

CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST GEORGE

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

Charity Number: 234092

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME –08/09/2019

Dear Parishioners,

Life can be full of mystery. While we live in a time of increased knowledge, technology and science, the mysteries of the meaning of life, suffering and death persist. In the first reading we hear :‘What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord?’ We use the word ‘mystery’ a lot in our Catholic language. We have the Mysteries of the Rosary, the Mystery of Faith in the Mass, the Mystery of the Cross and suffering, the mysterious ways of God- even the sacraments are called mysteries. Is it that our faith is full of all these things that we can’t understand? Our understanding of mystery is a bit different from the world around us. It is not as if these are all things we will never understand, but we depend on the grace of God to understand them properly. Jesus reveals to us a God who, while his ways are mysterious, reveals to us the hidden meaning of these mysteries to bring us to greater truth and knowledge of the love of God. Again, we hear in the first reading. ‘men have been taught what pleases you and saved, by Wisdom.’ Jesus said to his disciples that he would not leave us orphans, alone trying to struggle with what we don’t understand, but that he would send the Spirit of truth. In the Gospel today, Jesus reveals to his disciples the central mystery of his ministry-that of the Cross. Here we see how God deals with the parts of the life we most often struggle with. From a human perspective, it look like injustice, senseless violence and death, but Jesus in his person makes the Cross a meeting place of heaven and earth and God transforms meaningless violence into redemption, into a new creation, and reconciles mankind with God. The mystery of the Cross shows us, when we bring the mysteries of our lives to God, to the sacrifice our Mass, right to the foot of the Cross, that God will send from heaven meaning and transformation to enlighten us to live with renewed hope and faith in the face of the mysteries of our lives.

Have Blessed Week

Fr. Niall (Fr. Niall)

MARRIAGES: By appointment. At least six months notice is required. Please speak to one of the priests for more information.

Baptism Preparation The next parish Baptism Preparation Course will be on Monday 16th of September at 7p.m. in the church. Godparents are especially welcome to attend.

Application forms for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion and Reconciliation will soon be available from the Repository in the church porch.

We wish Fr Nixon a safe and happy holiday in India for the month of September. It is a tradition in each parish that when a priest who has served in a parish for a number of years and then moves that a collection is held for him. For the coming 2 weekends there will be an opportunity to make an offering/donation in appreciation for Fr Nixon's service here in Our Lady and Saint George's Parish and School and Whipp's Cross Hospital. On the weekend of the 5th and 6th of October Fr Nixon will say farewell at the end of each Mass. The presentation to Fr Nixon will take place at the end of the 12 noon Mass 6th of October. Fr John Victor who will replace Fr Nixon will arrive the week beginning 7th of October.

We welcome Fr Bertrand to the parish for the month of September.

Holy Family (St Ignatius House) will join us on Thursday for 9:15a.m. Mass

This Sunday there will be a second collection for the Catholic Education Service

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for Home Mission Sunday

Next Sunday we welcome into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Charlie Henson White, Milani-Monrose Angel Anderson and Freya Grace O Grady. May God bless them and their families.

SOTG Youth Gospel Choir As part of the Stewards of the Gospel initiatives we would like to start a Youth Gospel Choir. Holy Family Catholic School represents young people from Our Lady and St. George, Walthamstow, St Joseph, Leyton, Our Lady of the Rosary and St Patrick, Blackhorse Road is a true representation of the Stewards of the Gospel in action. This will be for young people ages 13 to 25 years old. To be held in St. Georges Main Hall from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm from Thursday 26 September 2019. Term Time Only.

Wanted key Boad Player To support the choir, if that person is YOU we would be interested in hearing from you. This aim is to build on the young person's abilities and to learn them some further skills so we can put on a performance by Christmas. Application Forms will be available from weekending 21/22 September 2019. For the young person and parent/ Guardian to compete and bring along to the first meeting 26 September 2019.

Silent Weekend Retreat 'Silence and the Scriptures'. Fri 11th - Sun 13th October 2019.

Led by Canon David Oakley, Rector of Oscott Seminary. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. Our theme flows from the Bishops of England and Wales announcing 2020 as a year of celebrating, living and sharing God's word in celebration of two important anniversaries in the life of the Church this coming year. This silent weekend retreat offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, email allegra.mutanda@gmail.com or call 0790 3648639. Alternatively, e-mail admin@sioncommunity.org.uk or call 01277 215011.

Formation Course – A day about communication - Playing my part in the changing

Church: Saturday 19th October from 10 am – 3 pm. Location: English Martyrs, 240 Alma Ave, Hornchurch, RM12 6BJ. Sign up: Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/formation-course-communication-tickets-66996742059>

or email adeleangel@dioceseofbrentwood.org. In these times of rapid change, how do we discover God's desires, communicate effectively with one another and work together with genuine hope? This day will help you: learn the basic skills of discernment; understand better the challenges that we face in times of change, develop some practical strategies for more effective communication and better collaboration. Ruth Holgate and Fr David Smolira, Jesuits from Farm Street will lead the day. Please bring a packed lunch, refreshments will be provided. The event is free.

BCYS Youth Gather, Mersea Island, 26th-27th October 2019 (half term weekend).

The Youth Gather is for anyone in school year 9-13, and includes a mix of inspiring speakers, reflection and prayer, together with outward bound activities like zip wires, high ropes and climbing walls. The cost of £50 includes coach from Stratford, Romford, Basildon, Brentwood, Chelmsford or Southend, as well as all meals and activities. Full details and online booking at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2019/>

SVP Annual Service of Remembrance will be held at Christ the King on 15th of September at 3p.m.

Sarah 'Sally' Theresa Sheridan- Loughrey, Rest in Peace. We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Sarah 'Sally' Theresa Sheridan-Loughrey, Rest in Peace. Sarah's requiem mass will be on Monday 16th September at 11am here in St. George.

<u>counting</u>	08/9F	15/9E	22/9E	29/9F	06/10F	13/10E
<u>Rota</u>						
<u>Hospital</u>	08/9D	15/9A	22/9B	29/9D	06/10A	13/10B
<u>Rota</u>						



Joke of the Week "No man is an island" my friend Bob Ados tells me!

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George from 08/09/2019 to 15/09/2019

06:00pm	Tony Keane (Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
Sun 08 September	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30am	In Honour of Mary the Mother of God
10:00am	Philip Mitchell (Rest in Peace) (Family)
12:00noon	Parishioner
02:30 pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 09 September	FERIA
9:15am	Intentions of the McDonagh Family (Bridget)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital Mass- Holy Souls.
06:00pm	Intentions of the McDonagh Family (Bridget)
Tue 10 September	FERIA
09:15am	Intentions of the McDonagh Family (Bridget)
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Wed 11 September	FERIA
09:15am	Peggy McManus' Intentions
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Thu 12 September	FERIA
09:15am	Gertrude Pereira (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
06:00pm	Claude Green (Rest in Peace) (Maria)
Fri 13 September	SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
09:15am	Claude Green (Rest in Peace) (Maria)
06:00pm	Peggy McManus' Intentions
Sat 14 September	EXALTATION (TRIUMPH) OF THE HOLY CROSS
10:00am	Peggy McManus' Intentions
06:00pm	John and Josie Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
Sun 15 September	TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30 am	Sister Bridget's Intentions (Sr. Ann Marie)
10:00 am	Maria and Family Intentions (Green)
12:00noon	Parishioners
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, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Bernadette Wilson, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Paul Dynan, Roy and Margaret, Maura Stone

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.

Bible Study: Mondays at 8pm, Church Meeting Room