

## **Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George**

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### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE ADVENT**

#### **Expectant Mothers' Sunday (Double Edition)**

Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel today presents to us the great figure of St Joseph-the one chosen by God to be the foster of the incarnate Son of God, and to protect and accompany the Blessed Virgin Mary. What an incredible mission!

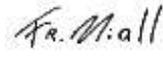
We are told in our Gospel that St. Joseph is 'a man of honour.' We see him thinking of Mary first. 'wishing to spare her publicity, he decided to divorce her informally.' St Joseph puts the needs of others before his own, even in a time of confusion and uncertainty.

'St Joseph is a just man, faithful to God's law and ready to do his will'(Pope Benedict XVI). The Gospel tells us: 'when Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.' As soon as he realised God's will, St Joseph is not afraid to change his plans, and he instinctively wishes to obey.

The obedience of St Joseph challenges us in this Advent Season. Am I open to the will of God in my life? We sometimes think the will of God is associated solely with major events in our lives, like getting married, a vocation, changing job, etc. Indeed it is, but each and every day, in the small things of life, we face the same battle that Jesus faced in the Garden of Gethsemane: the battle between what we want and what God wants for us. God always prompts us towards the good. This can be a challenge, but if we choose God's will, then we will contribute to building up of God's Kingdom on earth, we will grow in holiness, and God will reward us with his peace and joy which will reign in our souls.

St Joseph doesn't say anything in the Gospel. He silently obeys the Lord. In fact, no words of St Joseph's is recorded in Sacred Scripture, which perhaps highlights to us the importance of silence. Action speaks louder than words. Perhaps in these remaining days of Advent we can try to cultivate silence in our own lives, to allow ourselves to hear the gentle voice of the Lord in our hearts. We live in a very busy and noisy world. Let's try and enter into the silence, both exteriorly and interiorly. As the Christmas carol tells us, it was on a Silent Night that God entered into the world.

**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.

Fr. John is available by appointment for confession in Tamil and Malayalam.

**Carol Services :** This Sunday 22nd of December at 5p.m. we have our parish service of Scripture readings and carols for Christmas. All welcome.

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN** We are planning to re-instate The Liturgy of the Word with Children at the Sunday Mass (probably the 10.00am mass) This involves the withdrawal of children to a room close to the main body of the church to celebrate their own Liturgy of the Word. The purpose of adapting liturgy for children is to lead them into full, conscious and active participation in the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Liturgy with children, as with adults, demands dignity, clarity, and simplicity. If you are interested and would like some more information as to what it involves please contact Bernadette on 07804611914 [bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com](mailto:bernadette.wilson1@ntlworld.com)

**Christmas Offerings** By custom, the offertory collection at the Christmas Masses is the parishioners' gift to your priests. If you use the weekly gift aid envelopes you will find a special envelope in your box for this purpose. If you gift aid by standing order only and wish to make a personal offering so that the tax can be reclaimed, please place your offering in a plain white envelope and put your name and gift aid number on it (if you know it). Thank you.

Our parish safe guarding officials are Jenny Richmond and Marina Tuddy.

<b>counting Rota</b>	15/12E	22/12B	29/12E	05/1B	12/01F	19/01F
<b>Hospital Rota</b>	15/12B	22/12D	29/12A	05/01B	12/01D	19/01A

 **Joke of the Week:** This Roman Emperor said to me " what's the weather like?" . I said "Hail, Caesar!")

(Attributed to Tim Vine)



**Wishing You all and Your Family  
The Peace and Joy of the Saviour's Birth.  
Fr. Niall , Fr. John , Fr. Joseph and Deacon Joseph**

**Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George upto 29/12/2019**

<b>06:00pm</b>	Mary Behan (Rest in Peace) (Ellen Harte)
<b>Sun 22 December</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Vincent Magee (Rest in Peace) (Mary Gilligan)
<b>10:00am</b>	Ellie and John McGoldrick (Rest in Peace) (Murphy)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Parishioners
<b>02:30noon</b>	Syro Malabar Mass
<b>Mon 23 December</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9:15am</b>	Mary O'Sullivan (Rest in Peace) (Benedette)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Denis Allen (Rest in Peace) (Cullen Family)
<b>Tue 24 December</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Joanna Oppong's Intentions
<b>04:00pm</b>	Whipps Cross Hospital Christmas Mass
<b>06:00pm</b>	Thanksgiving (Mc Donagh)
<b>00:00 Hrs. (Mid Night)</b>	Special Intentions (J and K)
<b>Wed 25 December</b>	<b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)</b>
<b>08:30am</b>	Maria and Joseph Sanches (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
<b>10:00pm</b>	Fr. Nixon's Intentions (Margaret and Norris)
<b>12:00 noon</b>	Fr. Jesu and Fr. Raja (Margaret and Norris)
<b>Thu 26 December</b>	<b>SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR</b>
<b>09:15am</b>	Holy Souls
<b>06:00pm</b>	Joanna Oppong's Intentions
<b>Fri 27 December</b>	<b>SAINT JOHN, APOSTLES AND EVANGELIST</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Fr. Niall and Fr. John's Intentions (Maria)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Colonel Thomas Ryan (Rest in Peace) (Roselene)
<b>Sat 28 December</b>	<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	Betty Ramsey and Family (Intentions) )(Jane)
<b>06:00pm</b>	Nick's Intentions (Medonna)
<b>Sun 29 December</b>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH</b>
<b>08:30 am</b>	Medonna's Thanksgiving (30 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) (Family)
<b>10:00 am</b>	Patsy Bradley (Elwood)
<b>12:00noon</b>	Kenny Lynch (Rest in Peace) (Connor Lynch)
<b>02:30 pm</b>	Syro Malabar Mass

## Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George upto 11/01/2020

<b>Mon 30 December</b>	<b>SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>
10:00 am	Kenny Lynch (Rest in Peace) (Lynch)
06:00pm	Wesley De Souza (Rest in Peace) (Rodrigues)
<b>Tue 31 December</b>	<b>SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</b>
10:00am	Thanksgiving (Philomena Spranklan)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Spranklan)
00:00 Hrs. (Mid Night)	Peace on Earth
<b>Wed 01 January</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD</b>
10:00am	B. Tkaczyk (Rest in Peace) (Kristina) (LOLO)
06:00pm	Pat Gillman's Intention's (Eileen)
<b>Thu 02 January</b>	<b>SAINT BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY, NAZIANZEN</b>
09:15am	Christine Walton, Elaine Francis, Tim Campbell(Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Maurice Roncon (Clare)
<b>Fri 03 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
09:15am	Thaczyk Family (Intentions) (Kristina) (LOLO)
11:00am	Requiem Mass- Michael Wesley de Souza (Rest in Peace)
06:00pm	Thanksgiving (Philomena Spranklan)
<b>Sat 04 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
10:00am	Pat Mahon (Rest in Peace) (Rafferty)
06:00pm	Kelly Moss (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>Sun 05 January</b>	<b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>
08:30	Kath Staunton and Family (Sr. Ann Marie)
10:00am	Josie and John Mill's Intention (Babs and Len)
12:00noon	Isabel Mendes (Rest in Peace)
<b>Mon 06 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
10:00am	Derek Timothy D Zouaro (Rest in Peace)(Kristina)
06:00pm	Special Intention (Cheshire)
<b>Tue 07 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
10:00am	Bernadette Timothy (Intention) (Kristina)
06:00pm	Shiela and Barry Mayo's Intentions
<b>Wed 08 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
10:00am	Cliabhna Fanning (Intentions)
06:00pm	Philomena Spranklan Thanksgiving (Family)
<b>Thu 09 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
10:00am	Holy Souls
06:00pm	Bridget De Souza's Intentions
<b>Fri 10 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
10:00am	Peter and Eileen Webster's Intentions
06:00pm	Farrugia Family's Intentions
<b>Sat 11 January</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
10:00am	Parishioners
06:00pm	Spurling Family's Intentions.