

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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C –12/13 October 2019

Dear Parishioners,

'As he entered one of the village, ten lepers came to meet him'

Your choice of seat at Mass this morning was not made randomly. You gave it thought. Maybe you are near the door so that you can escape quickly if something goes wrong, or if I go on too long? Maybe you are where you can hear me best, or not hear me at all. Whatever the reason, you have chosen your seat carefully.

Psychologists say that what matters most when choosing where we sit in Church or in a public venue is not the comfort or location of the seat, or the proximity of the door. What matters most is *who we are sitting beside!*

We tend to sit among our own, among people with whom we are comfortable. We sit with family, with neighbours, with people we know and who know us; people who are 'safe.' We avoid enemies, we avoid people we don't like, and we avoid people who don't like us. We don't sit or pray beside them.

That makes the Sign of Peace a bit odd. Yes, of course it is only a token, a happy little ritual before Holy Communion. But there isn't any great symbolic value in friend shaking hands with friends. It doesn't mean much: no courage, no stretch of mind or heart is required. Because we carefully sit among our own, the risk of having to shake hands with people who make us feel uncomfortable is eliminated. So the symbolism of the Sign of Peace can be diluted to the point of meaninglessness.

Today I propose that we before at the Sign of Peace, Instead we will have a moment of quiet to do some figuring out, to ask ourselves: 'whose hand would we find it hard to shake if they were sitting beside us?' it may be someone who has hurt us, upset us or let us down. It may be a member of a group we consider unworthy of our friendship.

The Sign of Peace is not a harmless symbol. It pushes us to examine our attitude to other people and to acknowledge our prejudices. It pushes us to tolerate, to reach out,

to accept and to forgive. It pushes us to be Christian. Today, before we receive Christ in Holy Communion, I propose we pause and pray for the healing of relationships, to pray for people we exclude from our lives and from our embrace. We may have chosen not to sit beside them, but we keep them in our prayer.

Have Blessed Week

Fr. Niall (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.

Baptism Course The next Baptism course will be on Monday 21st October at 19:00 in the church. Godparents are warmly welcome.

This is the final weekend for collecting the Sacrament of Confirmation application forms. You may collect them from the Repository in the church porch.

We welcome Fr John Victor to the parish. We hope his stay will be a joyful one.

Fr Nixon wishes to thank everybody who contributed to his farewell gift. He is most grateful. Please keep him in your prayers.

This Sunday we welcome in the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism Abigail and Angel and Daniella Oziegbe. May God bless them and their family.

Congratulations and every blessing to Sr Mary Blessing, Sr. Stella Maris and Sr Mary Faustina who yesterday were solemnly professed –May God bless their vocations and community.

Blessings and best wishes to Antonio and Sangeeta who marry in Our Lady and Saint George's on Saturday 19th of October.

November is the month of Holy Souls. Envelopes can be collected at the repository. Please fill in the names of deceased family and place the list with your donation inside the envelope and return in the collection basket during Mass or through the presbytery letter box.

HCPT Bingo Night - Friday 15 November The parish HCPT group are holding another bingo night to raise funds for their annual pilgrimage to Lourdes. It is always a very fun evening and all the family are very warmly welcome. Save the date! And 'eyes down' because more details will follow.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has declared October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Month of Mission. It is a special month of prayer and action, calling us to to renew our missionary commitment to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all peoples and all nations. Catholics in England, through the red boxes, in a very practical way support the church in mission dioceses . Please continue to use the red boxes. When returning the red boxes please insure that you have written your name on the bottom of the box.

Mass of Remembrance and Commemoration of loved ones, Sunday 10th November, 2.30pm, Walsingham House at Abbotswick. If you are the friend or family member of someone who is remembered at Abbotswick, you are very welcome to this Mass, where the names of all those commemorated there will be read out, and a candle lit for each of them. For more details email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 373959.

Thank you to Sharon who made the most beautiful gateau for Fr Nixon's farewell.

THE REVISED NEW JERUSALEM BIBLE A full revision of the Jerusalem and New Jerusalem Bibles, was launched by Darton, Longman and Todd in July. As we begin the Year of the Word it offers a fresh translation in modern English and in keeping with the latest scholarship. Copies can be obtained at a reduced price (£30 instead of R.R.P. £39.99) by contacting the parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest at Gidea Park on 01708 449914, or by email to adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org

OLSG Film Club –Next Sunday 27th October- When a suitcase filled with cash falls out of the sky straight in to the hand of seven year-old Damian, he is convinced the money is from God and wants to help the poor. His big brother Anthony has other ideas. A heartwarming and hilarious journey where two boys attempt to spend a quarter of a million pounds in a week. Ethics, being human and the soul come to the fore when the 7-year old finds the money and learns what we are really made of. Certificate:12A: Doors open 3.40pm: Screening starts prompt at 4.00pm Entrance - Free. Enter by door at bottom of parish hall carpark follow the signs.

SEE FILM CLUB NOTICE BOARD IN PORCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

Mass attendance last weekend 626 and at Syro Malabar Mass 150. The collection last week was £1438.45p. Average weekly standing order collection is £350.

<u>counting</u>	08/9F	15/9E	22/9E	29/9F	6/10F	13/10E
<u>Rota</u>						
<u>Hospital</u>	08/9D	15/9A	22/9B	29/9D	6/10A	13/10B
<u>Rota</u>						

 **Joke of the Week:** I remember when I played Noah in the school play. The memories keep flooding back!
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Tony Eastman (Rest in Peace) (Mum, Dad, Julie, Patricia Eastman)
Sun 13 October	TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30am	Intentions of Fr. Jean Laurent (Delphin)
10:00am	Parishioners
12:00noon	Sylvia Yamson (Intention)
02:30pm	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 14 October	FERIA
9:15am	Venus Monnier (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hopital- Liturgy
06:00pm	Hannah Shields (Rest in Peace) (Mary Bond)
Tue 15 October	SAINT THERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
09:15am	Mick Fitzpatrick (Rest in Peace) (Family)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Betty)
Wed 16 October	FERIA
09:15am	Richard Eliot (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
06:00pm	Holy Souls (Betty)
Thu 17 October	SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR
09:15am	Elsie Johnston (Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
06:00pm	Peggy McManus Intentions (Family)
Fri 18 October	SAINT LUKE EVANGELIST
09:15am	Tom Balfe (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	John William and James Turvey (Rest in Peace) (Paciencia)
Sat 19 October	FERIA
10:00am	Fr. Nixon's Intentions (Jenny and Cliff)
06:00pm	Margaret Simpson (Rest in Peace) (Peggy McManus)
Sun 20 October	TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30 am	Fr. Niall's Intentions (Jenny and Cliff)
10:00 am	Veronica Okoto (jenny and Cliff)
12:00noon	Peggy Halpenny (Rest in Peace) (Maureen)
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, Alma Willox

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