

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Charity Number: 234092

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – C (05/05/2019)

Dear Parishioners,

Determined defiance arises in many of the readings from the Acts of the Apostles in this season of joy and eternal life. Defiance is defined as open resistance, bold disobedience. Yet Peter and the Apostles highlight how 'obedience to God comes before obedience to men.'

Befehl ist befehli - an order is an order-was the defence offered by Nazi soldiers at their Nuremberg trial for crimes committed during World War II. It was based on the theory that soldier must blindly follow the orders given by their superior. This was rejected, for there is a higher law which states that a soldier is responsible for his actions if he knows the order to be criminal.

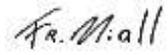
Peter and the Apostles are strengthened by the Holy Spirit to stand as witness to Christ before the Sanhedrin; they listen carefully to the urgings of the Spirit-they are obedient to the higher law; to do otherwise would have been criminal!

When Christ appeared to the disciples after his Resurrection, notice who was there: Simon the sinner who became Peter the Pope; Thomas the twin- the doubter who became the believer; Nathanael from Cana, the sceptical Israelite in whom there is no deceit, who became Bartholomew the Apostles; James and John, the Sons of Zebedee who, as Simon Peter's partners, were fishing all night for nothing but then, when they obeyed Christ's command, witnessed a huge catch of fish. In short, these were people whose lives had been radically transformed by their encounter with Christ- people for whom there was no going back.

Christ convinced his down-hearted disciples that he was real by appearing to them, reminding them of the power of his word and feeding their deepest need for sustenance. They were true disciples.

St. Augustine said of Mary, The Mother of God, whose presence with us we honour and venerate in this month of May: 'it meant more for her to have been Christ's disciple than to have been Christ's mother.' [Sermon 72/A,7] She knew what she had been asked to do- and then did it.

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Course: The rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on Saturday 11th May in the church at 11a.m.

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

Parish Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will be on Sunday 12th of May at 1:30p.m. Please gather at the Upper Site at Our Lady and St George's School. All welcome.

Easter Offerings. Fr Nixon and Fr Niall wish to thank you for your generous Easter Offerings.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will be on Saturday 25th May. The parish has booked a 53 seater coach which leave from outside church at 08.00am and leave Walsingham around 5.00pm. Cost £15.00. If you wish to go please put your name on the list in the church porch. Bring a packed lunch.

The Holy Communion Masses (which are usually crowded) continue this weekend dates and times. ... Saturday 4th of May at 6p.m., Sunday 5th of May at 10a.m. and 12 noon Masses.

Mass Attendance Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday :1,168, last weekend 850 and 120 at the Syro-Malabar Mass. Divine Mercy Mass 60 . The collection last week was £1738.61p. Average weekly standing order collection is £330. Thank you for your generosity. Divine mercy collection £116.02 for our parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you.

Mass for Migrants – celebrating the diversity of London, Essex, Kent and Hertfordshire. ALL WELCOME! Together with the Dioceses of Westminster and Southwark, the Mass for Migrants is a joyful celebration of the diversity of our Dioceses, as well as reflecting on and praying for the great hardships that many migrants face. Please join Bishops, Priests and thousands of people from across London and the home counties for this Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, at Westminster Cathedral at 10.30am. It will be preceded by a banner procession at 10am – banners from parishes and different ethnic groups are very, very welcome – gather outside the Cathedral from 9.30am.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. There is no group therapy or group work. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on7th – 9th June 2019 Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443 or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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 on the notice board in church porch.

Dwain Anthony Brown, Rest in Peace We pray for the repose of the soul of Dwain Anthony Brown, Rest in Peace who has died unexpectedly. May God comfort Emma and his children and Dwain's mother, Marilyn at this sad time.

Our sincere condolences to Armie on the unexpected death of her brother Antonio Castillo , Rest in Peace. Our prayers too, for Antonio's parents.

ROTAS

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



Joke of the Week: I planted a redwood on Buckingham Palace grounds and I was arrested for high treason
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Shania (intentions) (Agnes)
Sun 5 May	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
08:30am	Maria Sanchez (Rest in Peace)(Edna)
10:00am	Parishioners
12:00noon	Augustine Babatunde Fadina (Rest in Peace) (Agnes Fadina)
02:30	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 6 May	SAINT JOHN PAYNE
10:00am **	Shannon Ramsey (Intentions) (Betty)
06:00 pm	Dorothy Maredza (Rest in Peace) (Ivoane)
Tue 7 May	FERIA
09:15am	Maria Sanchez (Rest in Peace) (Maura)
06:00pm	Ramadhin Ramsey (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
Wed 08 May	FERIA
09:15am	John and Josephine Hayden (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
06:00pm	Martin Kean (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
Thu 09 May	FERIA
09:15am	Poole Family (Foundation Mass)
06:00pm	Anna Rita McDermott (Rest in Peace) (Maura)
Fri 10 May	FERIA
09:15am	Patrick Ramsey (Thanksgiving) (Jane)
06:00pm	Brenda White and Marsella (Intentions) (Jane)
Sat 11 May	FERIA
10:00am	Betty Ramsey (Intention)
06:00pm	Michael Fitzpatrick (Rest in Peace (Family)
Sun 12 May	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
08:00 AM	Vivencio Banez (Rest in Peace) (Edna)
10:00	Parishioners
12:00noon	Augustine Babatunde Fadina (Rest in Peace) (Agnes Fadina)
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

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.