

**Catholic Parish of Our Lady and St George**

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Our Lady and St George's Primary School:

Lower Site 8520 8500. Upper Site: 8520 3552

Holy Family Catholic College: 8520 0482/8520 3587

**Charity Number: 234092**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)**

Dear Parishioners,

Short days characterised by winter light, overcoats, hats and scarfs . . . there are things we can associate with early December days. And interwoven with them is the Advent invitation to ponder anew our relationship with Christ and its implications. To support our spiritual engagement the church presents us with the opening lines of St. Mark's Gospel. Here the prophet Isaiah proclaims: Those who hunger a life-giving word or cares from God, especially in the touch-less Covid times, are reminded that He has fulfilled an ancient and enduring promise. The great messenger He foretold has come and gone but his words, owing to their relevance, linger. John the Baptist's mission of leading fallen humanity back to God continues this day, this place and this hour.

St. Mark announces his Gospel as the good news of Jesus Christ by going back into history, and more specifically, by linking the words of Isaiah with the Baptism of repentance proclaimed and administered by John. This paragon of austerity is presented to us as a preacher in the wilderness. Those who wish to hear him must leave the comfort of their surroundings. They are drawn away from the distractions of their daily existence by a hope for fulfilment. Would that we might also hear and obey the word he offers! We are told of the dominant theme of John's preaching – that one more powerful than him would come after him, one who would baptize, not with water, but in the Holy Spirit.

Our presence and participation in the Eucharist suggests we are beneficiaries of John's ministry. Our lives have been graced by the one he proclaimed, our Lord Jesus Christ. The One more powerful than John has already communicated himself to us. He has begun something in each of us, something a long time in the planning, something glorious in Christ. Despite all that is wrong in our world, today is a happy day for us. Our 'salvation' is underway. God is forever drawing us away from a dim and unexciting existence into His own glorious self-giving life. Whatever our problems in life, we have a right to be joyful and celebrate 'Emmanuel – God with us.'

**Have a Blessed Week**

**Canon 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.

**Christmas:** For Christmas we have five Masses: Christmas Eve at 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm and on Christmas Day 8.30 am, 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. There will be no usual reconciliation service for Advent; instead priests will be available after every Mass for Confession. PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MIDNIGHT MASS for Christmas this year and no midnight Mass for New Year Eve.

**Advent Carol Service:** Advent Carol Service will take place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 5 pm, it will be live-streamed.

**Diocesan Directory:** is on sale now for £2.80, limited copies available; those who would like get please approach one of the priests.

**Ena Advira Fernandez, Rest in Peace:** We pray for the happy repose of the soul of Ena Advira Fernandez. The Requiem Mass for Ena's Soul will be on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00 a.m in Our Lady and St. George Church.

*The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2021 is planned for Sunday 25 – Friday 30 July. However, because of Covid-19 it is not possible to know yet whether a pilgrimage will be practical or in what form. Therefore, any decisions and announcements regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage will be made in January.*

**OLSG School Admissions Open - Reception Intake 2021. Virtual Open Days on Wednesday's at 5.30pm and Friday's at 9.30am. Call 02085208500 or email [office@olsgschool.org](mailto:office@olsgschool.org) to book your place.**

**Praying for the unborn and women facing crisis pregnancies:** December 6th - "This Tuesday we will be celebrating the feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day, let us remember all unborn children, especially those recently conceived. That safety, protection and love would be granted to them, and that we the church, with the intercession of Our Lady, would take on the call to support these precious children of God. Lord hear us". You may remember us. Requesting your help in getting the word out about our Stand Up and Smile campaign <<https://righttolife-org-dot-yamm-track.appspot.com/Redirect?ukey=1OB2ZBbqA28fWv1ywJEA5E-zx7MdHIIg47UTJVNlxE-456456357&key=YAMMID-10942047&link=https%3A%2F%2Frighttolife.org.uk%2Fstandupandsmile%2F>>

**Visiting the Priests:** Please come to visit the priests in the presbytery having made an appointment only.

Those who hold the following envelope numbers on gift-aid please report to either one of the priests. **3015, 3030, 3118, 3221, & 3242.**

### **Guidelines on reopening of the Church**

- Please follow one way system, social distancing and the guidance by the volunteers.
- If you have an illness/feeling unwell, please remain at home until you are fully recovered.
- Entrance only through the front door and exit only through the farther right side door near the sanctuary.
- You will be signed into Mass – Name and Telephone.

