

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday 04th February 2018

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dear Parishioners,

Every flower starts as a seed and every beautiful bloom begins in the dirt. So when your heart is hard from the hardships of this world, when you are covered with the muck and mire of mistakes you have made -- that is not the time to give up. It is the time to give in, to surrender completely to God and His perfect plan for you.

Because He is the Master Gardener. Just look at the wildflowers -- no king ever wore such splendour. Give God your hardened heart, with all its muck and mire and let Him help you bloom.

"Consider how the wild flowers grow They do not labour and spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon, in all his splendour was blessed like one of these." St Luke 12:27

Have a blessed week and bloom where you are planted.

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 next Sunday 11th February at 4p.m. in the parish hall. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

Baptism course The next baptism preparation course will be on Monday 19th February at 19:30 in the church. Please encourage Godparents to attend.

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

Cake Sale After all the Masses this weekend there will be a cake sale. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of a digital piano. This is to replace the present organ which would be too costly to repair. Thank you for your generous support. The cost of a replacement will be in the region of £1,000.

Second Collection At all the Masses in all the parishes throughout the diocese next weekend there will be a second collection for the Lourdes Sick and Helpers Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

LENTEN 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS Walk with Me is A Lenten journey of Prayer for 2018, starting on Ash Wednesday 14 February. The booklets contain a brief reflection, either on the scripture readings of the day or on a catechetical theme. The beauty about Walk with Me is the size of the booklet (it's an ideal fit for a pocket or handbag), and is written in a simple and accessible style. Price £1 available from the Repository. Try and also take one for a family member or friend to help them with their faith journey.

Repository Now has various items suitable to give as a lifetime keepsake/gift for children receiving their First Communion in April. Come and have a look at what we have, there is limited stock so best to buy now to avoid disappointment.

Notice Board Please see notice board in the church porch for job vacancies in local Catholic schools.

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!

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and Readers. Please indicate which masses you will be attending in Holy Week as we need to prepare the rota. The sign on sheets are on the rota notice board. We are looking to see if you would be available Palm Sunday Vigil Mass Saturday 6 pm 24 March and Sunday 25 March 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 12.00 pm, Maundy Thursday 29 March 8 pm, Good Friday 30 March 3 pm, Holy Saturday 31 March 8 pm and Easter Sunday 1 April 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 12.00 pm. Any questions please discuss with Jenny Richmond.

Mass Attendance- 706. The collection last week was £1319.00. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

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: I have a Christian mobile, it is a pray as you go!
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Happy Birthday to Kristina Klimasauskaite and many blessings

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George up to 11th February 2018

06:00pm	Assis Dias (Rest in Peace)
Sun 04 February	Fifth Sunday in Ordinaty Time
08:30am	Eileen and Patrick Fouhy (Rest in Peace)
10:00am	Cesar Ocampo (Rest in Peace)
12:00noon	Fr. Jesu Raja (Intentions)
Mon 05 February	Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
07:00am	Thomas and Kathleen McGee (Golden Jubilee)
09:15am	Thomas Brennan (Rest in Peace)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Mass (Intentions –All Staff and Patients)
Tue 06 February	Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
07:00am	Matthew Joseph Darey (Foundation Mass)
09:15am	Helen Gertrude Darey (Foundation Mass)
Wed 07 February	Feria
07:00am	Fr. Matthew Twoomey and his near relations(Foundation Mass)
09:15am	Adele Bouttle (Foundation Mass)
Thu 08 February	Feria
07:00am	Mrs. Selma Ada Nowling (Foundation Mass)
09:15am	Peter McGarry (Foundation Mass)
Fri 09 February	Feria
07:00am	Fletcher Family (Foundation Mass)
09:15am	Very Rev. Canon P. Prendergast (Foundation Mass)
Sat 10 February	Saint Scholastica
10:00am	Ida Picardo (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Bernand Carey (Rest in Peace)
Sun 11 February	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
08:30am	Parishioners
10:00am	Fr. Moules, Johanna Peluso, Joan Thomas (Intentions)
12:00noon	Jacqueline Keavey (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, Alex 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 Klimauskaite, 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 Belzair, Roderick Mayers, Tina Henriques, Christipher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan

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