

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Charity Number: 234092

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – C (17TH MARCH 2019)

St. Patrick's Day

Dear Parishioners,

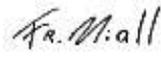
The long years as a lonely shepherd on Irish hills, and later his prayerful reflections on the roles of priest and bishop, seem to have opened Patrick's heart and mind to a sense of God's amazing mercy. Meditating on the passion, death and resurrection of Christ must have helped him appreciate that God was not only for him but with him. Without that life-changing perspective on life, his later actions would not make sense.

Patrick would have seen that Jesus could so easily have escaped into the wilderness behind the garden of Gethsemane and run away from the terrible cruelty that lay ahead for him. He could also have used his Divine power to protect himself from his enemies. Instead, he freely chose to show he would never reject people, even when those same people ignored, insulted, rejected, abandoned or even murdered him. Such giving of himself to, with and for people must have inspired and strengthened Patrick to forgive the treatment the Irish people gave to him in his youth. It would also have inspired Patrick when he had to face misunderstanding, rejection and hardship from the people who were not willing to accept his message.

When we reflect on some of the most difficult situations in our own lives, we often see that God may have been using them to open our hearts to appreciating that when we felt at our lowest. God was, in fact, bearing us up. When those realisations comes, we grow to appreciate that the Cross and Resurrection is not just an event that took place two thousand years ago in a distant land, but is an on-going event where the Lord offers. His presence to help us turn tragedy into an opportunity for growth. Often our pains blind us to this amazing offer, but over the years Patrick seems to have grown in

understanding and found the inner strength to share his faith with those who opened their hearts to his message. With Patrick we sing the 'Faith of our Fathers (and Mothers) living still.'

Have a Blessed Week

 (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.

Parish Holy Communion Preparation Programme: Session 9 is on Saturday 23rd of March.

Stations of the Cross during Lent will be on Fridays in the church at 6:45p.m. All welcome.

Baptisms: This Sunday we welcome Bianka Ferrer-Nowicka into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. Blessings to the family

Mission Appeal This weekend a sister from The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of Christ (founded in Nigeria) will speak at all the Masses on the work that they do.. There will be a retiring collection as you leave Mass.

Live Simply A reminder to everyone that our Live Simply activity for this month is to "Turn lights off when leaving a room" Thank you to those of you who have written your ideas on the livesimply notice board in the church porch. This is a parish undertaking so let's support each other and share our ideas on how we can take care of God's creation.If any of you have energy saving ideas please write your idea on the board, say how you are getting on with the project or just leave a comment. You can write directly on the board or use a post it note. Ask your children for their ideas, and invite them to engage with the board. If you would like another leaflet or calendar please collect them from the counter in the porch. Thank you.

Film Club A group of parishioners have been discussing starting a film club. The idea is that we would show general release films on a Sunday afternoon possibly once a month. There would be no charge for attending. We are in the early stages of planning this initiative. Please email if you would like to help or just tell us if you think it's a good idea. bernadette.wilson@ntlworld.com

Cafod Family Fast Day was Friday last. Please return your Cafod envelopes in the basket during the collection. Thank you.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service. This is a wonderful was to walk wisely and prayerfully thorough the Season of Lent. Our service is on Monday 1st of April at 7:30p.m.. Priests from neighbouring parishes have been invited to come and assist with Confessions.

Good Shepherd , Nottingham. They wish to thank all parishioners who purchased the religious goods on sale last weekend. They were so pleased to notify us that they sold a grand total of just over £800.00p. Thank you for your generous support.

PILGRIMAGE TO AVILA 19 - 24 May 2019 - Based in the heart of Avila – the home of St Teresa of Avila - but also visiting Segovia, Toledo and Salamanca. Staying at the Palacio de los Velada in the centre of Avila www.hotelpalaciodelosvelada.com/en Led by Fr Francis Coveney. Full package prices including flights: £870 per person based on twin room (single room supplement £120). For further details or booking please contact Gill at Tangney Tours 01732 886 666 or www.tangney-tours.com

Our Lady and St. George's Catholic Primary and Nursery School: Are you looking for a nursery place for your child for September 2019? We offer places from 2 years upwards with extended hours 8.00am - 6.00pm term time only. If you would like to visit our newly refurbished Nursery please drop in any Wednesday morning between 7.30am - 11.30am. Forms are available from the website www.olsgschool.org or the school office. Closing date 23rd March 2019.

Mass Attendance last weekend 690 and 205 at the Syro-Malabar Mass. The collection last week was £1940.18p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

Collection for HCPT: £1,539.11p. A big thank you from all the HCPT supporters.

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room

ROTAS

<u>Counting Rota</u>	17/03E	24/03F	31/03F	07/04E	14/04F	21/04E
<u>Hospital Rota</u>	17/03D	24/03A	31/03B	07/04D	14/04A	21/04B



Joke of the Week

I remember the first thing my mother said to me when I was born. She said "Ah ! I was expecting you"
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Happy St Patrick's Day to all Parishioners

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Nora and Richard Keane (Rest in Peace) (keane)
Sun 17 March	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
08:30am	Elizabeth McGann (Foundation Mass)
10:00am	Thanksgiving (Grace)
12:00noon	Stephanie Yamson (Intentions) (Sylvia Yamson)
02:30pm	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
Mon 18 March	FERIA
09:15am	Milo Sheenan (Rest in Peace) (Maloney)
04:00 pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
06:00 pm	John Keane (Betty)
Tue 19 March	FERIA
09:15am	Natalie Rosario (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Joe Larkin's Intentions (Keane)
Wed 20 March	FERIA
09:15am	Joe Larkin's Intentions (Maloney)
06:00pm	Kristina and Jason's Intentions (Betty)
Thu 21 March	FERIA
09:15am	Gary Rafvery's Intentions (Keane)
06:00pm	Theresa (Betty)
Fri 22 March	FERIA
09:15am	Ismael (Rest in Peace) (Elwood)
06:00pm	Joe Larkin's Intentions (Moss)
Sat 23 March	FERIA
10:00am	James Harte (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Sheila and Bernard Moss (Rest in Peace)
Sun 24 March	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
08:30am	Kathleen Murnane (Rest in Peace) (A. Carmody)
10:00am	Maria and Joseph Sandes (Rest in Peaace)
12:00noon	Deceased Members of the Bond Family
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, Hazel Belizaire, ,Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill,Alan and Ross Smith,Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Grace Mecaley, Agnes Fadina,Enid Thomas

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.