

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) IN CHURCH YEAR

Dear Parishioners,

We have almost reached the end of the Church Year. The dying of the year is the opportunity for minds to turn to the 'end things'. These were traditionally enumerated as Death, Judgement, Heaven and Hell. All things and persons come to an end, and the end of all brings judgement. The world, too, will come to an end-though no-one knows when-and general judgement will follow. How do we prepare?

It is good to acknowledge that death is part of life. We need to accept that it is inevitable, and it is wise occasionally to reflect on these things, so that we may live life to the full. Our attitude to death informs our attitude to life. We reflect on these realities, not in any morbid way, but in order to make sense of life and to be able to deal in a wholesome way with the reality and inevitability of age, deterioration, disease and death.

The Christian is counselled to love so that it doesn't matter when the end and judgement come-so that our name will be found in the 'Book of the Living'; so that we will be in a state of grace; so that we will not be woken to shame and everlasting dis-grace. We remain in a state of grace when we retain the friendship and favour of God.

Just as we take our cue from a rapidly dying nature in remembering our dead, so we are told to read the signs of what is happening around us. Like the leaves of autumn, like the heat of summer, all things pass away. Only the Word of God does not pass away. We prepare by our whole life-not just at this high-point of preparation and remembering.

Have a blessed week.

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 Preparation Course The next Baptism preparation course will be on Monday 26th November 7:00pm in the Church. Godparents are encouraged to attend.

Dates for your Diary:

The parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Monday 3rd of December at 7:30p.m. in the church.

HE Cardinal George will visit the parish on Wednesday 5th of December and will celebrate Mass for the Syro Malabar Community in St George's at 6:30pm.

Bishop Alan visits the parish on Saturday 8th December. Mass on that Saturday morning will be at 9:15a.m. And this will facilitate an early start for the training course for the Stewards of the Gospel.

Sunday 16th of December at 4p.m, we have our parish Carol Service. A liturgy of 9 Scripture Readings and 9 Carols. All welcome. Bring a friend or two.

This Sunday 18th November we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism: Georgina Alexandra Ayling, Flora Lily Ayling Iremide Olamrewaju and Tiwalayo Olamrewaju. May God Bless them and their families.

Tomorrow Monday 19th of November Year 7 from Holy Family School will be at the 9:15a.m. Mass at Our Lady and St George's Church.

Fire Drill : There will be a Fire Drill at all the Masses on Sunday 18th of November. Follow the directions of the Fire Marshalls. Fire Drill for the Saturday 6pm. Mass will be in the Spring when the evenings are brighter.

Walk With Me, for 'Advent – is a Prayer resource written by Cardinal Vincent Nichols for the season of Advent, available from the repository for £1.

This edition of Walk with Me is very much focused on Pope Francis' recent Apostolic Exhortation, Gaudete et Exsultate ('Rejoice and be Glad'). The beauty about Walk With Me is the size of the booklet (it's an ideal fit for a pocket or handbag), it is written in a simple and accessible style. Why not sit quietly with Walk With Me for a few minutes each day? It's also a wonderful resource to give to relatives, friends and work colleagues who are interested in discovering the true meaning of Advent and Christmas.

St George's St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Conference - Second Collection

There will be a second collection on 1st & 2nd December. The SVP Conference in this parish is a group of Christian men and women who try to see and serve Christ in others. Members meet fortnightly in a parish group in order to help, in a personal way, those in need. There is no need which is outside the concern of the SVP, be it sickness or disability, mental or physical, family problems whether social or economic or the loneliness of old age. Members visit and befriend people in their own homes, hospitals and care homes. We also have an annual Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, the lunch for the elderly of the neighbourhood has become a fixture in the life of the parish especially at this special time of the year. To ease the burden on church collections we appeal twice a year . Everything that you donate to the second collection will be used to provide funds to help those in need in our own area at Christmas. We hope you will continue to support us in our work especially in this time where cost of living is going up and give generously.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. We pray for all our dead. Holy Souls envelopes are available from the Repository. Please write out all your deceased family and friends and together with your donation place inside the envelope. Return the envelope to the priest. Masses will be offered for the Holy Souls throughout the month of November. The names on the lists are long. Because of this, Masses will be celebrated in the coming months for the Holy Souls as well.

Stanislaw Duray, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Stanislaw Duray, Rest in Peace.

Mass Attendance last weekend 613 . The collection last week was £1481.13p
Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

Counting Rota						
Hospital Rota	18/11A	25/11B	02/12D	09/12A	16/12B	23/12D



Joke of the Week: : Last week I went to the opticians. The optician said "How many fingers am I holding up?"

I said "17,251"

He said "Wrong...only 3 fingers. But I tell you what. You can't half count quick"
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Ellen Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Joan Carey)
Sun 18 November	THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
08:30am	Josie Maloney (Rest in Peace) (Moss)
10:00am	Vera's Grandson Ryan (Intentions) (Marta Salamonowicz)
12:00noon	Theodora D'Souza (Thanksgiving) (Carol and Conrad)
Mon 19 November	FERIA
07:00am	Syro Malabar Community Intentions
09:15am	Barry Grannell's Intentions (Murphy)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass –Holy Souls
Tue 20 November	FERIA
07:00am	Holy Souls
09:15 am	Eileen Grannell's Intentions (Murphy)
Wed 21 November	THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
07:00am	Steven Rodrigues (Intentions) (Louella)
09:15 am	Geraldine Cecilia Leatham (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Thu 22 November	SAINT CECILIA , VIRGIN AND MARTYR
07:00am	Yohann Sanches (Intentions) (Louella)
09:15am	Holy Souls
Fri 23 November	FERIA
07:00am	Holy Souls
09:15am	Annie and Mick Kilcooley (Rest in Peace) (Clare)
Sat 24 November	SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS
10:00am	Deceased Members of the Knight of St. Columba
06:00pm	Graham Hainsby (Rest in Peace) (Geraldine McDermott)
Sun 25 November	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
08:30am	Maria Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Jenny and Cliff)
10:00am	William and Linda D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Jenny and Cliff)
12:00noon	Vivienne Mitchell (Intentions) (Esther)

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, 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 and 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, ,Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Eva Santiano, Grace Mecaley,

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.