

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday 25th March 2018 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year B)
(Double Edition 25th March and 1st April)


Dear Parishioners,

At the end of Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) , Pope Francis says "no family drops down from heaven perfectly formed; families need constantly to grow and mature in the ability to love". These beautiful words are a consolation and a challenge. They console every family that struggles every day with the demands that love makes. They also challenge us to dig a bit deeper in cultivating love in our families. The coming celebration of Holy Week can inspire us to greater love.

In several interviews during her career, Delores O' Riordan, the lead singer of the Cranberries, said that rearing her children gave her far greater satisfaction than world-wide fame ever did. Since her death, fans have pointed out the the place of pride family has in some of her best loved great hits. Someone once said that education is what is left when we have forgotten everything we learned at school.. What is left is the lasting mark our parents have put on us. As our first teachers , they taught us by what they were, with all their foibles, but always passionate about their children: the only people to whom we as their children were irreplaceable. Many people like teachers, doctors, actors and others are lauded today as being "professional". But there is still one area of amateurism : parenting. Parents are unpaid workers in a highly-skilled job. Parents' love is effective not because they are professional but because they are amateurs , which means lovers.. Their hallmark is that they are self-sacrificing in everything, working for love, not for money.

Jesus' mission has its origin with the Father. It is perhaps not surprising, therefore, that Jesus' whole outreach to people is characterised by a self-sacrificing love that is so typical of a parent. On this first day of Holy Week, as the Cross begins to cast its shadow we begin to see it less as a sign of a cruel God and more as a symbol of a Father's unconditional love for us

May you and your family have a holy week this Holy Week.

 (Fr. Niall)

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

Baptism Course The next Baptism Course will be on Monday 16th April at 19:30 in the Church. Please bring along the Godparents as well.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND FEAST The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and continues every evening at 7.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel until Saturday 7th April. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on 8th April, beginning at 1.30 pm with adoration, rosary, recitation of the Divine Mercy chaplet and an opportunity for confession. The celebrations will conclude with Mass at 4pm. Please see poster in Church foyer for details. Thank you Louella.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There will be no Eucharistic Adoration from 26th March until 8th April. Adoration will resume on Monday, 9th April.

Palm Sunday This Sunday is Palm Sunday . Palms will be blessed at all the Masses. The 10am Mass will begin in the parish hall and then we process to the church.

Easter Offering It is a tradition that the Easter Offerings are your gift to the clergy. Thank you.

RECEPTION AFTER EASTER VIGIL – HELP URGENTLY NEEDED: At the Easter Vigil (Saturday 31st March), we will welcome two new members to our parish family through the celebration of Baptism. Afterwards there will be a reception in the meeting room to welcome the new members. We kindly request donations of finger food,(a list of specific items will be put on notice board next week) drinks, and assistance with preparation and clearing away. If you are able to assist in any way, please put your name on the board in the Church porch, to help us with planning. For more information please call: Bernadette on 07804 611 914.

Holy Week Eucharist Minister and Readers Rota: Can you have a look at the rota notice board tick your name to confirm you are still able to minister. If you cannot please put a **X** as you will need to be replaced. Jenny Richmond.

Good Friday Retiring Collection: There will be a retiring collection on Good Friday for two worthy causes to support the Church in the Holy Land and for St George's SVP Conference to pay for children to go to St John Bosco holiday camp for a week the only holiday they would get this year. The children will have an opportunity to have an exciting, activity-packed camping holiday in the Essex countryside setting. So make a note in your diary we know we can rely on your generosity. Jenny Richmond.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL Following the SOTG Clergy / Stewards meeting that was held on 24 February, the Diocese has placed on their website details about this meeting. Please go to: <http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/bishop-invokes-fire-easter-renewal-restructuring-process/> as it contains Bishop Alan's opening statement together with the consolidated notes of the discussions that took place plus other presentations. I have also placed answers to nine frequently asked questions regarding the myths concerning this process on the SOTG notice board. Hard copies have been placed by the SOTG suggestion box.

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge School is recruiting full time Class Assistants to work with students aged 5-25 with a wide range of special needs. Hours 9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only, experience preferred. Immediate and September starts available. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk, closing date 16th April. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk

The Flower Team needs your Help We need help specifically on Good Friday 30th March from 8am-1pm to prepare the church decorations and flowers for Easter. Experience not required but an open mind, willingness to learn on the spot and ability to smile and have fun will surely help. If you can help please contact Edna 07740735097 or Pam 0780253303 or Tessie 07759198021 as soon as possible so we can organise the teams and the workload ahead of time.


A Big Thank You Thanks to all parishioners who generously brought home the altar servers' albs to wash for Holy Week. Fr. Niall.

Augustine Fadina Rest in Peace; The funeral arrangements for Augustine are as follows: Requiem Mass Wednesday 4th of April 11 a.m. in St George's Church.

Mass Attendance 637. The collection last week was £1268.71 Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

<u>Counting Rota</u>	25/03B	01/04F	08/04B	15/04F	22/04B	29/04F
<u>Hospital Rota</u>	25/03D	01/04A	08/04B	15/04D	22/04A	29/04B



Joke of the week: Week : Last Sunday I went to church and it was lovely because everybody was singing from the same hymn sheet (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Please do come along to the Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies.

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George upto 7th April 2018

06:00pm	Sheila Bernard (Rest in Peace)
Sun 25 March	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
08:30am	Parishioners
10:00am	Annie Kilcooley (Rest in Peace)
12:00noon	Andrew Okoloekwe and Ignatius Okoloekwe (Rest in peace)
Mon 26 March	Feria
07:00am	Edna Soares (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Francis Palmer (Rest in Peace)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass (Intentions- All Staff and Patients)
Tue 27 March	Feria
07:00am	Sr. Veronica
09:15am	Mary Ellen Byrne (Rest in Peace)
Wed 28 March	Feria
07:00am	Darren Rodrigues (Intentions)
09:15am	Sean Golden (Rest in Peace)
Thu 29 March	MAUNDY THURSDAY
09:15	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
08:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is followed by watching at the Altar of Repose and concluding with Night Prayer Teresa Quirk (Rest in Peace)
Fri 30 March	GOOD FRIDAY
09:15am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
11:00Aam	Stations of the Cross for Children
03:00pm	Passion of the Lord
07:30pm	Prayer around the Cross
Sat 31 March	HOLY SATURDAY
09:15am	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
08:00pm	Celebration of the Easter Vigil- Fr. Joe Dias (Rest in Peace)
Sun 01 April	Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
08:30am	Mona Powderley (Rest in Peace)
10:00am	Jewan Jaisingh (Rest in Peace)
12:00noon	Elizabeth Perkins (Rest In Peace)
Mon 2 April	Monday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Gabriel Murphy (Rest in Peace)
Tue 3 April	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Matthew and Rosa -70 th Wedding Anniversary
Wed 4 April	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Fr. Jeba Marshall (Intentions)
11:00am	Requiem Mass Augustine Fadina (Rest in Peace)
Thu 5 April	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Franco Mortali (Rest in Peace)
Fri 06 April	Friday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Elvira Fiordarancio and Georgio Bartolo (Rest in Peace)
Sat 07 April	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
10:00am	Robert James (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	William Balfe (Rest in Peace)