

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

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Charity Number: 234092

The BAPTISM OF GOD

Sunday 13th January 2019

Dear Parishioners,

The Baptism of the Lord is in some ways a strange celebration. When we think of baptism, we think of new-born babies and white robes. Instead, we have an adult Jesus, no details of the baptism, only that afterwards when Jesus was at prayer, the heavens opened; and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove 'and a voice came from heaven, 'You are my son, the beloved; my favour rests on you.'

Despite the angelic celebration of Christ's birth, it is still very much a private affair. Those who know of his miraculous birth are limited to Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and Magi; there is not a general announcement of who Jesus is. He is the Emmanuel or 'God-with-us' but lives quietly in Nazareth until John baptises in the River Jordan. Then Jesus is baptised-suddenly it all changes! The Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus, the heavens open and a voice from heaven proclaims to all who Jesus is.

From this moment onwards he will gather his disciples, proclaiming the Word of God, he will perform miracles, even raise the dead, eventually leading him to Jerusalem, to confrontation with the political and religious authorities; to the brutality of Calvary and the beauty of Resurrection. This is the first public acknowledgement of Jesus as Son of God, the one called by the Father 'the Beloved.'

We too, whether our life is perfect or riddled with sin, are also 'the Beloved' of God. To be termed 'Beloved' is to be greatly loved. In the Bible to be 'Beloved' means to be 'of the Father' and as Jesus is beloved of the Father, so are we. We are children of God because of our baptism, not in the Jordan but in the Church. Our baptism marked us with the Holy Spirit as 'Beloved' of God, on that day, God, through the Church declared 'You are my child, the Beloved, my favour rests on you.'

Have a Blessed Day

 (Fr. Niall)

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

The Parish Baptism Course is on Monday 14th of January in the church at 7p.m. Godparents are especially welcome.

Parish preparation course for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The next session is on Sunday next 20th January in the parish hall at 4p.m.

Masses at Whipps Cross Hospital will commence on Monday 21st January 2019.

Fr. Nixon will be on holiday from Monday 14th January to Friday 18th . We wish Fr Nixon a safe and happy vacation.

At this time of year people make resolutions for 2019....how about attending the 6p.m. Mass Monday to Friday?

Red Boxes: Please return all Red (Missio) Boxes. The good lady who looks after the collection must have the boxes returned for the end of year accounts. Please do not forget to write your name and address and details in the label under the red box. Thank you for your generosity

On this Sunday we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Raeanne Carli Scantlebury. Every blessing to her and her family. Next Sunday we welcome Kaitlyn Alice Lillywhite into the church through the Sacrament of Baptism. Every blessing to the family

Annual Pilgrim Dinner Thank you to all those who travelled to Goa, India, on pilgrimage in November. We were truly blessed every step of the way and had an amazing time. Thank you to all of you. The annual pilgrim dinner will be held on Friday 25th January 2019 @7.30pm at Filika Restaurant, 62 High Street, Wanstead E11 2RJ. This will combine pilgrims from San Giovanni group and India. Please confirm asap, if you can attend. 02085273879 Regards Stella.

The Hutton family wish to thank everybody who came to Anne's Requiem Mass on Friday last. Thank you also for the Mass cards and prayers. May Anne Rest In Peace Amen

Updated Rotas Readers & Lay Eucharist Ministers

We have updated the rota for Readers [10 am Mass] and Lay Eucharist Ministers as there are now newly trained ministers. New ministers following your training and ministering over the Christmas period you are now on the revised rota commencing 19/20 January for the Masses you indicated will be your regular Mass. Existing ministers with the new Lay Eucharist Ministers on board, you will have a bigger gap when you are timetabled. Remember you are required to minister on the day and time you are timetabled. If you do not arrive on time this puts pressure on the other ministers on your team who then have to minister more often. Please take a copy of the revised rota and thank you for the work you do serving your parish family.

THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE On Wednesdays 23rd and 30th January at 7 pm Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. These 'Gidea Park Faith Evenings' will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.

On Saturday 12th January, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed, and it really does save lives. This is the day before the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the Good Counsel Network. For details of our live saving work see; www.GoodCounselNetwork.com

Mass Attendance last weekend 663 . The collection last week was £1692.40p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

<u>Counting Rota</u>	30/12B	06/01F	13/01B	20/01B	27/01F	03/02B
<u>Hospital Rota</u>	30/12A	06/01B	13/01D	20/01A	27/01B	03/02D



Joke of the Week: Bit of advice: never wear helium nail varnish at an auction
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Ambrose Dillsworth (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 13 January	THE BAPTISM OF THE GOD
08:30am	Cesar Ocampo (Rest in Peace) (Helen)
10:00am	Richard Mackey (Rest in Peace) (Hoban)
12:00noon	Paul Yamson (Intentions) (Sylvia Yamson)
Mon 14 January	FERIA
09:15am	Oliver Ellul (Rest in Peace) (T.Bartolo)
06:00 p.m.	Roseleen and Patrick Murray (Intentions) (Alice Bacon)
Tue 15 January	FERIA
09:15am	Rose and Paddy O'Neil (Intentions) (Alice Bacon)
06:00 p.m.	Thomas Murray (Intentions) (Alice Bacon)
Wed 16 January	FERIA
09:15am	Murray Family (Intentions) (Alice Bacon)
06:00pm	Pat McKenna (Alice Bacon)
Thu 17 January	SAINT ANTHONY
09:15am	Kitty Mackey (P. McKenna)
06:00pm	Kathy and Mick Ogles (P. McKenna)
Fri 18 January	FERIA
09:15am	Josie and John Mills (P. McKenna)
06:00pm	Alice Bacon (P. McKenna)
Sat 19 January	FERIA
10:00am	Jim Price (Rest in Peace) (Eileen)
06:00pm	Moss and Nagle Families (Rest in Peace)
Sun 20 January	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30am	Fr. Niall Harrington's Intentions (Jenny and Cliff)
10:00am	John Harper (Rest in Peace) (Jenny and Cliff)
12:00noon	Fr. Nixon Gomes's Intentions (Jenny and Cliff)

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, 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,

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.