- Use Sanitizers, gloves and face coverings/masks.
- Please observe all the signs of social distancing regarding where to sit/kneel in the church.
- Keep social distancing.
- No Altar-servers, readers and deacon for the liturgy.
- Very brief homily.
- There will be no offertory procession of gifts and collection during Holy Mass; instead you may drop your contribution at the basket kept at the entrance and exit as well.
- There is no exchange of the sign of peace.
- After the prayer *“Behold the Lamb of God . . . Lord I am not worthy,”* when the priest holds up the host and says *“The Body of Christ”* the congregation respond *“Amen”*. In the same way, when the priest elevates the chalice and says *“The Blood of Christ”* the congregation respond *“Amen”*. The communion will be distributed in silence.
- Communicants may receive Holy Communion, in their hands, palms upwards, one on the top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible.
- No Extra ordinary Lay ministers of Holy Communion.
- Come to receive Holy Communion only under the guidance of the stewards.
- Come early for weekend Masses - church capacity is only 150.
- It is not a known fact on how many people will attend mass. Consequently one way of managing this is for people to come to the weekday masses in the church.
- Offertory collection and donations to be placed in the baskets as you exit after Holy Mass.
- Priests are told to go directly to the sacristy after Mass.  
**Mass times: Weekday Mass:** 9.15 am and 6.00 pm  
**Saturday:** 10.00 am and 6.00 pm  
**Sunday:** 10.00 am and 12.00 pm
- There will be no hand outs (Mass sheets, News Letters, hymn books etc.,) for the masses for the foreseeable future.
- Choir return will be announced.
- Families or individuals please sit and kneel at the places assigned.
- Neither holy water nor votive candles are available at present.
- Please refrain from touching statues.
- No access to the toilets, but only in emergency.  
Please leave the church promptly.

**Our parish safe guarding officials are  
 Jenny Richmond and Marina Tudda.  
 Samaritans 020 8520 9191.**

## Mass Times and Intentions at Our Lady and St. George

<b>6.00 pm</b>	Madonna (Thanksgiving)
<b>Sun 06 Dec</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) (BIBLE SUNDAY)</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	Evangeline (Rest in Peace) (Kristina)
<b>12.00 noon</b>	Olivia Mugabi Magara (Rest in Peace) (Family)
<b>02.30 pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>
<b>Mon 07 Dec</b>	<b>St. Ambrose, Bp, D – Momorial</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Parishioners
<b>6.00 pm</b>	Ambrose Dillsworth (Rest in Peace) (Cathy)
<b>Tue 08 Dec</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Annie May Moore (Rest in Peace) (Maloney)
<b>6.00p m</b>	Private Intention
<b>Wed 09 Dec</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Fr. Tom (Intentions) (Pauline)
<b>6.00 pm</b>	Deceased parishioners
<b>Thu 10 Dec</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Theresa Kane (Rest in Peace) (Chris Cullon)
<b>6.00 pm</b>	Canon Niall's Intentions (Kristina)
<b>Fri 11 Dec</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>9.15 am</b>	Fr. Tom's (Intentions) (Pauline)
<b>6.00 pm</b>	Fr. John's Intentions (Kristina)
<b>Sat 12 Dec</b>	<b>FERIA</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	Joe Staunton (Rest in Peace) (Sr. Anne Marie)
<b>6.00 pm</b>	Rose Keenan (Rest in Peace) (Carmondy)
<b>Sun 13 Dec</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B) (GAUDETE SUNDAY)</b>
<b>10.00 am</b>	Theodora D'Souza (Rest in Peace) (Almeida)
<b>12.00 noon</b>	Anthony Yamson (Intentions) (Family)
<b>02.30 pm</b>	<b>Syro Malabar Mass</b>

### 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, Roy and Margaret Bandhu, Alma Willox, John Walsh, Chantale Wildman, Christopher Almeida, Aileen Mensah, Sr. Helen, Sebastian, Pat Howland, Josephine Walsh (Paul), Jennie Richmond, Terry Coe, Stephen Donnelly, Daniel Donnelly. Brendan Mc Donagh (aged 6), Liberee Uwimana, Violet Alahendran, Bernedette Doherty.