

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday 18th February 2018 **First Sunday of Lent (Year B)**

Dear Parishioners,

So we take our first steps in our journey of Lent. Barefoot in the sand, splashing through puddles, tottering on high heels. Your feet carry you wherever you want to go So, let them carry you to worship God. Let your feet carry you to friends who are in need. Let them carry you to those who do not know Him, to those who need both to hear good news and the Good News. When you feet carry closer to God and to those who need Him, He blesses every step you take. The Season of Lent is a marathon, take it one step at a time. He guides your way.

“ How beautiful on the mountain are the feet of those who bring good news Who proclaim peace, Who bring good tidings, Who proclaim salvation Who say to Zion "Our God reigns". (The Prophet Isaiah 52:7)

Have a happy Lent. Happy because it means when one takes Lent seriously, then one changes into what God wants for you, by the grace of God.

Prayers and Blessings.

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.

Baptism Course The next baptism preparation course will be on Monday 19th February at 19:30 in the church. Godparents are most welcome to attend.

Dates for your Diary: Lenten Parish Reconciliation Service on Monday 19th of March 7:30pm.

Each Friday in Lent there will be **Stations of the Cross** in the church at 6:45p.m. All welcome.

Family Fast Day. Family Fast Day is on Friday 23rd February . Please collect an envelope and inside place whatever you deny yourself on Friday and return next weekend.

REFRAME - Catholic Voices Initiative in our Diocese of Brentwood It's tough when you're asked about a controversial issue...Reframe is an inspiring and practical experience of applying the wisdom and genius of the heart of the Gospel to 'hot-button' and relevant topics. Engaging and well-trained speakers want to share the experience of Catholic Voices sharing the Church's story in the media and help ordinary Catholics to change controversy into an opportunity to share the Church's story in your conversations at work and at home. Saturday 28 April 10 am – 3 pm at St John Payne School, Chelmsford or Saturday 2 June 10 am – 3 pm at The Champion School, Hornchurch. To find out about Catholic Voices, visit www.CatholicVoices.org.uk

BINGO NIGHT WITH HCPT GROUP 161! HCPT Group 161 are holding a bingo night to raise funds for their annual trip to Lourdes this Easter, taking children with additional needs on holiday. Friday 9th March - 7pm for a 7:30 start. Holy Family Catholic School and Sixth Form Wiseman House Site, 34 Shernhall St, Walthamstow, London E17 9RT. Entrance: Adults £3, children £1. Books: £6 for 3, £10 for 6. BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS AND NIBBLES (Some snacks will be available to buy).

Mass Attendance - 735.

The collection last week was £1469.94 . Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Buildings Precision Safety Services, a company hired by the diocese, have highlighted a number of necessary works that need to be carried out on our premises to keep it safe and in good operational condition. The church, the hall and the presbytery play a vital role in our parish life. We need, ideally, three enthusiastic parishioners (one for each building), who are qualified in electrics, gas or health and safety (H&S). While the work would be carried out by external contractors, the volunteers will oversee the fabric maintenance and H&S issues and ensure that the parish is compliant with the regulations. If you have the required qualifications and believe you can make a significant contribution to our parish life in this area, please speak to me. Thank you. Fr Niall.

Walsingham Spirituality Retreat 1 (16th-18th March) Join us for the first of a series of 4 weekends on Walsingham Spirituality. Accompaniment and talks will be given by the sisters of the Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, enabling retreatants to enter more deeply into the spirituality of Walsingham and, in particular, what it means to accept God's Will in one's life. For more information, please visit: www.dowryhouse.org.uk


STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL The diocese is seeking your feedback on the "First Formal Proposal" to group our parish with St. Patrick's with two priests serving both parishes from one presbytery. Details are on the SOTG notice board and in the Church meeting room. Please complete the question sheet by the SOTG Suggestion Box and drop it in. The deadline is 16 March 2018. A hard copy of the proposal is available on request.

Appeal for Digital Piano Our parish choir have raised £2604.47 by cake sale and donations to buy new digital piano for the parish. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Franco Mortali, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Franco Motali. Franco's Requiem Mass will be at 10 am on Wednesday 28th February in St Georges Church . Our prayers go to Janet and the family at this time.

ROTAS

<u>Counting Rota</u>	04/02E	11/02F	18/02B	25/02E	04/03E	11/03B
<u>Hospital Rota</u>						



Joke of the week: The other day I could not decide whether to buy a packet of guitar strings or a box of eggs. It was 6 of one and half a dozen of the other
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

**Happy Birthday to Jenny Richmond and Gertrude Clarke.
Many Blessings to you both and to all who celebrating their birthday this week.**

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George up to 25th February 2018

06:00pm	Colm and Josie McBennett (Rest in Peace)
Sun 18 February	First Sunday of Lent
08:30am	Fr. Joseph Anthiamkulam (Intentions)
10:00am	Parishioners
12:00noon	Henry Singapermall (Rest in Peace)
Mon 19 February	Feria
07:00am	Thomas Brennan (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Kathy and Mick Ogles
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Mass (Intentions –All Staff and Patients)
Tue 20 February	Feria
07:00am	Josie and John Mills
09:15am	Kitty and Richard Mackey (Intentions)
Wed 21 February	Feria
07:00am	Alice Bacon (Intentions)
09:15am	Michael Yates (Intentions)
Thu 22 February	The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
07:00am	Krishna and Tessie Kalpee (Intentions)
09:15am	Jim Commins' Intentions
Fri 23 February	Feria
07:00am	Mick Magee (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Thanksgiving –Elizabeth
Sat 24 February	Feria
10:00am	Mary O'Driscoll (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Peggy Walsh (Rest in Peace)
Sun 25 February	Second Sunday of Lent
08:30am	Nelly and Ceasar Tuble Portalibre (Intentions)
10:00am	Dolly and Rodrick Mayers (Intentions)
12:00noon	Ignatius Okoloetive (Rest in Peace)

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,, 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, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Robert James (Gertrude)

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