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**Charity Number: 234092**

### **SECOND WEEK – 19 APRIL 2020**

Dear Parishioners,

Today's gospel contains further proof of the resurrection. It gives us an account of Jesus giving the apostles the power to forgive sins. It reminds us of how strong our faith needs to be.

I recall a retreat preacher saying on one occasion: 'the work of the priest is about setting people free.' When Jesus appeared to the apostles on the evening of Easter Sunday, that is what he did for them – he set them free, and he gave them the power to do the same for others.

One of the greatest deceptions of sin is that it appears to give us greater freedom, yet it does the opposite: it takes away our freedom and it increases our fear and anxiety. When we sin, we compromise ourselves, frequently making ourselves dependant on others, and so we lose much of our independence and freedom.

Jesus wants to release us from the slavery of sin, and this is why he gave the apostles and their successors the power to forgive sins. Today, we receive the forgiveness of Christ through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We should see this sacrament as an invitation from Jesus to free us from our sins, and an opportunity to restore our freedom.

In today's gospel, Jesus also reminded the apostles of the importance of their faith. St. Thomas was representing all of us. He was expressing the doubts and voicing the uncertainties, which test our faith from time to time. Faith does not always come easily. Sometimes, believing is not a problem, but at times, it can be a real challenge.

It is worth remembering that the faith of the apostles was no overnight experience. It was something gradual, which increased as they

became more intimate with Jesus. The same is true of our faith. It will grow and deepen, provided we pray and have contact with Jesus.

As we continue to celebrate the season of Easter, let us pray that our faith in Jesus will continue to grow, so that we, too, can say with the conviction of St. Thomas: *My Lord, and my 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.

### **Online Mass**

Following government instructions, we have to sadly temporarily close the church. As for the foreseeable future there will be no mass celebrations open for parishioners to attend and we regret that Fr Niall and I were unable to provide live streaming of mass in the last couple of weeks because of health reasons. It is our intention to offer mass for online viewing only which will be streamed live via the parish Facebook page (Our Lady and St George Catholic Church, Walthamstow). For those who have a Facebook account, please look out for Our Lady and St George Catholic Church, Walthamstow account in Facebook, "like" and follow the page so you can access the live stream mass. Thank you for your patience and God bless you all.

Link: <https://m.facebook.com/ourladyandstgeorgecc/>

### **Liturgy Timings:**

20.04.2020 – 25.04.2020: 9.15 am

26.04.2020 – Sunday, Third Week of Easter: 10 am

### **Word of Gratitude:**

It is a happy news that our parishioners Shiny, Johnson Pias for whom we were praying, have recovered and back to their normal life. On their behalf, I extend a word of gratitude for all your prayers for them. Let us continue praying for all the Corona Virus infected victims.

**Suspension of the courses:** In the light of the danger of Corona virus, all the courses for First Holy Communion and Confirmation have been suspended until we receive further directions form the higher officials.

## Mass Intentions

(These Mass intentions will be offered on the above mentioned dates privately)

Sun 19 April	Parishioners
Mon 20 April	Pat Mc Kenna (Rest in Peace) (Elwood)
Tue 21 April	Fr. John Garrett (Rest in Peace) (Pact)
Wed 22 April	Marcellino Fernandez (Thanksgiving)
Thu 23 April	Shania & Mum (Family)
Thu 24 April	Fr. Joseph Pham (Rest in Peace) (Pact)
Sat 25 April	Andrey Pitton (Rest in Peace) (Maslew Family)
Sun 26 April	James Harte (Rest in Peace) (Family)

## 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, Neill, Alan and Ross Smith, Stefan, Monica Baugh, Eileen O Kane, Grace McCaley, 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), Fr. Niall Harrington, Cliff, Jenni Richmond, Terry Coe, Steven Donnelly, Elizabeth Aranzazu.

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

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