

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9/12/18

Dear Parishioners,

It is always good to remind, on this Second Sunday of Advent, how God's word did not come to any of those at the centre of power and authority, but to a man 'in the wilderness'. By detailing both the rulers of his day and the impressive extent of their writs, Luke makes John the Baptist's marginal status even more pronounced. It didn't ultimately matter, however. For, while it may seem paradoxical, an undeniable truth in the John the Baptist's story is that through him, God made the Judaeon wilderness a place of remarkable fruitfulness. Repentance was preached, conversions followed, and lives were transformed for the better.

The chosen people of God had, in contrast to John, forsaken God's word and preferred alliances with the power-brokers of their day. In consequence, they had realised anything but fruitfulness. The prophet Baruch spoke to an Israel who, far from finding the security they had hoped for, had faced the trauma of exile and of having their 'enemies for an escort', as they were brought far from their place of true belonging. God, nonetheless, remained loving and faithful. His people would, in time, return under his guidance and experience something akin to rebirth.

From a purely human standpoint, the wilderness is never the most inviting of places. It can be a setting for vital learning and growth, however, if we can stay long enough within it to allow the Lord to work upon us. For the individual Christian, or perhaps the Church at various levels, the temptations to get back to the mainstream remains,

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and to rebuild connections with the powerful there. But a high price is inevitably paid for such comfort, while God's providence and faithfulness are spurned. The experience of the people of Israel, and the ministry of John the Baptist, can serve to remind us that there is a surer-if more challenging-way to authentic renewal.

Prepare the way of the Lord.

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

Sacrament of Confirmation Course Session 3 is this Sunday afternoon at 4p.m. The speaker will be Dr Paul Doherty, OBE Head of Holy Trinity Catholic High School. The topic is: Prayer and Living a Catholic Life.

Sacrament of Baptism: We welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday Gifty Mylla Mbo. Every blessing to her and her family.

Syro-Malabar Mass on this Sunday here in St George's at 4p.m.

Masses for Christmas: Monday 24th of December (Christmas Eve) . Family Mass at 6p.m. 11:30 p.m. Carols and Readings followed by midnight Mass at 12a.m. Christmas Day Tuesday 25th of December: 8:30a.m, 10 a.m. and 12 noon.

26th December 10a.m. Mass . During this Mass the altar servers will receive their bronze altar serving medals and one server who has completed 10 years altar serving and he gets a silver medal.

A big Thank You from all the guests at the Christmas Dinner on Sunday last. A great time was had by all.

Blessings on all 15 parishioners who were commissioned as Extraordinary Lay Ministers of the Eucharist on Thursday 29th of November.

A big Thank YOU to the Syro-Malabar Community who have donated a Christmas tree to the church. Also thank you to the good people of Kerala for erecting the church Christmas Crib. Blessings.

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.

A big thank you to the parishioners who took all the altar servers albs for washing. All the albs look nice and clean

Eucharist Ministers Christmas Eve and Christmas Day There is a sign up sheet on the table for Ministers rota who will be attending Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. So I can prepare a roster for these services. Please sign up no later than Sunday 9th December. Thank you, Jenny Richmond.

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.

St George's St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Conference Would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas collection last week. We raised £1,158.78 which is the most we have raised. We would also like to thank the Head and Staff of Our Lady and St George's School for hosting and preparing the Senior Citizens delicious Christmas meal on Sunday 2nd December for 60 guests. We would like to thank Fr. Niall and Fr. Nixon for their continued support. This year we are also in a position to help 12 families financially over Christmas with your generosity. May God bless everyone - Jenny Richmond (President) and members of O.L.S.G. Conference

Baby Tristam, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of baby Tristam , Rest in Peace. May God comfort his grieving mother.

Olivia Magara Mugabi, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Olivia Magara Mugabi Rest in Peace. Olivia died suddenly and leaves behind a husband John Bosco and her 2 children Janelle and Jet.

Mass Attendance last weekend 836 . The collection last week was £ 1528.36p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

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



Joke of the Week: : So I was in this horse race and when I got to the finishing line I was hit by an apple seed.....pipped at the post
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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)
Mon 10 December	FERIA
07:00am	In Thanksging (Fitzgerald)
09:15am	Josie Maloney(Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass – Alma Willock's Intentions
Tue 11 December	FERIA
07:00am	Adeline Rosario (Rest in Peace) (S.Rodrigues)
09:15 am	In Thanksgiving (Fitzgerald)
Wed 12 Decemberr	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
07:00am	For The Protection of the Unborn (Louella)
09:15 am	Josie Maloney (Rest in Peace) (Gannon)
Thu 13 December	SAINT LUCY VIRGIN AND MARY
07:00am	Rosario Family (Rest in Peace) (S. Rodrigues)
09:15am	Alan Kennedy (Rest in Peace) (Angela)
Fri 14 December	SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
07:00am	Roy Walker (Rest in Peace) (S.Rodrigues)
09:15am	Nicola Elul (Rest in Peace) (Mrs. T. Bartola)
Sat 15 December	FERIA
10:00am	Ambrose Dillsworth (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Edward Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Joan Carey)
Sun 16 December	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
08:30am	Vincent Cunningham (Rest in Peace) (Crawley)
10:00am	Oscar and Georgiana Trotman-Singh (Rest in Peace) (Jenny and Cliff)
12:00noon	Parishioners

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