

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday 15 April - Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Dear Parishioners,

Most people who gather for Mass on any given Sunday have grown up with the belief that Jesus is the Christ. Unfortunately, this can be a weakness. Few people if any, might ever ask: well, what evidence is there for this claim? Substantial support for the claim that Jesus is the Christ can be gleaned from the manner in which Jesus presented himself.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is said to open the minds of the disciples to understand in particular how he is the fulfillment of the Jewish scriptures, "see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead..." Again it is worth noting that the disciples' clarity and understanding comes from close contact with Christ. It is critical to appreciate that the context of revelation (insight and understanding) is always relationship.

Once we understand the religious culture in which Jesus lived and moved, the words and actions of Jesus are charged with meaning, at times explosive - Jesus is to his culture and religious milieu what the detonator is to the explosive - and always carries the question; who am I that I act and speak like this?

As C.S. Lewis so wisely observed, it becomes abundantly clear that Jesus was either totally bad, totally mad or totally God, but the one thing he cannot be - is just a 'good' man.

Right now as almost never before, the church needs men and women fired up with the conviction that Jesus is totally God. Alleluia.

Easter Joy

Fr. Niall (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.

First Holy Communion Please note that the Holy Communion Masses where children will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time will take place at the weekend Masses Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd and again on the weekend Masses Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th of April. Please pray for these children and their parents.

Catechists The dedicated catechists for the parish Holy Communion programme have put a lot of time and dedication and care in preparing these children over the past 7 months. Thank you catechists on behalf of the parents and the priests. Fr Niall and Fr Nixon.

The Rite of Acceptance of Candidates for Confirmation will be celebrated in Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 22nd of April. All Candidates will gather at the 12 noon Mass for a Blessing and then travel by coach to Brentwood. It will be a special occasion. Please keep these candidates in your prayers.

BRENTWOOD PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM SATURDAY 26th MAY Join Bishop Alan and parishes throughout the diocese of Brentwood as we come together to honour Our Lady of Walsingham. The parish has booked a 55 seater coach to leave church promptly at 8.00am. The return coach will leave Walsingham at 4.30pm. Journey time approx 2 1/2hrs. Cost £15.00 per person to be paid at the latest by Sunday 6th May. There will also be a supplementary charge of £2.00 that we will collect on the day, this is the entry fee to the Abbey grounds. For further information, payment and receipts, Joe Elwood will be available after all masses from this week onwards, also see poster on church notice board. Bernadette 07804611914

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 and out of. 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.

Thanks to everyone who contributed donations of food and drink to the reception after the Easter Vigil. Fr. Niall and Fr. Nixon

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND Inaugural Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 28th May 2018. Led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flights from London Stansted with 15kg checked in bag, all taxes, transfers, 5 nights' in newly refurbished Knock House Hotel, in the grounds of the shrine, with full Irish Breakfast each morning, light lunch and 4 Course Dinner each evening. All entertainment and guided tours included. Wheelchair accessible rooms in the hotel. Limited single rooms available. Groups and Individual bookings welcome. Excellent programme of prayer time, masses, liturgies, excursions and evening activities. We will also visit Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Westport and other famous sights in Co. Mayo. Contact 01 268 762278 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T 7613.

Fr Joseph and 88 pilgrims were in the Holy Land and their were large number of parishioners in the Lourdes pilgrimage. Thanks for your prayers for us and we hope that your pilgrimage was a blessing for you all and your families.

Nataline Rosario Rest in Peace Nataline's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 16th of April in St George's at 11 a.m.

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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: So I said to Charles Darwin, I said " what was the Big Bang?" Darwin said "God knows"!
" (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Sheila O'Donnell and Family
Sun 15 April	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
08:30am	Parishioners
10:00am	Krishna Klimasauskaite's Intentions
12:00noon	Aileen Hogermeen (Rest in Peace)
Mon 16 April	FERIA
07:00am	Murphy Family (Intentions)
09:15am	Franco Mortali (Rest in Peace)
11:00am	Requiem Mass - Nataline Rosario (Rest in Peace)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass-Intentons All Staff and Patients
Tue 17 April	FERIA
07:00am	Eileen Ward
09:15 am	Thanksgiving
Wed 18 April	FERIA
07:00am	James O'Donnell (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Sr. Ita Healy (Rest in Peace)
Thu 19 April	FERIA
07:00am	Gertrude Charles (Intentions)
09:15	Mary Heagney and Family (Intention)
Fri 20 April	FERIA
07:00am	Br. John Bosco CFR (Intentions)
09:15aam	Cesar Ocamnpo (Rest in Peace)
Sat 21 April	FERIA
10:am	Tracey and Jon Redman (Intentions)
06:00pm	Joaquin Dias (Rest in Peace)
Sun 22 April	FOURTH SUNDY OF EASTER
08:30am	John Joseph Cullen (Rest in Peace)
10:00am	Prudencio Calacal (Rest in Peace)
12:00noon	Parishioners

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, 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, Chris Fitzgerald, Grace, Monica Baugh

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