

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Sunday April 8 Second Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Divine Mercy Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

They are gathered in the room for the same reason that Mary of Magdalen was up early on the first Easter morning --while it was still dark-- visiting the tomb of Jesus. They love him; if they didn't love him they would not be there - simple as that! . They'd be at home or occupied in some other way. They would be somewhere else. What brings Christ to that room? Why not a room in some other house? Simple - here are the people who love him.

Each person gathered in that room is leaving another life behind- perhaps family and friends too - and they are gaining new friends, bound together by a common interest and love, that is the person of Jesus Christ. This love steals their hearts and unites them with others in a bond that's effectively the formation of a new family - the Church.

The idea that we can follow Christ on our own is nonsense. Once Christ steals more than one heart he binds those hearts together in a union of love, which is why we find the disciples gathered together. We cannot have Christ without the Church.

We can only presume about the whereabouts of Thomas. It does seem odd that he is not with them. One could suppose that he is one of the first to leave the church, disappointed and disillusioned , his faith shattered by the events of Good Friday. Thomas' insistence that unless he can see the holes that the nails made is the demand of a man who is on the edge of faith. How is he saved from the edge? Eight days later the infant Church is gathered again and this time Thomas has returned to the fold because of the witness of the others . Now he encounters the Risen Christ himself and this encounter restores his faith and it also seals his return to the Church. This event is profoundly instructive --- the future of the Church hangs on this and this alone.....encountering Jesus Christ.

A Blessed Easter.

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.

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.

Thank You I wish to take this opportunity of thanking everybody for making the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies so uplifting. A lot of people put a lot of time and skills into the parish liturgies. God Bless you.....Fr Niall.

Thanks to all who sent Easter cards, and gifts and Easter offering to the priests and also for your generous Easter offerings.

Welcome This Sunday we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism James Nicholas Wiseman, Kingsley Mason Mathurine, Kiara Spence-Egesumba and Alicia Jenae Spence-Egesumba. . May God bless them and their families.

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 preparation 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.

Holy Week and Easter Liturgies: Thank you to all who helped in any way with the ceremonies. I wish to express what many parishioners have said to me: to the choir, flower arrangers, altar servers, greeters and stewards, sacristans, Christine for all the typing and printing, altarlinen ladies, Jerry , Cliff, church cleaners, proclaimers of the Word, RCIA team , and extra ordinary lay ministers of Holy Communion. So many people gave of their time and talents to insure that all went so well. Thank you and thank God.

Fr Joseph and 88 Pilgrims are in the Holy Land. They are praying for us and we hope that their pilgrimage will bring them and their families many graces and blessings.

25 Years Alma reminded me that 25 years ago to the very day, last Monday 2nd of April the old church was burned to the ground. We thank God for all the blessings up to then and since then.


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

Mass Attendance 847. The collection last week was £1625.02. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

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 T7613.

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 : I went down to my local town hall . I said "this town is in a mess, what are you doing about it?" they said "nothing" I said "why not? She said "This is an aerobics class" (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	William Balfe (Rest in Peace)
Sun 8 April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
08:30am	Parishioners
10:00am	Stephen Pias (Rest in Peace)
12:00noon	Leslie Dilley (Rest in Peace)
Mon 9 April	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
09:15am	Fr. Gordon Cordy (Rest in Peace)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass (Intentions-All Staff and patients)
Tue 10 April	FERIA
09:15 am	Scholastic Ngongo Kashinde (Rest in Peace)
Wed 11 April	SAINT STANISLAU, BISHOP AND MARTYR
09:15am	James O'Donnell (Rest in Peace)
Thu 12 April	FERIA
09:15	Tessie Kalpee (Intentions)
Fri 13 April	FERIA
09:15aam	Giuseppe Manai
Sat 14 April	FERIA
10:am	Juliet Dias (Rest in Peace)
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 Hogermeer (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, Alix Charlery, Natalie Rosario, 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.

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