

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – C (24TH MARCH 2019)

Dear Parishioners,

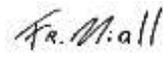
When something very bad or deeply frightening happens, it often brings us face to face with our deepest insecurities. We know these bad and frightening events could just as easily have happened to ourselves. In order to handle our anxieties, we tend to protect ourselves by presuming the bad and terrible events must have happen because the people who suffered them did something wrong. This anxiety-protecting device is what was going on in the Gospel for today. The Gospel refers to a time when Pilate killed many innocent pilgrims in an attempt to wipe out a possible revolt against Roman rule. It also refers to a time a half-completed building collapsed and killed workers and bystanders as it fell. Both events would have deeply frightened the people among whom Jesus was living.

Jesus explains that thinking which sees to find someone or something to blame for misfortune does not help us to support one another to live with misfortune. Misfortune is no indication that those who suffer them must have done something to deserve it. Of course, many of the misfortunes that take place do so because we fail to use our God-given freedom wisely. Misfortunes also take place because narrow self-interest keeps us from co-operating with the Creator in developing our world into the 'civilisation of love' towards which God inspires us. Much suffering afflicts the lives of innocent people, and before such suffering we can only admit that there is much we do not understand. We struggle to trust that God is with us even when we cannot feel his care and presence. Such suffering makes us stumble to stand before the Cross of Christ on Calvary. With our breaking hearts and silent questions we try to stand and

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wonder with the mother of Jesus. We long for that peace for ourselves; a peace we sense, however feebly, God wants to give and which we cannot give to ourselves.

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.

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

Please pray for the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation who in the near future travel to Abbotswick for their continuing preparation.

The Marian Sisters will be making an appeal at all the Masses next weekend to ask for support for their building project.

Holy Communion rehearsal will be in the church on Saturday 30th of March 10:30a.m. to 12 noon.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation will be on Monday April 1st at 7:20p.m. After a short preparation there will be 6 priests available for individual Confessions.

A big thank you to Vincenzo and Marina for running the marriage preparation course. Thank you also to Clifford and Marjorie for looking after the refreshments.

Altar servers rehearsal for Holy Week and Easter ceremonies will be on Saturday 6th of April at 11 a.m. in the church. Please add your name to the list in the sacristy.

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 live simply 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.

First Communion Children will be receiving their First Communion end of April and early May. The Repository has a selection of cards and gifts available. Now is the opportunity for parents, family and friends to look to get suitable gifts for the children receiving their First Communion.

Gift Aid Boxes For 2019/20 are available in the Church porch with your name and number. Please pick up your box.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham. The next pilgrimage will be on Saturday 25th of May which is just 9 weeks away. A coach has been booked. Please add your name to the list in the church notice board in the porch if you wish to travel.

CHRISM MASS The Chrim Mass will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Wednesday of Holy Week (17th April) The coach will leave from outside the church at 5.00pm. Please put your name on the list on the notice board if you wish to go. Cost £5.00 which will be collected on the coach.

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 & 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

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

Mass Attendance last weekend 670 and 205 at the Syro-Malabar Mass. The collection last week was £1628.76p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity.

ROTAS

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



Joke of the Week. If you want to know how many bees Noah had- check the Arks hives!

(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

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 Sanches (Rest in Peace)(Louella)
12:00noon	Deceased Members of the Bond Family
02:30pm	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
Mon 25 March	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
09:15am	Souls of Rodrigues and Sanches Family (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
04:00 pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
06:00 pm	Holy Vocations (Betty)
Tue 26 March	FERIA
09:15am	Francis Palmer (Mrs. Doreen Palmer)
06:00pm	Holy Souls (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
Wed 27 March	FERIA
09:15am	Fr. Niall's Intentions (Louella)
06:00pm	Convesion (Betty)
Thu 28 March	FERIA
09:15am	Ann Hutton (Rest in Peace) (Elwood)
06:00pm	Mary Theresa Redman (Intentions) (Betty)
Fri 29 March	FERIA
09:15am	Darren Rodrigues (Intentions)
06:00pm	Brigid Doyle (Rest in Peace) (Tony Shannon)
Sat 30 March	FERIA
10:00am	Rosario Family (Rest in Peace) (Conrad)
06:00pm	James Harte (Rest in Peace) (Ellen Harte)
Sun 31 March	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
08:30am	Bond Family (Rest in Peace) (Bond)
10:00am	William Balfe (M. Balfe)
12:00noon	Gertrude Pereira (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
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 Belzaira, ,Tina Henriques, Christopher O' Neill,Alan and Ross Smith,Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Louis Marie, Grace Mecaley, Agnes Fadina

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.