night out has been arranged for all pilgrims who travelled to Fatima in September. This will be on Friday 15th December 2017 at 7.30pm, Uffizzi, Leabridge Road, London E17. Please contact Stella on 02085273879 should you wish to attend.

**Altar Servers' Albs** As we start a new church year and as we approach Christmas it would be lovely to have the altar servers' albs washed and cleaned. Last week a few parishioners took 8 albs home to wash. There are 16 more albs that need washing. Please pop into the sacristy after Mass and collect one or two albs and take home to wash and return next weekend. Thank you.....Fr. Niall

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND** Inaugural Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 28th May 2018. Led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flights from London Stansted with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel, in the grounds of the shrine, with full Irish Breakfast each morning, light lunch and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms available. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Excellent programme of prayer time, masses, liturgies, excursions and evening activities. We will also visit Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Westport and other famous sights in Co. Mayo. Contact 01 268 762278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

**Mission Boxes** Thanks to all who have the Missio red boxes in their homes and support the foreign missions. All red boxes owners are requested to return their boxes in the coming week. Once again thank you for your generosity

**RCIA (BECOMING A CATHOLIC)** The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is for people interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, and exploring the possibility of entering the Church – or for adults who may have been baptised but never received First Communion or Confirmation. Meetings take place on Thursday evenings. If you would like more information about the RCIA process, please speak to one of the priests or contact Bernadette Wilson on 07804 611 914.

**MASS ATTENDANCE** Will all offertory collectors at Mass please count the attendance (including children and babies) at each Mass and record the numbers in the log book. 881 people came to worship in our Parish church last weekend.

The collection last week was £1420.44. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

**Geraldine Leatham, Rest in Peace.** We pray for the happy repose soul of Geraldine Leatham. May her soul Rest in Peace. Geraldine Leatham's Requiem Mass will be celebrate on Thursday 14th December 11 .00 am at St. George's Catholic Church.

**ROTAS**

Counting Rota	19/11 F	26/11 E	03/12 F	10/12 E	17/12 B	24/12 E
Hospital Rota	19/11 D	26/11 A	3/12 B	10/12 D	17/12 A	24/12 B



**Joke of the Week:** " I was playing tennis and this 50 foot bicycle went past . I thought that's a long Raleigh"!!  
 . Attributed to Tim Vine

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

<b>6pm</b>	Mrs. Fitzpatrick's Intentions
<b>Sun 03 December</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>830am</b>	Margaret Hicks (Rest in Peace)
<b>10am</b>	Jane Frances (Thanksgiving)
<b>12noon</b>	Henry Singapermall (Rest in Peace)
<b>Mon 04 December</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>7am</b>	Parishioners
<b>9:15am</b>	Sick and House bound
<b>Tues 05 December</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>7am</b>	Refugees and Exiles
<b>915am</b>	Das Family Intentions
<b>Wed 06 December</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>7am</b>	Sebastian Family Intention
<b>9:15am</b>	All who Teach in our Catholic Schools
<b>Thurs 07 December</b>	<b>Saint Ambrose</b>
<b>7am</b>	Bridie Curley's Intentions
<b>9:15am</b>	Ambrose Dillsworth (Rest In Peace)
<b>Fri 08 December</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
<b>7am</b>	Concepta Harrington (Rest in Peace)
<b>9:15am</b>	Maria Bacon Intentions
<b>Sat 09 December</b>	<b>Feria</b>
<b>10am</b>	Bishop Alan's Intentions
<b>6pm</b>	Michael Hishon (Rest in Peace)
<b>Sun 10 December</b>	<b>Second Sunday of the Advent</b>
<b>8:30am</b>	Timothy Joseph Sullivan (Rest in Peace)
<b>10am</b>	The Wakefield Family Intentions
<b>12noon</b>	Parishioners

### Prayer List

Christopher Browne, Rose Dennehy, Carol Hogermeer, Brian Keane, Ignatius Keane, Tony McCarthy, Rose O'Neill, Andrea Roberts, Promise Shinondo, Victoria Wyndham, Christine Conway, Nora Meades, Veronica Nolan, Mr & Mrs Charles, Esperanza Buenaventura, Joyce Ross, Christine Raymond, Jacky Boyrow, Thelma Lewis, Tasmin Sparks, Eileen Karim, Sandra Gibson, Archie Garrod, Martin Keane, Masangela Tardioli, Alix Charlery, Natalie Rosario, Bridie Lacon, Peter Ikuptati, Mercy Fernando, Veronica Godsave, Anthony O'Boyle, Oliver Gaynor, Marjorie Singh, Gunanesan Singarajah, Bill Walsh, Bridget Lyons, Kristina Klimasauskaite, Philomena Spranklen, Jeffrey Mitchell, Michelle Boyle, Carla Cornelius, Cecelia Gibbs, Arthur Gibbs, Ural Gibbs, Gilbert Gibbs, Archie, George & Issac, Luis & Lukas, Anne Hutton, Comfort Kwawu, Judith Hilton, Gloria and Tracy Joseph, Regina Jose, Kojo Gyebi-Ababio, Thampirajah Baskaran, Linda Campbell, Brid O'Halloran, Betty Ramsey, Hazel Belzaira, Roderick Mayers, Tina Henriques, Christopher O'Neill

**Morning Prayer:** Mon-Fri: 9.00am. Sat. 9.40am

**Rosary:** Weekdays after morning Mass

**Reconciliation (Confessions):** Sat. 10.30am – 11.30am. 5.00pm – 5.45pm. During these times the priest is in the Reconciliation Room, inside the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left. Confessions are also available at other times on request.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Monday-Friday 7.30-8.30am; Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; 10.30-11.30am. **Bible Study:** Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room