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**Charity Number: 234092**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT C - (31/03/19-14/04/2019) Double Edition**  
**Laetare Sunday and Mother's Day**

Dear Parishioners,

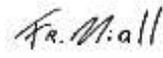
We crave to be loved. What a gift it is when somebody shows us that they love us as we are, that they cherish us with all our negative and positive feelings and desires, that they respect our freedom to be ourselves with all our giftedness and mistakes. Such an experience of being loved deeply and with few conditions is rare. What a surprise it is when Jesus tells us that this is the kind of love God has for each of us. To enjoy God's presence, we don't need to put on a religious mask, as God's heart is big enough to embrace us, warts and all.

The father in the parable represents God and he shows he is willing to risk the ridicule of his peers by letting his son take his inheritance long before that son has a right to it. Like any father, he wants to save his son from having to face the pain of making mistakes. Yet he knows such protectiveness would keep his son from the challenges needed to grow. As a father, he knows that many mistakes can be survived in good times, but show their cruel consequences when life has its bad times-as it inevitably will. The son learns in the cruel light of harder times and begins to regret his earlier inconsiderate and elevated self-confidence. He now wonders whether his father's love will be big enough to forgive these inconsiderate and selfish mistakes. What a surprise when his father show such joy on his return! What a surprise when God shows the depth of his merciful heart!

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The elder brother seems not to be able to appreciate the Father's unconditional love. For him, love seems to be something one has to earn and merit. Such an understanding may be part of health growth, but it falls short of the surprise that God is.

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.

**Baptism Preparation Course** The next Baptism preparation is on Monday 15th of April at 7:30p.m. in the church. Godparents are encouraged to attend

Please pray for the candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation who are on retreat this weekend as they continue their preparation for this important sacrament.

Please pray for the children preparing for Holy Communion.

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

**Parish Lenten Reconciliation** will be on Monday April 1st at 7:30p.m. After a short preparation there will be 6 priests available for individual Confessions.

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.

**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. If you wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please speak to one of the priests as you leave Mass. Thank you.

**CHRISM MASS** The Chrism 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.

Prayer and Blessings for all Mothers living and dead.

If you would be interested in helping the flower team to decorate the church for Easter this year, please contact Pam Chapman on 07802539303. We would be grateful for any help and experience is not essential.

**Alan Beer, Rest in Peace.** Requiem Mass for Alan's soul will be on Friday 5th of April at 11:30a.m. Our prayers go to Phyllis and the family

**Christiana Ikenga , Rest in Peace** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Christiana Ikenga Rest in peace (mother of Patrick Ikenga) who has died in Nigeria

Mass Attendance last weekend 580 and 103 at the Syro-Malabar Mass. The collection last week was £1423.35p Average weekly standing order collection is £330. **Thank you** for your generosity.

ROTAS

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



**Joke of the Week:** I called my pet rabbit Rabbit de Niro.....he keeps looking at me !!!  
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

**Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George upto 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

<b>06:00pm</b>	James Harte (Rest in Peace) (Ellen Harte)
<b>Sun 31 March</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Bond Family (Rest in Peace) (Bond)
<b>10:00am</b>	William Balfe (M. Balfe)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Gertrude Pereira (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
<b>02:30pm</b>	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
<b>Mon 01 April</b>	<b>FERRIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Angelina Hoareau (Rest in Peace) (Friends)
<b>04:00 pm</b>	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Pauline Allen (K Cullan)

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

<b>Tue 02 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Francis Tanti (Rest in Peace) (E Dellapine)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Dominica D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Rodrigues)
<b>Wed 03 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Stephen Pious (Rest in Peace) (Johnson)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Santan D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Rodrigues)
<b>Thu 04 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Dominica D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Rodrigues)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Patricia Kirwan (Rest in Peace)
<b>Fri 05 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	George Bartolo (Rest in Peace) (Elizabeth)
<b>11:30 am</b>	Requiem Mass- Alan Beer (Rest in Peace)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Deceased of Rodrigues (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sat 06 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Mary Fleming (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Reggy)
<b>06:00pm</b>	John Mulcair (Rest in Peace) (Jenny Mulcair)
<b>Sun 07 April</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Judy Cacho (Intentions) (Edna)
<b>10:00am</b>	Della Magdalene Kyauka (Rest in Peace) (Monica Kyauka)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Richard (Birthday) (Anita)
<b>02:30pm</b>	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass
<b>Mon 08 April</b>	<b>FERRIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Mary Fleming (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Peggy)
<b>04:00 pm</b>	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass
<b>06:00 pm</b>	Sean and Natalie Hayden (Intentions)(Betty)
<b>Tue 09 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Sean and Joan and Ann Hayden (Intentions) (Betty)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Medical Staff at Whipps Cross
<b>Wed 10 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Tim Keane (Get Well) (Barnie Malony)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Alan Beer (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Ann Marie)
<b>Thu 11 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Joe Larkins (Intentions) (David Moss)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Eva Santiano (Rest in Peace) (Rodrigues)
<b>Fri 12 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>0915am</b>	John Elms (Rest in Peace) (Joan Carey)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Tessie Kalpee (Intentions)
<b>Sat 13 April</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Jason and Christina's Intentions (Sr. Ann Marie)
<b>06:00pm</b>	John Mulcair (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 14 April</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Delmira and Romeo Rodrigues (Louella)
<b>10:00am</b>	Ismail Ulasan (Rest in Peace)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Patrick and Bridget Kane (Rest in Peace) (Maura)
<b>02:30pm</b>	Syro-Malabar Malayalam Mass