

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 29- Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Dear Parishioners,

As with all good vine growers, God cares for his crop, nurturing it, pruning it, giving it all it needs so that it can grow and reach its full potential. We are in no doubt the branches . What does it mean to be a branch? Branches must be connected to the vine or they bear no fruit. Even those branches that do bear fruit need pruning so that they can grow and bear more fruit. As we are all too aware productivity seems to be the measure of success in the world today....in our education system, in the workplace, in economics; we are measured by what we produce. Is Jesus really adding to the pressure by telling us he wants to see results or else?

Perhaps we can read the Gospel passage for this 5th Sunday of Easter in terms of connectivity. Think of your most intimate friendships and relationships. You don't measure their weight in terms of productivity. do you? But do you want to stay connected?. It is this closeness, this intimacy that Jesus calls us to:'abide in me'. Are you connected or disconnected ? If the connection is strong, then fruit-bearing comes naturally and people will see the Gospel in our lives and in the way we respond to the world. If we are connected ,all manner of things are possible for us.

"People see the Gospel in our lives
let them read our lives"

Pope Francis

Easter 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.

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.

Parish Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Course: The next preparation session is on Sunday 6th May at 4p.m. in the parish hall. Please keep the candidates in your prayers.

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

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

Sunday May 13th we have the parish procession in honour of Our Lady at 2p.m. We gather at Our Lady and St George Primary School (Upper Site).

Holy Communion Masses this weekend and last 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.

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 to collect your payment. Bernadette
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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.

THY KINGDOM COME: With just over two weeks to go, a kind reminder to all parishioners to register their PLEDGE TO PRAY as individuals or as a family! Family activities and Catholic Novena are now available from your Steward of the Gospel. To register your pledge please go to:
www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2PrayCounter

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.

CATHOLICS AND THE BIBLE On Saturday 26th May from 11 am until 3 pm there will be a study day at Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The speaker will be Hungarian biblical scholar Fr Levente Balazs Martos, member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. The study day will commemorate 75 years since the promulgation of the encyclical of Pius XII, Divino Afflante Spiritu, on the Church and the Bible. The afternoon will be dedicated to a panel discussion with Fr Levente, Fr Adrian Graffy and Fleur Dorrell from the Catholic Bishops' Conference. The event is free of charge. Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com

Mass Attendance last weekend 1101. The collection last week was £1748.47 . Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

Counting Rota	29/04F	06/05E				
Hospital Rota	29/04B	06/05D	13/05A	20/05B		



Joke of the week: I have a horse called Treacle
He's got golden stirrups
" (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Happy Birthday to Shania Rodrigues

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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
Mon 30 April	FERIA
07:00am	Angelina Horeau (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
09:15am	Robert James (Rest in Peace) (Gertrude)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass-Intentons All Staff and Patients
Tue 01 May	FERIA
07:00am	Ivy Joyce (Rest in Peace)
09:15 am	Barry White (James Fletcher)
Wed 02 May	SAINT ATHANASIUS
07:00am	Barry White (James Fletcher)
09:15am	Sr. Mary Barry (Rest in Peace)
Thu 03 May	SAINT PLILIP AND JAMES,APOSTLES
07:00am	Eamon and Rita and Family (Intentions)
09:15	Patrick Ramsey (Intentions) (betty)
Fri 04 May	FERIA
07:00am	Canon Digby Samuels (Rest in Peace)
09:15aam	Julienne Wray (Rest in Peace)
Sat 05 May	FERIA
10:am	Lee and Allina Moriz (Intentions) (Louella)
06:00pm	Deceased Members of the Dias Family (Rodrigues)
Sun 06 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE EASTER
08:30am	Sr. Jacinta (Rest in Peace)
10:00am	Br. Victor Mould S.V.P. (Jenny and 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 ,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