

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Charity Number: 234092

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – C (19/05/2019)

Dear Parishioners,

Last week's celebration of Good Shepherd Sunday, Vocations Sunday, in this month of May, could remind us of a phrase by Pope St. Pius: 'Every vocation to priesthood comes from the heart of God but goes through the heart of a mother.' The similarity between the heart of God and the heart of a mother is love.

No child ever likes to think about when their mother or father will have to take their leave of them-but many have had this painful experience. A final word or two, a gaze of love or a little smile, might be the most cherished memory we have as we bid a final farewell to those who have loved us most and from whom we've learned best.

So when Jesus talks to his disciples, calling them his little children and reminding them that his departure is imminent, they will listen like never before-they will be obedient to what he is saying. He gives them again the heart, the kernel of his message: love. They are to remember his love for them, and to share it with others. By this, they will be seen as his disciples-this is how they will witness to the truth of the Gospel.

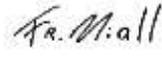
Paul and Barnabas were animated by love, otherwise they could not have persevered through the hardships and opened the door of faith to those who had never heard of Jesus. Today, we all need fresh hearts instilled in us, so that we, too, may persevere in a world that is hostile to Christ's message, having been scandalised by the abuse of love among Christians.

Our parents teach us so much: a language, a sense of duty, the difference between right and wrong, and most importantly, they give us the confidence

we need to go out into the world at large as ambassadors of hope. How did they do this? By love.

And Jesus does the same- he knows our nature, he knows that we're always impressed and touched by love. How else could we ever know others? How else could we ever know God!

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.

The next parish Baptism Preparation programme will be at 6:30p.m. on Monday 20th May in the church.

On Wednesday we welcome Bishop Alan to the parish. During the 7:30p.m. Mass Bishop Alan will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 26 young people. May God bless them on their continued faith journey. Thank you to Rakiya and Janet the Confirmation catechists and all the guest speakers who helped with the parish preparation course.

A big thank you to all participants and helpers at last Sunday's procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.

Date for your diary; Thursday 30th of May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and it is a holy day of obligation. Mass times : Vigil Mass at 7:30p.m. and on the day 9:15a.m. and 7:30p.m.

This Sunday we welcome Imani Afrah Aboagye Blay, Kayleigh Frimpong and Kayla Boahen into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God bless these little ones and their families.

Every Blessing to Jimmy O'Brien and Mary O'Connor who marry in Our Lady and St George's on Thursday next 23rd of May.

CAFOD Sri Lanka: The tragic nature of the Easter Sunday bombings means that many families will need support over the coming days, weeks and indeed years to come. Caritas Sri Lanka has already established psychological centres to spearhead the trauma counselling that is now urgently needed. Donations may be sent to support the victims of the Sri Lanka terrorist attack. If you wish to donate please write to : Cafod, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB.

Year 13 at Holy Family will be celebrating their Leavers' Mass on Friday 24th at 1p.m. in Our Lady and St George's. We wish them well for their future.

At all the weekend Masses next week 25th and 26th of May a speaker from Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will give an awareness talk to parishioners.

CAFOD-'Our Common Home' Brentwood Diocesan Creation Celebration Mass.

With environmental issues very much in the news, you are warmly invited to attend the launch of CAFOD's new campaign-'Our Common Home' at a Creation Celebration Mass, on Saturday 25th May, at 6pm, in the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay (21 Laindon Road, Billericay, Essex CM12 9LL). The theme of the Mass will be giving thanks for the gift of creation, and we will be offering prayers for our common home. We are delighted that Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon will be celebrating the Mass. We hope that you will also join us for refreshments at a short social event after Mass, where you will have the opportunity to find out more about the aims of the 'Our Common Home' campaign, and how you can get involved. For more information, please contact Angela Sparke at asparke@cafod.org.uk. If you are unable to attend but would still like to take part in the campaign, we are asking for the UK government to go further, faster on climate action. Please sign our petition at <https://e-activist.com/page/36329/petition/1>

PARISH FILM CLUB Open to all parishioners. Starting on Thursday 23rd May at 7.00pm in the back room of parish hall. The film is a general release Biblical drama starring Joseph Fiennes. It follows a Roman official's search for Christ's body after the resurrection. Entrance is free but donations towards refreshments would be gratefully received. More information about the film can be found on the notice board in church porch.

Pilgrimage to India Due to the success of our journey to India last year, I am very pleased to present another Pilgrimage to India / 25th November to 4th December 2019 Delhi/ Rajasthan / Ranthambhore - Saints of India. Price includes Flights/ DBB /excursions £1,479. To book or view itinerary, please see www.paxtravel.co.uk Any further queries please call Stella Kearns 02085273879.

Mass last weekend 698 . The collection last week was £1429.31p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity. Thank you.

Bridget Hayes , Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Bridget Hayes former parishioner and mother of the Fr. Liam Hayes who died at home following a long illness. Bridget Hayes's funeral is on Thursday 23rd May at 11.30 at the Church of St. Teresa of Avila, North Chingford, followed by the burial at Chingford Mount Cemetery.

ROTAS

<u>Counting Rota</u>	28/4B	05/5F	12/5E	19/5B	26/05F	02/6B
<u>Hospital Rota</u>	28/4d	05/5A	12/5B	19/5D	26/05A	02/06B



Joke of the Week: I find the hardest thing about voting with your feet is doing a handstand in the polling booth !

(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Micheal Fitzpatrick (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 19 May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
08:30am	Victor Kim (Rest in Peace) (Edna)
10:00am	Pamela (Rest in Peace) Marina Tudda's Mum (Jenny and Cliff)
12:00noon	Parishioners
02:30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 20 May	FERIA
09:15am	Stella D'Cruze (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass-Holy Souls
06:00pm	Mary and Mark Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (James Fletcher)
Tue 21 May	FERIA
09:15am	Holy Souls
06:00pm	Antonio Cassillo (Rest in Peace)
Wed 22 May	FERIA
09:15am	Richard Balfe (Rest in Peace) (Balfe)
07:30pm	Confirmation Mass (Sr. Paschal's Intentions) (60 Years professed)
Thu 23 May	FERIA
09:15am	John Adam (Rest in Peace) (Margaret)
06:00pm	Intentions of Parish catechists
Fri 24 May	FERIA
09:15am	Fr. Gerard Burke (Rest in Peace) (Pact Mass)
06:00pm	Mary Lavin (Rest in Peace) (Ann O'Donovan)
Sat 25 May	SAINT BEDE THE VENERABLE, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
10:00am	Maria Sanches (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Sr. Scholastica Igboanugo (Intentions)
Sun 26 May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
08:30 am	Erlinda Kim (Rest in Peace) (Edna)
10:00 am	Eva Santiano (Rest in Peace) (Jenny and Cliff)
12:00noon	Antonio Cassillo (Rest in Peace) (Friends)
02:30 pm	Syro Malabar 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, Jadwiga, Canon William Young

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.