

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday 10th December 2017

Second Sunday of the Advent (B)

(Bible Sunday)



Dear Parishioners,

Our God created the beautiful sun to give His world heat and light. God created the rain to give it water. He filled it with fruits and foods to nourish and sustain. All the beauty and wonder and majesty of this world are his handiwork.

But the creation He loves best? It is the creation He sent His Son to save. The creation that God trusts to do the works of His will.....is you.

Because when God wanted a creation to serve Him and to glorify His name.....He created you. You are His beautiful handywork.

" For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do". (Ephesians 2:10)

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.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL The video shown last weekend was accompanied by a Pastoral letter from Bishop Alan informing us that the First Formal Proposal for the Renewal and Restructuring of Our Diocese has been completed. The 12-Strand Plan in the Renewal section has new headings and content. The Restructuring Proposal is that our parish is grouped with Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Patrick. Nothing is set in stone and more dialogue, prayer and discernment must follow. A summary of the Proposal is in the Church Meeting Room. The Proposal is on the diocesan website together with the video. You can email me at conrad.sotg@gmail.com for a PDF version. I also have a few hard copies to give on loan and you can borrow the video. The diocese is seeking your feedback to the Proposal. You can drop your response in the SOTG suggestion box or email your response to me by 26 March 2018. Many thanks. Conrad

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 5 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.

Vigil Mass There will be a Christmas Vigil Mass at Whipps Cross Hospital at 3pm. on Sunday 24th December

Sisters of Mercy Congratulations to the Sisters of Mercy in Wanstead who celebrated their centenary on Friday last. Deo Gratias.

Christmas Party: This Sunday afternoon at 3p.m. our parish St Vincent de Paul Society host the annual Christmas Party. It will be a most joyful occasion.

Holy Family College : Holy Family College will be holding their Carol Service in St George's Church at 7p.m. on Thursday 14th of December.

Mass for Vocations A Mass for those enquiring or discerning a vocation to the priesthood will be at Our day of Lourdes at Leigh on Sea at 12:00pm on the feast of St. Thomas Becket, the 29th December 2017. All are welcome to come and pray for vocations and to meet our seminarians. Fr. Graham Smith, Vocations Director.

Baptisms Last Sunday 5 members of the Mc McNeish were baptised. This Sunday Joshua Luke Troy will be baptised. Every blessing to both families.

OPEN MORNINGS: Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary School are having two extra open mornings for children born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 and are due to start school in September 2018. The open mornings will be on Saturday 16th December from 9.00am to 11.00am and Sunday 17th December 11.00am to 1.30pm. Please either telephone the school on 020 8520 8500 (option 2 for Lower Site) or email office@olsgschool.org to make an appointment.

MID-TERM VACANCIES: Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary and Nursery School have vacancies in Reception, Year 3 and Year 5. Please download an application form from the school website (www.olsgschool.org) or collect from the school office on the lower site (140 Shernhall Street, E17 9HU).

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.

2018 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bishop Alan will lead our annual pilgrimage from Monday 23 to Saturday 28 July. We shall be accompanied by an experienced medical team and there is plenty of help for those with mobility needs. The pilgrimage is no less ideal for couples, individuals, and groups of friends; all are welcome. There is a full programme to opt in and out of. There are brochures at the back of the church. For more information or for a brochure, please 'phone the pilgrimage administrator Cathy O'Connor: 01206 735623 or email cathy@brentwoodlourdes.org

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. 784 people came to worship in our Parish church last weekend.

The collection last week was £1510.14. 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 celebrated 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 remember when I played Noah in the school play. Ahh the memories come flooding back (Attributed to Tim Vine)

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

6pm	Michael Hishon (Rest in Peace)
Sun 10 December	Second Sunday of the Advent
830am	Timothy Joseph Sullivan (Rest in Peace)
10am	The Wakefield Family Intentions
12noon	Parishioners
Mon 11 December	Feria
7am	Canon Louis Thomas (Rest in Peace)
9:15am	Fr. James McCormack (Rest in Peace)
4pm	Mass at Whipps Cross Hospital (Intentions of Doctors and Nurses)
Tues 12 December	Our Lady of Guadalupe
7am	Maume Family Intentions
915am	Fr. James McCormack (Rest in Peace)
Wed 13 December	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
7am	Maume Family Intentions
9:15am	Intentions of the family of Fr. James McCormack
Thurs 14 December	Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
7am	Maume Family Intentions
9:15am	Intentions of the family of Fr. James McCormack
Fri 15 December	Feria
7am	Maume Family Intentions
9:15am	Diggins Family Intentions
Sat 16 December	Feria
10am	Holy Souls
6pm	Edward Fletcher (Rest in Peace)
Sun 17 December	Third Sunday of Advent
8:30am	Michael Hishon (Rest in Peace)
10am	Eileen Grannell (Intentions)
12noon	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 Belizaire, 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