

**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 6<sup>th</sup> May - Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)**

Dear Parishioners,

God does not have any favourites, St Peter tells us in his letter. You wouldn't think that is the case sometimes, listening to people who purport to speak on his behalf.

When Professor Stephen Hawking passed away earlier this year, people from all walks of life paid tribute to his brilliance, his scientific legacy, his courage and his sense of humour. Professor Hawking's work taught the world so much about the boundless mysteries of the universe. Though he considered himself an atheist, he believed that life had meaning and that we should always be curious about how the universe came into existence. He believed in love and is quoted as saying "it would not be much of a universe if it wasn't home to the people you love".

And yet after his death, there were some who could not resist the opportunity to ask where is he now, this man who did not believe in God? The judgement and the lack of compassion was staggering, coming as it did from 'Christian' commentators. Where is the love in such attitudes?

Today we bring everything back to one word : love. There are more than 20 references to love in the scripture readings today. God does not discriminate . In the reading from the First letter of St John (4:7-10) we hear that 'everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God', while 'anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love'. That love that God showed by sending his Son for us, is the same generous, wholehearted, self-sacrificing love we are called to show others - whether their beliefs align with ours or not.

God does not have favourites.

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

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**Baptism Course** The next Baptism Course will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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. Please see times of Masses on back page of newsletter.

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

On behalf of Fr Nixon and myself I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Holy Communion catechists for their dedication and enthusiasm in preparing the children for their Holy Communion. Over the past 7 months the catechists have given their time and experience to enable the children to be prepared so well for their sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. God has blessed your work. ...Fr Niall

Please do keep the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation in your prayers.

**May Procession of Fatima to Our Lady** Sunday 13th May at 2 p.m. we gather at the Upper Site of Our Lady and St George's Catholic Primary School for our Parish. May Procession in Honour of Our Lady of Fatima. All parishioners are most welcome to this joyful celebration. The decades of the Rosary will be recited in various language.

**Rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation for all candidates.** This will take place on Saturday 12th of May at St George's Church the church 11:30a.m. to 12:30.

**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 this weekend, also see poster on church notice board. Bernadette 07804611914

**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](http://www.thykingdomcome.global/#Pledge2PrayCounter)

**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](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)

**Leslie Burton, Rest in Peace** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Leslie Burton, Rest in Peace. Many parishioners will know Bernice , Leslie's wife who lived in this parish for many years. The Requiem Mass for Leslie will be on Wednesday 9th May at 11 a.m. in St George's Church.

**Bridget Mary Power, Rest in Peace** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Bridget Mary Power Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Bridget will be on Friday 18th of May in St George's Church at 12 noon.


Our condolences to Edna Kim on the death of her mother Erlinda , Rest in Peace. Erlinda died on Saturday 28th May in the Phillipines

Mass Attendance last weekend 1301.

The collection last week was £1891.70 . Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

**ROTAS**

<b><u>Counting Rota</u></b>	29/04F	06/05E				
<b><u>Hospital Rota</u></b>	29/04B	06/05D	13/05A	20/05B		



Joke of the week: This man said to me 'I'm going to be a chimney sweep' I said "soot yourself"  
 " (Attributed to Tim Vine)

**Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room**

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00pm</b>	Deceased Members of the Dias Family (Rodrigues)
<b>Sun 06 May</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE EASTER</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Sr. Jacinta (Rest in Peace)
<b>10:00am</b>	Br. Victor Mould S.V.P. ( Jenny and Cliff)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Parishioners
<b>Mon 07 May</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Patrick Sheehan (Rest in Peace)
<b>Tue 08 May</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>07:00am</b>	Nataline Rosario (Rest in Peace)
<b>09:15 am</b>	Monica Burgh (Intentions) (Gertrude Charles)
<b>Wed 09 May</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>07:00am</b>	The Poole Family (Foundation Mass)
<b>09:15am</b>	Monica Burgh (Intentions) (Gertrude Charles)
<b>11:00am</b>	Requiem Mass Leslie Burton (Rest in Peace)
<b>07:30pm</b>	Parishioners
<b>Thu 10 May</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>07:00am</b>	John Ramsey (Intentions)
<b>09:15</b>	Nataline Rosario (Rest in Peace) (Wednesday Club)
<b>07:30pm</b>	Peace in the World
<b>Fri 11 May</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>07:00am</b>	Ann O’Kane’s Intentions(Pauline and Mark Akehurst)
<b>09:15am</b>	Patrick Sullivan (Rest in Peace) (Dave Moss)
<b>Sat 12 May</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:am</b>	Fr. Nicholas Kavanagh (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Michael Fitzpatrick (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 13 May</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE EASTER</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Patrick Halligan (Rest in Peace) ( Mr. and Mrs. J Bond)
<b>10:00am</b>	Thomas Balfe (Intentions) (M. Balfe)
<b>12:00noon</b>	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