

Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George

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Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

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Charity Number: 234092

THIRD WEEK OF EASTER– 26 APRIL 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Since Easter Sunday, the gospel readings have been giving us accounts of the appearances of Jesus to his disciples after the resurrection. These accounts tell us that the apostles were frightened and that they had doubts even when Jesus appeared among them.

This tells us two things: first, that the apostles had failed to understand all that Jesus had told them and explained to them about himself before he died on the cross; second, that the acceptance of the resurrection by the apostles depended as much on their faith, as on the physical appearance of Jesus.

Our own experience is similar to that of the Apostles. None of us have seen the risen Christ in person. Yet we are asked to believe in God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ who died on the cross and rose from the dead for us. And so we, too, have to rely on faith to believe in the resurrection. We can never take our faith for granted, and we need to continually strengthen it.

Our faith in God will be strong only if we have communication with him through prayer. As with human relationship, if we stop talking to God, we will quickly lose contact with him and he will mean very little to us.

In today's gospel, we see that it was during prayer that the apostles recognized Jesus, even though he had been with them on their seven miles journey from Jerusalem to Emmaus. St. Luke tells us that they recognized him at the breaking of bread. If we have faith to recognize Jesus in the past, we now have the opportunity of meeting him as we break bread in the Eucharist. We can ask him to deepen our faith during this holy mass and to help us to recognize what he wants us to do in life, by getting to him better through the scriptures and our celebration of the sacraments. We pray also

that others may recognize us of followers of Jesus and be encouraged by our Christian living.

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:

27.04.2020 – 02.05.2020: 9.15 am

03.05.2020 – Sunday, Fourth Week of Easter: 10 am

Word of Gratitude:

We are extremely happy to extend a word of gratitude to the good hearted faithful of our parish namely Joseph Das, Aurora Santiano and Biju for their help with the live-streaming mass. And Edna and Jerry for their decoration of the chapel and the altar for the Holy Week. ***Frs. Niall & John.***

Livestream Mass with Bishop Alan, 10.30am. As Bishop Alan was due to meet with more than 700 Confirmandi at Brentwood Cathedral on 3rd May, instead he will now concelebrate and preach at the Mass at 10.30 am, Livestreamed from Walsingham House at Abbotswick, and his homily will be especially for Confirmation Candidates. The Livestream is

via Instagram, and all the details about the Mass, including how to access the Livestream, are at <https://bcys.net/events/confirmandi/>

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 from the higher officials.

Mass Intentions

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

Sun 26 April	James Harte (Rest in Peace) (Family)
	NHS Well-being (Fr. Niall)
Mon 27 April	Alan and Shannon (Rest in Peace) (Family)
	Mr. & Mrs. J. Martagh (Rest in Peace)
Tue 28 April	Parishioners
	Rose Marley (Rest in Peace) (Ann)
Wed 29 April	Residents of Lime Court (Haiter)
	Fr. John's Intentions (Sacristians)
Thu 30 April	Mark Jully (Rest in Peace)
	Bernard and Sheila Moss (Rest in Peace) (family)
Fri 01 May	Deacon Joseph and our Parish
	Sr. Mary Cannors (Rest in Peace) (Hurley)
Sat 02 May	Fr. John Victor and all our Priests
	Eleanor Fletcher (Rest in Peace) (Carey)
Sun 03 May	Natalie Rosario (Rest in Peace) (Louella)
	Parishioners

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.

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

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