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Charity Number: 234092

THIRD SUNDAY IN ODINARY TIME A – 25 /26 January 2020

(Year of the God Who Speaks)

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus wants to announce his Gospel, the Good News, to all kinds of people. These past two Sundays, we have heard of his baptism by John. Jesus is presented as the One who comes for the salvation of the whole world. He goes where sinners are, whoever they are. To everyone, he echoes the Baptist's cry: 'Repent!'

That cry still echoes today. Will we remain cautiously amongst ourselves in our small assemblies of the converted? Or are we going to be true disciples of Jesus and become bold enough to speak at the crossroads to the unchurched of our time? More than ever, the world around us needs to hear the message of the gospel.

Like Jesus, like the Apostles and the first Christians, we find ourselves in a pagan Capernaum. The days of a social context where everyone identified as Christian and behaved accordingly are long gone and they are not coming back! There is a freedom in that for people of faith, for we are forced to return to essentials, to realize that being a Christian is first of all about being a disciple of Jesus, just like those he first called in Galilee.

Saint Mathew skilfully takes us from then particular to the general, starting from Jesus' base in Capernaum, passing by the edge of the lake, and heading for a multitude of regions. We observe his call of the first group that will aid him in his task, and the clarion call that will herald his message.

Repent! It is his call to hear and heed the Good News and it is a New Year's challenge to each of us: 'Open your heart,' that the reign of God may come and that his will be done.

Let us not fixate, therefore, on what is past and gone, and bemoan present ills. We need to engage with the world in which we live, and join together in evangelising it.

Pope Francis gave as a title to his first letter to the Church: 'The Joy of Gospel.' In this year ahead, let us try to discover that joy, so that our lives reflect that burst of light and warmth that once dazzled Capernaum.

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 this Sunday 26th of January at 4p.m. in the hall.

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

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.

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.

YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS Our third study day for the Year of the Word will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 29th February, when Fr Victor Darlington, lecturer on John's Gospel at St John's Seminary, Womersley, will give two talks entitled 'John Among the Gospels', providing a fresh reading of the Fourth Gospel. The day will conclude at 3 p.m. Admission is free, but please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com or by phone to 01708 449914. During the day there will be the chance to buy copies of the 'Revised New Jerusalem Bible' at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There is ample free parking at the church, which is three minutes' walk from Gidea Park station. Easy connections by bus and by TfL to Stratford, Liverpool Street, and Brentwood.

Annual Pilgrim Dinner In Celebration of 20 years of Pilgrimages from Our Lady & St. Georges Parish for all pilgrims, the annual pilgrim dinner will be held on Friday 28th February 2020 @8.00pm at Filika Restaurant, 62 High Street, Wanstead E11 2RJ.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous meet on two occasions each week in the church meeting room Thursdays 12 noon to 1p.m. and Saturday evenings 8p.m. to 9:30p.m. Anyone with an alcohol problem will receive a warm welcome.

Our sincere condolences to Stella Kerins on the death of her father.

Mass attendance last weekend 710. Syro Malabar 130. The collection last week was £1260.51p. Average weekly standing order collection is £350. Mary's Meal £810.29 Thank you.

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



Joke of the Week: I've taken up speed reading. I can read War and Peace in 20 seconds. It is only 3 words but it is a start.
(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	Deacon Joseph and Family's Intention (Cliff and Jenny)
Sun 26 January	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
08:30am	Stephen Costelloe (Rest in Peace) (Martha)
10:00am	Simon Moules and Family Intentions (Cliff and Jenny)
12:00noon	Aileen Mensah Boateng's Intentions (Yamson)
02:30noon	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 27 January	FERIA
9:15am	Johanna Peluso (Cliff and Jenny)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hopital- Mass-(Parishioners)
06:00pm	Norris and Margaret Levine's Intentions (Cliff and Jenny)
Tue 28 January	SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS,PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
09:15am	Stan and Sybil Fergus' Intentions (Cliff and Jenny)
06:00pm	John and Trish Geary Intentions (Family)
Wed 29 January	FERIA
09:15pm	John and Trish Geary's Intentions (Family)
06:00 pm	Kathleen Diggins' Intentions (Family)
Thu 30 January	FERIA
09:15am	Fr. Jim McCormack Rest in Peace (Family)
06:00pm	Deceased of McCormack Family (Rest in peace) (Diggins)
Fri 31 January	SAINT JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST
09:15am	Antonio Picone (Rest in Peace) (Immacolata)
06:00pm	Pamela Wanliss (Rest in Peace) (Marina Tudda)
Sat 01 February	FERIA
10:00am	Fr. Jim McCormack Rest in Peace (Diggins)
06:00pm	Special Intentions (Maume)
Sun 2 February	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
08:30 am	Eva Santiano (Rest in Peace) (Aurora)
10:00 am	Leslie Burton (Rest in Peace) (Bruce)
12:00noon	Bern William (Rest in Peace (Kristina)
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, Ted and Pat Howland.

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