

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Double Edition

Sunday 31st December 2017 - Saturday 13th January 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dear Parishioners,

As we end 2017 and approach 2018 let us look forward with hope and trust in God's mercy and goodness. Looking back on the past often means recognising mistakes we have made, lost opportunities and regrets and closed doors. It is true of all of us and thankfully unlike us, God has a bad memory.

You can choose to forget. And for those things you cannot forget, you can choose not to remember. No matter what shadows darken your past, give yourself to the One who washes you clean and guarantees your future. And the only One who truly matters, loves the way you forget the past and looks instead to the Heavenly Home

On this Feast of the Holy Family may your family be a haven of peace, joy and faith. Family is where Christ learned the language he needed to express how the Father comes to love the Son and through Him all humanity. As we, in our human families, experience joy and peace, brokenness and fragility, it makes a difference if we remember that all of these are part of the language of how we will experience God and speak of Him to others

A Blessed New Year

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 There will be a meeting on Monday 22nd January at 7:30 in the Church Hall for parishioners to discuss the First Formal Proposal and to give feedback on the proposed changes. The WORKING TOGETHER TO EVANGELISE OUR DIOCESE booklet is on the diocesan website. A printed copy is available on request. A summary is displayed in the Church Meeting Room and on the SOTG noticeboard. The SOTG Working Group meets on Wednesday 10th January at 7:30 pm. We would welcome new members; – Conrad.

Feast of the Epiphany There is a traditional method of blessing the family home using chalk (an Incarnational image because it reminds us of the dust of the earth from which we were made). The chalk is used to mark: 20+C+M+B+18 over the doorway of your home. The numerals consecrate the New Year. The initials stand for the names of the Magi, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar and for the motto: Christus Mansionem Benedicat (may Christ bless the house for 2018). Chalk is available in the Church porch on Sunday next after all Masses.

Thank You Thank you to everyone who helped in so many ways over the Season of Advent and Christmas. On behalf of Fr Nixon and myself, I wish to take this opportunity of thanking all parishioners for your Christmas cards, gifts and Christmas offerings.

I wish to thank the Alfred family for the beautiful backdrop for the church crib and putting everything in place on the sanctuary. To Edna for donating the Christmas trees. Also to the family who donated the wreaths for the church door. The altar servers, proclaimers of the Word, extraordinary lay ministers of the Eucharist, the choirs and musicians, the greeters at all the Masses, sacristans, flower arrangers, Church cleaners, and Fr Nixon for painting the crib statues and anyone I may have forgotten.

Greetings Wishing all parishioners and your families Peace and Joy and many Blessings for 2018....Fr Niall, Fr Nixon, Fr Joseph and Deacon Joseph.

Holocaust Memorial Day 28th of January 2018 at Waltham Forest Town Hall. The service commences at 2p.m. and is followed by refreshments. The service will commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the Liberation of Auschwitz (1945). To register for tickets for admission.....<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holocaust-memorial-day-2018-tickets-30950193863>

Parish Marriage Preparation Course: There will be a marriage preparation course at our parish on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th March 2018 respectively from 7.30pm to 9.30pm.

Missio Boxes Thank you to all who returned their red boxes. These have now been counted and can be collected from the table in the church foyer.

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 or out. 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.

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 or any queries contact Stella 020 85273879.

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 Times for New Year There will be a Midnight Mass on 31st December at 00hrs. Please see the last page of the newsletter for Masses up to the 13th January 2018.

ROTAS

<u>Counting Rota</u>	<u>17/12B</u>	<u>24/12E</u>	<u>31/12F</u>	<u>07/01B</u>	<u>14/01E</u>	<u>21/01F</u>
<u>Hospital Rota</u>	<u>17/12A</u>	<u>24/12B</u>	<u>31/12D</u>			



Joke of the year: McDonalds was broken into twice yesterday. It was a double cheese burglary!! (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George up to 13th Januaray 2018

6pm	Annie Kilcooley (Rest in Peace)
Sun 31 December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
8:30am	Religious Communities of the Parish
10:00am	Bereaved of our Parish
12:00noon	Peace on Earth
Mid Night Mass 00hrs	Peace between Nations
Mon 01 January	The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord, Soleminity of Mary
10.00am	Those who have given up on God
Tues 02 January	Saint Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
10:00am	Christine Walton (Rest in Peace)
Wed 03 January	Christmas Weekday-The Most Holy Name of Jesus
10:00am	Peace in the World
Thurs 04 January	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
10:00am	Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
5:00pm	Funeral Reception Thomas Brennan (Rest in Peace)
Fri 05 January	Saint John Neumann, Bishop
11:00am	Requiem Mass for Thomas Brennan (Rest in Peace)
Sat 06 January	Christmas Weekday-Saint Andre Bessette, Religious
10:00am	Sick and the House Bound
06:00pm	Kelly Moss (Rest in Peace)
Sun 07 January	The Epiphany of the Lord
8:30am	Confirmation Class and Catechists
10:00am	Holy Communion Class and Catechists
12:00noon	Rosine Minnah (Rest in Peace)
Mon 08 January	The Baptism of the Lord
07:00am	Maume Family Intentions
09:15am	Lydia Jotham's Intentions
04:00pm	Mass at Whipps Cross (Intentions for Doctors and Nurses)
Tue 09 January	Feria
07:00am	Maume Family Intentions
09:15am	Lydia Jotham's Intentions
Wed 10 January	Feria
07:00am	Maume Family Intentions
09:15am	Josephine Cheshire's Intentions
Requiem Mass 12:00	Lorraine Allen (Rest in Peace)
Thu 11 January	Feria
07:00am	Mayo Family Intentions
09:15am	Josephine Cheshire's Intentions
Fri 12 January	Feria
07:00am	Mayo Family Intentions
09:15am	Geraldine Leatham (Rest in Peace)
Sat 13 January	Feria
10:00am	Patrick and Margaret O'Sullivan
06:00pm	Annie Kilcooley (Rest in Peace)