

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – C (3rd February 2019)

Dear Parishioners,

God chooses Jeremiah to proclaim his truth. He gives him strength for what will be a difficult mission and assures us that nothing will defeat him. God also chooses us and give us a mission to be his witnesses in an often hostile world. He gives us the strength to carry out that mission if we ask for it and accept it in our lives.

Whatever our mission, our vocation, our status in life, God expects us to be motivated by the virtues of faith, hope and love. St.Paul lists some of the characteristics of love and explains what love means in reality. These characteristics provide us with a good way of evaluating our lives with God and neighbour. Am I a gong booming or a cymbal clashing? Have I faith: Am I generous to a fault but show no love? Am I always patient and kind? Am I ever jealous? The list goes on . There are good, incisive questions which we can answer honestly only against the backdrop of how we live out our Christian calling. Where we recognise shortcoming and challenges, are we open enough to ask God for his grace and strength to address them?

Jesus experiences both adulation in rapid succession at the beginning of his public ministry. He was now home and no doubt there was great excitement in the area that Joseph 's son, who had worked wonders in Capernaum, was now backed and attending the local synagogue. His reputation had gone before him. The power of God's spirit was working in him. Jesus experiences the approval if everyone at the beginning, with his eloquence. This shifts suddenly and violently to rejection.They were happy when he stuck to the script but became enraged when the tone of his message became more challenging and he failed to live up to their expectations. This prophet was certainly not accepted in his own country, but he was prepared for that.

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We, too, are called to be prophets in our town, to bear witness by the quality and example of our lives, to be instruments of God's love and to allow his spirit to work in us and through us. Are we prepared to be rejected as well as accepted? What message or inspiration are we bringing home with us from these readings today?.

Have a Blessed Week

Fr. Niall (Fr. Niall)

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

The next Marriage preparation course will be held in the parish hall on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th of March.

The next parish Baptism Preparation course is on Monday 18 of February at 7p.m. in the church.

Saturday 9th of February at 10:30a.m. in the church, the children from the parish preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will make their Reconciliation. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers

Session 5 of the parish preparation course for the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Sunday 17th of February in the parish hall at 4p.m.

Last Tuesday we said farewell to Fr Bertrand who visited the parish for a week.

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 February. 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 this weekend.

Wednesday 6th of February Year 9 from Holy Family School will attend the 9a.m. Mass for their retreat day.

Marian Mission Breakfast and After School Club: CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS AND FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED . Please see flyer on the notice board

The Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor have organised a Charity Concert for Saturday 23rd March 2019. Please see the flyer on the notice board and next week news letter.

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room

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

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.

SOTG: 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).

Mass Attendance last weekend 731 and 150 at the Syro-Malabar Mass. The collection last week was £1305.04p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

We pray for the happy repose of the soul of John Nagle Rest in Peace. The funeral service will be on Tuesday 5th February at 4p.m. at the North Chapel. City of London.

Birthday blessings to Kristina Klimasauskaite, and also Aleesha (last Sunday) and her brother Michael (this Sunday).

ROTAS

<u>Counting Rota</u>	03/02B	10/02E	17/02B	24/02E	03/03F	10/03E
<u>Hospital Rota</u>	03/02D	10/02A	17/02B	24/02D	03/03A	10/03B



Joke of the Week I am scared of cattle.....does that make me a coward"!!!! (Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Special Intentions (Read)
Sun 03 February	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30am	Pam Chapman's Intentions (Edna)
10:00am	Fr. Maurice Gordon (Intentions) (Jenny and Cliff)
12:00noon	Shun-Choi Kwan and Choi-Yee Kwan (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
02:30pm	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
Mon 04 February	FERIA
09:15am	Eileen and Patrick Fouhy and Family (Jeff Fouhy)
04:00 pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
06:00 p.m.	Betty Ramsey (Intentions) (Jane)
Tue 05 February	SAINT AGATHA
09:15am	Jenny Moore(Rest in Peace) (Pat Hodge)
06:00 p.m.	Anne Hutton (Rest in Peace) (Hodge)
Wed 06 February	SAINT PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS
09:15am	Anne Hutton (Rest in Peace) (Fiona)
06:00pm	Mary Somers (Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
Thu 07 February	FERIA
09:15am	Anne Hutton (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Shay Fitzgibbon (Rest in Peace) (Brendan O'Sullivan)
Fri 07 February	FERIA
09:15am	Shiela Davighi (Dermot O'Neill)
06:00pm	Declan McGivern (Dermot O'Neill)
Sat 08 February	FERIA
10:00am	Ron Barton (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Bernard Carey (Rest in Peace)(Joan Carey)
Sun 09 February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30am	Fr. Patrick Daly (Intentions) (jenny and Cliff)
10:00am	Kristina K Intention (Sr Anne Marie)
12:00noon	Jacqueline Keavey (Rest in Peace)(Catherine Keavey)
02:30pm	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 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.