

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

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

**Charity Number: 234092**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - C (27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019)**

Dear Parishioners,

We live in an age of manifestos which provide a summary of policies and strategies which, afterwards, can be used to measure achievements and failures. In the synagogue at Nazareth Jesus presents the manifesto for his ministry when he reads an extract from the prophet Isaiah and comments 'this text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'.

This can only have one meaning: Isaiah's prophecy was being fulfilled in Jesus' person and in his Church. This means that people regarded as meaningless by society, are the people of Jesus Christ. It is these people to whom the text of Isaiah refers to as fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ and continues to be so in his Church.

It is important to remember that the Church's role in society is not just sacramental or prayerful; these are essential to who the Church is, but as a result of sacramental participation and prayer, the mission of the Church extends beyond the contemplative. It is in imitation of the Messiah, that from Pentecost, the Church has engaged in the work of social justice. As the number of priests and religious decline, it is important that the Church continues her work of social justice. Perhaps in the future, the work of the priest and religious orders will be more sacramental and prayerful, and the Church's role in social justice will be the work of lay people. Society needs the continued role of the Church in trying to establish social justice for all people, not so that the Church can control society or have power in society, rather because in doing so, the church is fulfilling the mandate set her by Christ when in Nazareth, as he fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah.

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.

**Parish Sacrament of Holy Communion and Reconciliation Programme:** The next session for children and parents is on Saturday 2nd of April at 9:45am in the parish hall. Please keep the children in your prayers as they prepare for the first Reconciliation on Saturday 9th of April

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

### **STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL VISION DOCUMENT - SHAPING OUR FUTURE**

A Parish meeting will be held on Thursday 7th February at 7:30pm in the Parish Hall so that parishioners can share their views on the Vision Document. The Parish of Our Lady of the Rosary and St Patrick, Blackhorse Road, St Joseph's Parish and our Parish of Our Lady and St George have been partnered together. In the coming weeks the priest from these 3 parishes and their respective Stewards will meet and begin to make plans for our shared future based upon the long-term position. Please read the Vision Document. It is also accessible on line ([www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development)).

### **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)

HCPT will be hosting another St Patrick's night party with a live band! Saturday 16th March - save the date and more details will follow. See Peter Norman for details.

**St Blaise.** The feast of St Blaise falls on Sunday 3rd of April. If you wish to have your throat blessed, please remain in the church after Mass on the Saturday evening 6p.m. Mass or any of the Sunday Masses.

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

Our condolences to Janet Dockery on the death of her father, Magnus , Rest in Peace.

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 jellyfish walked into a shop. I said "he's a slippery customer!" (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>	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)
<b>Mon 28 January</b>	<b>ST THOMAS AQUINAS PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Murphy Family Intentions (Family)
<b>04:00 pm</b>	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
<b>06:00 p.m.</b>	Mary Murphy's Intentions (Family)
<b>Tue 29 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Dan Murphy's Intentions (Family)
<b>06:00 p.m.</b>	Thanksgiving (Murphy)
<b>Wed 30 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Thanksgiving (Murphy)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Mary's Intentions ( Family)
<b>Thu 31 January</b>	<b>SAINT JOHN BASCO, PRIEST</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Carla Doherty (Rest in Peace) (Famiy)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Doherty Family)
<b>Fri 01 Febuary</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Micheal Daly (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Roselene's Intentions (Daly)
<b>Sat 02 Febuary</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Thanksgiving (Reade)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Special Intentions (Reade)
<b>Sun 03 Febuary</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Parishioners
<b>10:00am</b>	Fr. Maurice Gordon (Intentions) (Jenny and Cliff)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Shun-Choi Kwan and Choi-Yee Kwan (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
<b>02:30pm</b>	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass

### 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 Belzair, 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.