

**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**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C (24<sup>th</sup> February 2019)**

Dear Parishioners,

In the first reading, we are told how David did not take advantage of the opportunity offered to him to get revenge on Saul, despite their difficult relationship. David did not allow himself to be guided by a natural human instinct even when Abishai had pointed out to him the obvious God-given opportunity that had presented itself to gain the ultimate revenge. God set the test and David passed.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us to forgive our enemies in the same way as David forgave Saul. What Jesus asks of us is radical to our natural way of thinking and seems so insufferable. Love my enemies? Do good to those who hate me? Bless those who curse me? Pray for those who treat me badly? What's my reaction to all this advice?

Notice the specific words of Jesus at the beginning: 'But I say this to you who are listening.' Were the disciples listening that day? Are we listening now? Are we paying heed to what Jesus is asking of us today? Give to those who ask something of me? Treat others as I would like them to treat me.

We too are often tested and put to the pin of our collars by different circumstances and experiences. However, we are being asked today to be compassionate. We are being asked today not to judge or condemn. We are being asked today to pardon and to give. What do we get in return? Jesus assures us that we will have a great reward. We will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. And why should we show compassion? We are to be compassionate simply because our Father is compassionate.

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Each of us is called to bring experience of God to those around us. We are called to proclaim Jesus Christ in the world in which we live. How can we do this if, in difficult or challenging circumstance, we behave in a way that defies what is being asked of us as followers of Christ in today's Gospel.

Pope Francis once said that 'it is a living people who follow Jesus and give witness to him every day.' Let us pray that we too will be living people and show compassion to all whom we meet, especially those in difficulty.

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 7.30 pm to 9.30pm.

Dates for your diary: Ash Wednesday is on March 6th. Mass times 9:15a.m. and 6p.m.

Next weekend after all the weekend Masses The Good Shepherd , Nottingham Group will be selling religious items in the church porch. The sale of these religious items goes a very long way to support their fellow Christians in Bethlehem and Palestine.

**Palms:** Can parishioners please return your palms from last Palm Sunday. These will be burned to provide ash for Ash Wednesday. There will be a basket in the church porch marked "Returned Palm".

Please pray for Fr Francis Coveney parish priest of St. Teresa's Church, Chingford who is unwell at present.

Please pray for the candidates for RCIA.

Next Sunday we welcome Elliot Nicholas Foxton-Todd into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Every blessing to the family.

**LENTEN 'WALK WITH ME' BOOKLETS** Walk with Me is a Lenten journey of Prayer for 2019, starting on Ash Wednesday 6 March, price £1 and available from the Repository. The booklets contain a brief reflection, either on the scripture readings of the day or on a catechetical theme.

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

**Marian Mission Fund Raising Concert** The Marian Missionary Sisters of the Poor have organised a Charity Concert for Saturday 23rd March 2019 in support of the improvement and renovation of their children centre to accommodate wheelchair users and improve available space for all children. Please support this project by buying the entry tickets which will be sold by the sisters and their friends after Mass on Sundays. Your support will be highly appreciated.

**Volunteers are needed** for the sale of tickets. If you can help, contact Mother Maria Chioma and the Sisters on 07940143545 / 02085187499. Please see the flyer in the parish notice board for more information.

**HCPT group 161** are hosting a St Patrick's Night Ceili - to raise funds for their Easter pilgrimage. It will be on Saturday 16th March, at Holy Family School - Wiseman site, Shernhall Street. There will be a live band ( the Thumping Tommy's!) Irish dancing, food, a bar and lots of fun. Tickets will be available soon. For more information or to reserve some tickets call Peter 07976 41 96 80.

**STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL** My thanks to all the parishioners that attended the parish meeting on 7th February 2019 to discuss the Vision Document - Shaping Our Future. Fr. Niall and I were pleased to hear your priorities and concerns as we begin to plan our Renewal and Restructuring programme in partnership with St Joseph and St Patrick's parishes. Your feedback from the meeting is on the SOTG notice board. Email conrad.sotg@gmail.com if you would like a copy or if you wish to add your views to the feedback.

**A Pilgrimage to Greece, in the Footsteps of St. Paul** 9th - 16th September 2019. £978 incl flights/BBD. Bookings can be made via [www.Paxtravel.co.uk](http://www.Paxtravel.co.uk) Spaces are limited so early booking is advised. Any queries please contact Stella on 02085273879.

**Lenten Retreat** Lenten retreat at the Parish of Christ the King on 10th March from 4pm, with Adoration and Benediction at 6pm. You are very welcome to join us.

The parish choirs are having extra practice on Thursday evenings in preparation for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Thank you all for your dedication.

**Happy Birthday to Jenny.**

ROTAS

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



Joke of the Week I went to a posh party and everybody was drinking and knitting. I got Pimms and needles (Attributed to Tim Vine)

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>06:00pm</b>	The Fletcher Family(Bond)
<b>Sun 24 February</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Maria Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
<b>10:00am</b>	Paul Kyauka (Rest in Peace) (Monica Kyauka)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Claudia Mota
<b>02:30pm</b>	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
<b>Mon 25 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Abandoned Souls (Louella)
<b>04:00 pm</b>	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
<b>06:00 p.m.</b>	Canon P Prendergast (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
<b>Tue 26 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Ann Hutton (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
<b>06:00 p.m.</b>	Ann Hutton (Rest in Peace) (O Gorman)
<b>Wed 27 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Mary Summers (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Mary Summers (Rest in Peace) (O Gorman)
<b>Thu 28 February</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Rose Morley (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Catherine Scannell (Rest in Peace) (Carmody)
<b>Fri 01 March</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Mary Keogh (Rest in Peace) (O Gorman)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Connie and Vincent and Sharon ( Len and Babs)
<b>Sat 02 March</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Jeremy Ravi (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Jason and Kristina (Thanksgiving) (Betty)
<b>Sun 03 March</b>	<b>EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Fr. Seamus Noctor (Rest in Peace) (Pact Mass)
<b>10:00am</b>	Fr. Adrian Walker (Rest in Peace) (Pact Mass)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Stella D,Cruze (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
<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, Hazel Belzair, Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, 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 Mondays: 10am-7pm; Wednesdays 10am-4pm; Fridays 9.45-10.45am; Saturdays 10.30-11.30am.