

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Charity Number: 234092

SECOND SUNDAY IN ODINARY TIME A – 18 /19 January 2020.

(Peace Sunday)

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, a complete vision of faith in the person of Jesus is on the lips of the John the Baptist.

- The Lamb of God
- Someone who has forever existed
- The bearer of the Holy Spirit, the Elect, the Son of God.

This is a summary of salvation history: the paschal lamb of the Exodus, the suffering Servant of the prophet Isaiah, the lamb that conquers, destroying all evil and bringing our salvation.

And yet John admits: 'I did not know him.' The one for whom he jumped for joy in his mother's womb has somehow remained invisible. John and Jesus are of the same family and they are almost the same age; John surely knew the son of Mary and Joseph, but he did not yet recognize in him 'the Lamb of God, who take away the sin of the world.' Today, that all changes. In a moment of clarity, John knows Jesus. His assuredness doesn't last, however. Shortly forwarded, John is arrested by Herod, and finding himself in prison, he sends his disciples to ask: 'Are you the one to come or do we have to wait for another?'

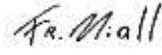
We might be tempted to think that this forerunner is not a very reliable witness after all, since he himself has no unshakable certainty. Yet it is perhaps the passing from initial recognition to renewed questioning that makes John's witness so compelling.

We often mistake questioning for doubt. John the Baptist does not hesitate to question. His questioning is the sign of the genuine search for God. St. John Henry Newman said that ten thousand questions do not equal a single doubt. We can trust someone to lead us to God when that person doesn't impose on us his knowledge of

God or expect an unwavering certainty that disallows our questions. The sure guide has a critical faith that is open to being shaken.

It's all too easy to mistake the certainty of our 'inner voice' for truth or divine revelation. If our inner experience is really of God, it will have to go through the crucible of questioning and testing before we, too, can say with assurance: 'Behold the Lamb of 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.

Sacrament of Baptism The next parish preparation Course is on Monday 27th of January at 7p.m. in the church.

Sacrament of Confirmation The next parish Preparation (Session 4) is on Sunday next 26th of January at 4p.m. in the hall.

First Holy Communion The next session of the Parish Holy Communion preparation course will be on 25th January 2020.

We are in the Octave of Prayer For Christian Unity (18- 25th of January).

Fr John is available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Malayalam and Tamil languages

Today we welcome Treyvone Mole into the Community of Faith through the Sacrament of Baptism. May God bless this child and the family.

On Sunday 29th of March, 2020 England will be rededicated as the "Dowry of Mary" This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish church and in as many homes as possible. Bishop Alan will celebrate the 11:30a.m. Mass on that Sunday in Brentwood Cathedral.

STEWARDS OF THE GOSPEL The 'Vision Document- Shaping Our Future' grouped our parish of Our Lady and St George (OLSG) with St Joseph, Leyton and Our Lady of the Rosary and St Patrick, Blackhorse Road. Our new Parish Partnership was asked to make plans for our shared future based upon the long-term future. OLSG submitted its Partnership Plan to the Diocese during Advent. A copy of our Plan is on the SOTG notice board and copies are available in the Church porch. Please email conrad.sotg@gmail.com if you would like a copy emailed to you.

This weekend at all Masses there will be an appeal on behalf of Mary's Meals.

On Sunday 16th February at 3 pm. The Annual Lourdes Mass will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral. During the Mass there will be the Sacrament of the Healing.

Monthly Praise and Worship Evening: Sion Community, on behalf of the Diocesan Service Team, hold a monthly Praise and Worship evening on the last Sunday of each month. The next one is Sunday 26th January and then Sunday 23rd February. Everyone is very welcome to join us at Sion Community, 'SENT', Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 9BX at 7.30pm for an evening of contemporary Christian worship. If you have any queries, contact us on admin@sioncommunity.org.uk, call 01277 215011 or see our website: www.sioncommunity.org.uk. Looking forward to seeing you.

Mass Booklet The Simple Prayer Book is on sale for £3.50 from the Repository which has the Order of Service for the Mass, basic prayers, the Rosary and much more which will help your prayer and spiritual journey.

William 'Bill' John Roberts, Rest in Peace, We pray for the happy repose of the soul of William 'Bill' John Roberts, Rest in Peace. Requiem Mass for William 'Bill' John Roberts's soul will be on Monday 20th of January at 11 a.m. in Our Lady and Saint George.

Carole Hodges, Rest in Peace Memorial Mass for Carole Hodges, Rest in Peace, former staff member of Holy Family School at 6p.m. in the school on Tuesday 21st January.

Our sincere condolences to Jess at the death of his mother Mrs lim who died in the Philippines at Christmas time. May she rest in Peace

Mass attendance last weekend 701. Syro Malabar 140. The collection last week was £1365.01p. Average weekly standing order collection is £350. Thank you.

<u>counting</u>	19/01F	26/01E	02/02B	09/02F	15/02E	20/02B
<u>Rota</u>						
<u>Hospital</u>	19/01A	26/01B	02/02D	09/02A	15/02B	20/02D
<u>Rota</u>						



Joke of the Week: I used to work in a garage that had a jet wash. It was pointless-there was nowhere for them to land
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

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

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	Deceased of Moss and Nagle Family (Family)
Sun 19 January	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
08:30am	Stephen Costelloe (Rest in Peace) (Martha)
10:00am	Kitty Mackey (Mc Kenna)
12:00noon	Shun Choi and Choi Yee (Rest in Peace) (Ping)
02:30noon	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 20 January	FERIA
9:15am	Margaret and Family's Intentions (Murphy)
11:00am	Requiem Mass -William John Roberts (Rest in Peace)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hopital- Mass-(Parishioners)
06:00pm	Fr. John Victor's Intentions (Cliff an Jenny)
Tue 21 January	SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
09:15am	Claude Green (Rest in Peace) (Maria)
06:00pm	Fr. Niall's Intention (Cliff and Jenny)
Wed 22 January	FERIA
09:15pm	Fr. Maurice's Intentions (Cliff and Jenny)
06:00 pm	Brijit (Rest in Peace) (Roy)
Thu 23 January	FERIA
09:15am	Fr. Nixon's Intentions (Cliff and Jenny)
06:00pm	Fr. Patrick Daly's Intentions (Cliff and Jenny)
Fri 24 January	SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
09:15am	Fr. Joseph's Intentions (Cliff and Jenny)
06:00pm	Parishioners
Sat 25 January	THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE
10:00am	Mary Margaret Rodrigo (Rest in Peace) (Medonna)
06:00pm	Deacon Joseph and Family's Intention (Cliff and Jenny)
Sun 26 January	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
08:30 am	Stephen Costelloe (Rest in Peace) (Martha)
10:00 am	Simon Moules and Family Intentions (Cliff and Jenny)
12:00noon	Aileen Mensah Boateng's Intentions (Yamson)
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 Bandhu, Maura Stone, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeda, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen,

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