

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE**

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Our Lady & St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

**Charity Number: 234092**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ( C ) (20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019)**

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees**

Dear Parishioners,

The Wedding Feast at Cana is a story we are familiar with from the wedding of family and friends. A wedding is a time of joy. For the Jewish people, it was also a reminder of the coming of the Messiah. Old testament imagery represented the union of God and Israel as that of a groom and his bride at their wedding feast, symbolised by wine; to run out of wine at a wedding was more than an embarrassment for the couple, it signified an absence of God's blessings.

The Bible has many different metaphors for the relationship of intimate love between God and his people. Covenant is one. Father and child is another. In the New Testament, vine and branches is a third, but beginning with the prophet Hosea, one of the more beautiful ways of description the relation between God and his people is that of marriage. It is the description used by the prophet Isaiah in today's First Reading. As the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in his people. It is a popular image in the New Testament, the image of marriage parallels the mission of Jesus, that of the wedding is a powerful symbol of our own baptismal journey of the Church as the bride of Christ, and of heaven as a wedding feast.

It also tells us how our relationship with God should be. Like that of the guests at the wedding feast, we too should be filled with joy that we have a relationship with God, a joy that permeates our whole being and a joy that we bring to others. It is joy which should distinguish the Christian from other people because the Christian who knows God can never be without hope. And the way to this joy is to heed the final words spoken by the Virgin Mary in the Gospels 'Do whatever he tells you'.

Have a Blessed Day

*Fr. Niall* (Fr. Niall)

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

**Sacrament of Confirmation Course.** The next session is this Sunday afternoon at 4p.m. in the hall. Please keep the candidates in your prayers

The next Holy Communion and Sacrament of Reconciliation session is on Saturday 26th of January. at 9:45 a.m.

The 4p.m. Mass at Whipps Cross Hospital resumes tomorrow Monday 21st of January. All welcome.

**STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL** Copies of the Vision Document on the future of our Diocese are available in the church porch. Our Lady of the Rosary and St Patrick's Parish, Blackhorse Road, St Joseph's Parish, Leyton and our Parish of Our Lady and St George have been partnered together. The priests and the Stewards of the Gospel of these 3 parishes will be meeting to discuss how we will shape our future. You can keep updated on matters by reading the first e-bulletin attached to the SOTG notice board. You can also join the SOTG Working Group and help shape our future. Contact: conrad.sotg@gmail.com

### **BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 20th – 27th July 2019**

Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service in Lourdes this Summer as we travel alongside the diocese, assisting the elderly and infirm on their annual pilgrimage. Alongside this we also run a retreat, daily Masses and excursions for the young people, as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Places will be allocated to ensure as many parishes and schools as possible from the diocese are represented and applications will remain open until 31st January 2019. Where we receive a large number from one school or parish, places will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis. Please be aware, this event is always heavily oversubscribed. The pilgrimage is open to anyone currently in school year 10 and above and the cost will be around £570 (TBC). For all information and the chance to apply, please visit [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) or for any queries, please email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**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 St. 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](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com) Refreshments provided. Admission free.

Help get the homeless out of the cold! This winter Catholics are leading projects providing 45,000 nights of care, warmth and shelter for the homeless in Essex and East London. Support them! Join 1000 people from across the Diocese sleeping outside for the night at Walsingham House at Abbotswick on 12th-13th April. No tents! Just you and a sleeping bag. Open to all ages, from 15+. Sponsorship target of £100/participant. Why not ask your company to match fund your sponsorship? Money will help local homeless charities and the work of the BCYS with young people. Mass at 11.15pm, sleep out Midnight – 7am. Full details and sponsor forms <https://bcys.net/events/sponsored-sleepout-walsingham-house-abbotswick/>

**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO POPE FRANCIS** A study day on this theme will be held at the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on Saturday 16th March. Six years after his election we look at Pope Francis’ efforts to bring renewal to the Catholic Church. The speaker will be Fr Alban McCoy OFM Conv, who is Dean of St Edmund’s College, Cambridge. The day begins at 11 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to [GPstudydays@gmail.com](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)

**CAFOD Live Simply Award** The Live Simply Award is an opportunity for Catholic communities to respond to Pope Francis’ invitation in Laudato Si’ to “work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us”. It is awarded to communities who can show how they have been living: Simply, sustainably with creation and in solidarity with the poor. Our parish has submitted an application to be considered for the award. The Justice and Peace group will be distributing material showing how you can become involved.

Mass Attendance last weekend 749 . The collection last week was £1481.48p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

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



Joke of the Week: This man said to me " I want to explore space".  
I said " your mother must be over the moon"

(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>	Moss and Nagle Families (Rest in Peace)
<b>Sun 20 January</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Fr. Niall Harrington's Intentions (Jenny and Cliff)
<b>10:00am</b>	John Harper (Rest in Peace) (Jenny and Cliff)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Fr. Nixon Gomes's Intentions (Jenny and Cliff)
<b>Mon 21 January</b>	<b>ST AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARY</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Intentions (Spurling)
<b>04:00 pm</b>	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
<b>06:00 p.m.</b>	Special Intentions (Maume Family)
<b>Tue 22 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Special Intentions (Maume)
<b>06:00 p.m.</b>	Lydia's Intentions (Jotham)
<b>Wed 23 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Special Intentions (Moras)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Weston)
<b>Thu 24 January</b>	<b>ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOPS AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Special Intentions (Weston)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Moras)
<b>Fri 25 January</b>	<b>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Special Intentions (Weston)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Mayo)
<b>Sat 26 January</b>	<b>SAINT TIMOTHY AND SAINT TITUS, BISHOPS</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Thanksgiving (Weston)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Special Intentions (Cheshire)
<b>Sun 27 January</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Margaret Quinlan (Rest in Peace) (Moss)
<b>10:00am</b>	Bertilla and George D'Souza (Intentions) (Cliff and Jenny)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Rose Morley (Rest in Peace) (O'Donovan)

### 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 Ikupati, 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.