

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2/12/18

Dear Parishioners,

In a Church which appears to lurch from one crisis to another, in an often unfriendly world, it is easy to feel bewildered by the clamour that can seem to surround us these days. While we may not be living in the end times Jesus prophesied as he spoke to his disciples outside the Temple, our uncertain times breed their own sense of foreboding and insecurity. This can lead us either closer to the Lord, or further away from him. Today's Gospel outlines what each scenario might look like.

On the one hand, there is the life turned in on itself, seeking comfort in unwise places and in familiar forms of self-indulgence, which can become a ready escape from the more unpalatable aspects of reality. Too soon, lives can have spiralled out of control. Alongside drunkenness and debauchery, significantly, 'the cares of life' are identified by Jesus as potentially corrosive as well. We can waste what is precious, investing in what is of the little worth and hoping to find purpose and meaning in what cannot ever deliver. When we stop believing in ourselves, and in what we are called by God to become, it is easy to lose sight of the bigger picture and avoid concern for the ultimate destiny of our lives.

Jesus advocates, on the other hand, lives of prayer and vigilance. Lives which are lived in the presence of the Lord, sufficiently awake and attentive to be conscious of that presence in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. Lives, as the prophet might have put it, of honesty and integrity. Lives that are outward-looking and generative, blessed with a spirit of trust and gratitude. In other words, 'the kind of life that you are meant to live.' Most of us, I suspect, could benefit from some form of renewed vision and fresh challenge just at this time. The scriptures of today's Mass have these to offer, in plenty.

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.

The next Parish Baptism Preparation Course will be in January 2019

We welcome back Fr Joseph from his holiday in India.

Dates for your Diary:

The parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be on Monday 3rd of December at 7:30p.m. in the church. 4 priests available for individual confession.

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 5 p.m, we have our parish Carol Service. A liturgy of 9 Scripture Readings and 9 Carols. All welcome. Bring a friend or two.

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. Last few copies available.

Global Healing – are you concerned about climate change and want to know more about it? What does this mean to you as a Christian? The newly released film 'Global Healing' announces Pope Francis' message that caring for our planet is the duty of each of us and every one of us. On Friday, 7th December in the church meeting room at 7pm there will be a special showing of Global Healing, followed by refreshments and a chance to ask some questions – it will all be concluded by 9pm. Global Healing is about making the world safer so don't miss it – this is a free event.

In order that our altar servers look the part for the Season of Christmas, can parishioners take home an altar servers alb (or two) for washing. Thank you.

THE GOSPEL OF 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.

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

The SVP Second Collection is this weekend. Thank you for your generosity. The SVP Christmas Dinner for our senior parishioners is this afternoon at 3p.m.

Eucharist Ministers Christmas Eve & Christmas Day There is a sign up sheet on table by Ministers rota for any ministers who will be attending Christmas Eve & Christmas Day services so I can prepare a roster for these services. Please sign up no later than Sunday 2nd December. Thank you, Jenny Richmond.

Church and Presbytery Tomorrow Monday the entire area outside the Presbytery and Church will be lined. There will be 3 parking bays for Blue Badge Holders, 2 bays for the priests and all the rest will be a no parking area. There will be 2 aisles for parishioners to walk safely into the church. The parking restrictions apply at all times. The major reason for this is for health and safety of parishioners and the general public who use the street footpaths along the church area of Shernhall Street.. Waltham Forest parking department have enquired about our provision for Blue Badge Holders. Your co-operation is appreciated.

Change of Parish Mass times for weekdays. : As of the 1st of January 2019 the 7 a.m. Mass will cease. The 9:15a.m. Mass, Monday to Friday will continue. An evening Mass at 6p.m. will commence in the new year for Mondays to Fridays.

Mass Attendance last weekend 741 . The collection last week was £ 1590.38p. Brentwood Catholic Youth Service Collection: £507.68p Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

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| Counting Rota | 02/12F | 09/12E | 16/12F | 23/12B | 30/12B | 06/01F |
| Hospital Rota | 02/12D | 09/12A | 16/12B | 23/12D | 30/12A | 06/01B |



Joke of the Week: : I said to this bloke "my favourite colour is bluey green"
 He said "azure? "
 I said "I'm certain" (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Happy Birthday to Peter Norman

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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| 06:00pm | Joe and Anne Murtagh (Rest in Peace) (Ann O'Donovan) |
| Sun 02 December | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| 08:30am | Josie Malony (Rest in Peace) (Brida) |
| 10:00am | Elizabeth's Intentions |
| 12:00noon | Augustine B.O. Fadina (Rest in Peace) (Agnes Fadina) |
| Mon 03 December | Saint Francia Xavier, Priest |
| 07:00am | Dermot and Sheila O'Keefe (Golden Wedding) |
| 09:15am | Ann King (Golden Anniversary) |
| 04:00pm | Whipps Cross Hospital Mass –Holy Souls |
| Tue 04 December | FERIA |
| 07:00am | Darling Sheila Kalpee (Rest in Peace) |
| 09:15 am | Linda Taddol (Rest in Peace) |
| Wed 05 Decemberr | FERIA |
| 07:00am | Joseph Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Louella) |
| 09:15 am | Ringa and Ryszard (Rest in Peace) (Anita) |
| Thu 06 December | FERIA |
| 07:00am | Frances Lawlor |
| 09:15am | Josie Malony (Rest in Peace) (Louise and Neil) |
| Fri 07 December | Saint Ambrose,Bishop and Doctor of the Church |
| 07:00am | Natalie Rosario (Rest in Peace) (S.Rodrigues) |
| 09:15am | All Holy Souls of Drego Family and D'Souza Family (Fluda) |
| Sat 08 December | FERIA |
| 09:15am | John and Ellie McGoldrick (Rest in Peace) |
| 06:00pm | Anita's Intentions |
| Sun 09 December | SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT |
| 08:30am | Timothy J Sullivan (Mary Sullivan) |
| 10:00am | Frank Murphy (Rest in Peace) |
| 12:00noon | Anthony Yamson (Intentions) (Sylvia Yamson) |

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