

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Charity Number: 234092

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A – 23/24 FEBRUARY.

Day of Prayer for the Unemployed

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus is not fair and he does not want fairness. He wants something far more. In Jesus, God goes further than fairness: he loves those who have offended him terribly. If God were strictly fair, we would all be in trouble. How could we make up for our offenses against the perfect goodness of God? That would be like trying to pay the national debt from a piggy bank!

Rather than telling us to be fair, the Lord says. 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.' If we have been badly hurt by others, this may sound impossible. It can be a big enough struggle just to forgive the ordinary slights that are part and parcel of life, yet the Lord is asking us to love our enemies!

There is nothing soft or easy about the command to love our enemies, it cuts into us like a surgeon's scalpel. We'd do well to remember that scalpels are part of the business of healing.

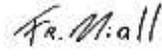
In principle, it is easy to see the lovely wisdom in the Lord's command that we love our enemies and pray for those who offend us. It makes sense. It would solve so much if we were to practice it. Yet it can seem impossible. What a strange situation: to see the cure but feel unable to take it. To have peace at arm's length, yet to be unable to reach out for it.

We are all, in varying degree, broken people. We have all, to some extent, experienced hurt and offence. Because our wounds and vulnerabilities run so deep, the medicine has to run deep also, and so we have this 'impossible wisdom': love your enemies; pray for those who offend you.

We may not have the power to walk right out and put this fully into practice, but we can, each one of us, if we choose, ask the Lord to help us to be people of pardon

rather than pride; people who will let go of the grudge; people who will be vigilant against becoming embittered by the brokenness of our world. May the Lord help each of us in this.

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. Thank you to Marina and Vincenzo for presenting the preparation sessions. Thanks to Cliff and Majorie Lym for providing the refreshments.

Parish Baptism Course The next session of the parish baptism course will be on Monday 24th February at 7:00pm in the Church.

Parish Holy Communion The next session of the parish Holy Communion preparation programme will be on 29th February. Please be on time.

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Mass times are 9:15 a.m. and 7:30p.m. The blessed ash will be distributed at both Masses.

Stations of the Cross every Friday evening of lent at 6:45p.m.

Training for the Sacristans will be on Thursday 20th February at 7p.m.

Annual Mission Appeal. This weekend the Spiritans (Holy Ghost Fathers) are going the appeal in support of the Missions. We welcome Fr Anthony Saffa will be the priest from the Spiritans , who is from Sierra Leon.

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.

Bible Study For Lent- Will be going through Journeying with Jesus: A Companion's Guide for Groups by Denis McBride during lent it has seven 'journeys' In the wilderness, At the well, On the mountain, Along the road, At table, On the cross and On the road, again. We will do it over 7 weeks starting Tues 25 Feb than back to Mondays 2, 9,16, 23. 30 March finishing 9 April from 7-9 pm in the meeting room. Journeying with Jesus is a deeply spiritual and lavishly resourced programme of study for those who want to journey side by side with our Lord during Lent. If you want to join us for all or some of the journeys please sign up on the journeys you will come to, so that there are enough resources available. All Welcome.

Mary Queen of Peace Day of Prayer: Come and join us at St. Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch, for a day of prayer on Saturday 22nd February 10.00am-4.00pm. Rosary, Adoration and a talk given by Fr Svetozar, Franciscan Priest from Medugorje. Bring a packed lunch. Everyone welcome.

Alcoholics Anonymous meet on two occasions each week in the church meeting room Thursdays 12 noon to 1p.m. and Saturday evenings 8:00 to 9:30p.m. Anyone with an alcohol problem will receive a warm welcome. Samaritans 020 8520 9191.

Coffee Morning - HCPT. Ghanaian Catholics, SVP, Knights of St Columbus and Altar Servers groups running coffee mornings after Sunday's 10 am Mass. Thanks those to parishioners who have donated items, helped and those who have come to enjoy each others company. It is an ideal way for those new to the parish to get to know other families or those who attend other Masses to come to the 10 am Sunday Mass to meet each other.

Patricia McKenna, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Patricia 'Pat' McKenna, Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Patricia's soul will be on Wednesday 4th March at 10.00 am at St. George Church.

Maura Stone, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Maura Stone Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Maura's soul will be on Monday 24th of February at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Lourdes , Wanstead

Louis Ivan Marie, Rest in Peace We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Louis Ivan Marie Rest in Peace. The Requiem Mass for Louis's soul will be on Monday 9th of March at Our Lady of Grace and Saint Teresa of Avila at 10a.m. Louis is the eldest brother of Fr Jean Laurent Marie

Mass attendance last weekend 570. Syro Malabar 135. The collection last week was £1204.46p. Average weekly standing order collection is £350. Lourdes Fund £97.70. Thank you.

<u>counting</u>	16/02E	23/02B	01/03F	08/03E	15/03B	22/03F
<u>Rota</u>						
<u>Hospital</u>	15/02B	20/02D	01/03F	08/03E	15/03B	22/03F
<u>Rota</u>						



Joke of the Week: I cannot remember my homing pigeon's name.....but I am sure it will come back to me
(Attributed to Tim Vine)

Parishioners are invited to use the soap dispenser in the church porch

Birthday Blessings for Jenny, Pietro, Swan and Gertrude

Mass times and intentions at Our Lady and St. George

06:00pm	John Elms (Rest in Peace) (Family)
Sun 23 February	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
08:30am	Parishioners
10:00am	Alan Beer and Shannon (Rest in Peace 1st Anniversary) (Family)
12:00noon	Jacqueline Keavey (Rest in Peace) (Family)
02:30noon	Syro Malabar Mass
Mon 24 February	FERIA
9:15am	John Elms (Rest in Peace) (Family)
04:00pm	Whipps Cross Hospital- Mass-(Parishioners)
06:00pm	Peter McGarry (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
Tue 25 February	FERIA
09:15am	Fletcher Family (Rest in Peace) (Foundation Mass)
06:00pm	Patrick Joseph Fouhy (Rest in Peace) (Geoff)
Wed 26 February	ASH WEDNESDAY-DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE
09:15pm	Marina Barreau (Intentions) (Kristina)
07:30 pm	Lily Mackie (Rest in Peace)
Thu 27 February	THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
09:15am	Sr. Angela's Intentions (Sr. Ann Marie)
06:00pm	Frank McCarthy (Rest in Peace) (Mary Keane)
Fri 28 February	FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
09:15am	Noel Staunton (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Ann Marie)
06:00pm	Holy Souls (Rest in Peace) (Betty)
Sat 29 February	SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
10:00am	Mary Grant (Rest in Peace) (Patrick Dobby)
06:00pm	John Mills (Rest in Peace) (Maloney)
Sun 01 March	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
08:30 am	Annie Lennon (Rest in Peace) (Phillips Family)
10:00 am	Holy Souls
12:00noon	Hogermeer Family (Thalma)
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 Belzaira, Tina Henriques, Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Grace Mecaley, Jadwiga, Matthias Fredberg, Michael White, Fr. Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Paul Dynan, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeda, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Ted and Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul)

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

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