

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 April 22- Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year B)
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Dear Parishioners,

Being a shepherd in Jesus' time was not a pleasant job. Sheep get easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide the sheep back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependant on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into the their pen. The pen had no gate so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally laid down their lives for their flock. St John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday, the Gospel describes Jesus the 'genuine' shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'follow him' and it is not of a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a genuine relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told "I know my own and my own know me" We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal, more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then - especially- that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us. 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 21st May at 19:30 in the Church. Please bring along the Godparents as well.

Dates for your Diary Thursday 10th of May is the Ascension of the Lord and is a Holyday of Obligation.

Pentecost Sunday is 20th of May and the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place during the 3 pm Mass.

Sacrament of Confirmation: At the 12 noon Mass today all candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be blessed and then they will travel to the cathedral at Brentwood for the Rite of Acceptance. Please keep these young people in your prayers.

Feast of St George. St George is the patron saint of our parish and parish primary school. Monday is the lovely celebration of St George, Patron Saint of England.

Holy Communion Masses this weekend and next weekend. We offer our prayers for the children who receive Holy Communion for the first time during these 2 weeks. Please pray for these children.

There is a second collection in all parishes this weekend for the promotion of vocations to the priesthood.

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

Parish Pilgrimage 2018 - Bookings are now being taken for our parish Pilgrimage to, San Giovanni Rotondo. 9th - 14th September 2018 - £699 inc. flights. Bfast/ Dinner excursions & taxes. Book direct with www.Paxtravel.co.uk or any queries contact Stella 020 85273879

Found : A blacelet. Can the owner please contact Fr Niall

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 also 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.


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.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES: The new offertory envelopes are now available in the porch. If you haven't already taken yours, please do so. If you cannot find your box, or you wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please email finance@olsg.co.uk or call Armie, our Gift Aid Organiser, on 07962 501 555. The scheme allows the parish to reclaim 25p for every £1 given by UK taxpayers at no extra cost to the giver. This makes your generous donations go further and supports the upkeep of the Church and its buildings and our schools. If you are part of the scheme and your tax situation changes in the future, please let us know.

Mass Attendance 723. The collection last week was £1440.12 . 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: I see the number of people doing the high jump has leapt up!!
" (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Joaquin Dias (Rest in Peace) (Rodrigues)
Sun 22 April	FOURTH SUNDY OF EASTER
08:30am	John Joseph Cullen (Rest in Peace) (Christopher Cullen)
10:00am	Prudencio Calacal (Rest in Peace) (Helen)
12:00noon	Parishioners
Mon 23 April	FEAST OF SAINT GEORGE
07:00am	Ram Ramsey (Rest in Peace)
09:15am	Cliff D'Sousa (Intentions) (Margareth)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass-Intentons All Staff and Patients
Tue 24 April	Feria
07:00am	Holy Souls
09:15 am	Margaret Levine (Intentions) (Margaret)
Wed 25 April	SAINT MARK ,EVANGELIST
07:00am	Persecuted Christians (Louella)
09:15am	Mary Herraghty (Rest in Peace) (Mary O'Brien)
Thu 26 April	FERIA
07:00am	Jennifer and Tony Fernandes (Thansgiving) (Louella)
09:15	Liam McGoldrick (Intenions)
Fri 27 April	FERIA
07:00am	Delmira Rodrigues (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
09:15aam	Victoria Ibideji
Sat 28 April	FERIA
10:am	Eleanor Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Joan Carey)
06:00pm	Shania Rodrigues's Birthday
Sun 29 April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
08:30am	Della Rodrigues (Rest in Peace) (S.Rodrigues)
10:00am	Russell Rodrigues's Intentions (Jenny & Cliff)
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 and 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 and 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