

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Sunday 28th January 2018

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Racial Justice Sunday)

Dear Parishioners,

Parents always want to be there when their child takes his or her first steps. It is a great joy to all parents....seeing their little one haltingly and gently putting one foot after the other. Often a parent will keep their arms close by to protect their little one falling down. Soon it will be a time for the little one to run. Growing older our running days may be a distant memory. We admire athletes who run different disciplines from 100 meters to a marathon.

Sometimes we run strong and sure, sometimes haltingly and stumbling now and then. One foot in front of the other, following the path laid out before us. - even if we are not sure what's around the next turn. The goal in life is not to finish first but to finish. Building stamina and strength, confidence and faith all through life.

As you run, you encourage others to join the race. You cheer on your fellow athletes, lifting up those who have fallen. And when you yourself grow weary, you lean on the One who runs right by your side always. When you trip, He catches you and you continue together.

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." Hebrews 12:1-2

Prayers and Blessing

Fr. Niall (Fr. Niall)

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

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

Parish Sacrament and Preparation Course: The next preparation session is on Sunday 11th February at 4p.m. in the parish hall. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

Dates for your Diary: Wednesday 14 of February is Ash Wednesday .
Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday 19th of March 7:30pm

Cake Sale . Sadly, after serving us faithfully for 23 years, our electric piano has begun to feel it's age and needs to retire. Research has revealed that a replacement will cost in the region of £1000 and so singers and musicians will begin fundraising by holding a cake sale between masses on Sunday 4th February. We would be very grateful for any donations of cakes, biscuits etc which can be brought on the day. We also hope that you will support us by buying a treat to take home after mass. Thank you.

UNDERSTANDING THE CREED On Wednesdays 24th and 31st January from 7 p.m. until 8.30 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Nicene Creed recited at Sunday Mass. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

Mass for Deceased Altar Servers at St Vincent de Paul Church,Becontree On Saturday 10th March 2018 at 11am (please arrive by 10.30am. Vesting and entrance procession will be from St Vincent's Catholic Primary School, Burnside Rd, Dagenham, Essex RM8 2JN). Please bring your own alb / cassocks and cottas. Light lunch and refreshments will be provided after Mass. Great opportunity to meet your fellow Altars Servers in the Diocese. Everyone is welcome. Please reply by 28th February if you wish to attend.

Mass Attendance- 814. The collection last week was £1,533.91. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL - FIRST FINAL PROPOSAL: RENEWAL AND

RESTRUCTURING 85 parishioners attended a meeting to discuss the proposal to group our parish with St Patrick's and with two priests serving both parishes from one presbytery. Around 180 written responses were collected in response to four questions. 1) What are the positives about this proposal? 2) What are the concerns you have regarding this proposal? 3) What alternative suggestions for restructuring would you want to put to the diocese? 4) Do you have any thoughts or suggestions with regards to the "12-Strand Plan". If you were unable to attend, copies of the questions are next to the SOTG suggestion box for you to complete. Details of the proposal are on the SOTG notice board, on display in the meeting room, on the diocese webpage and a copy is available on request. The deadline for responding is 16th March 2018. I will be pleased to arrange a day time meeting if requested. Email conrad.sotg@gmail.com

Diocesan Lourdes Reunion Mass Sunday 4th February, 3pm

Our Lady of Lourdes is both the patroness of our diocese and the sick. At 3 pm on Sunday 4 February, Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass in her honour at Brentwood Cathedral. This is a diocesan celebration; all are invited. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to those who are unwell. This Mass is also an opportunity for those who attended the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2017 to give thanks for graces received. The BCYS will be helping with music and serving refreshments so if you are able to assist with these please let Gabby know!

Spirituality Seminars: at Cathedral House Ingrave Road Brentwood CM1 5 8AT

Saturday February 10th 10.30am-12.00pm - Title: The Mass Explained. Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon. Saturday March 24th 10.30am-12.00pm - Title: Lent. Speaker: Fr Martin Boland, Cathedral Dean. Contact Details: Tel 01277 265285 email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Holocaust Memorial Day Sunday the 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 visit

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/holocaust-memorial-day-2018-tickets-30950193863>

ROTAS

Counting Rota	14/01E	21/01F	28/01B	04/02E	11/02F	18/02B
Hospital Rota						



Joke of the week: "I went to the Royal Albert Hall and it was full of pushchairs. It was Last Night at the Prams" (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George up to 4th February 2018

06:00pm	Dolores Payne (Intentions)
Sun 28 January	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30am	Fr. Maurice Gordon (Intentions)
10:00am	Fr. Patrick Daly (Intentions)
12:00noon	Parishioners
Mon 29 January	Feria
07:00am	Dino and Carmela Dellapina (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Mary O'Driscoll (Rest in Peace)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Mass (Intentions- All Staff and Patients)
Tue 30 January	Feria
07:00am	Daly Family Intentions
09:15am	Tommy Brennan (Rest in Peace)
Wed 31 January	Saint John Bosco
07:00am	Daly Family Intentions
09:15am	Those suffering from Alcohol Addiction
Thu 01 February	Feria
07:00am	Jennifer Allen (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Tommy Brennan (Rest in Peace)
Fri 02 February	The Presentation of the Lord
07:00am	Teresa Penn (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Tommy Brennan (Rest in Peace)
Sat 03 February	Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
10:00am	David Nagle (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Assis Dias (Rest in Peace)
Sun 04 February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30am	Eileen and Patrick Fouhy (Rest in Peace)
10:00am	Parishioners
12:00noon	Fr. Jesu Raja (Intentions)

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, Christipher 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